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News Release

County to Implement New Rate Structure at Solid Waste Convenience Sites

May 7, 2013, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday approved a new rate structure at the county's six solid waste convenience sites. Under the new rate structure, customer disposal rates will increase from 25 cents to 75 cents for 13 gallon bags and 75 cents to \$1.25 for 33 gallon bags. The rate increases will go into effect on July 1, 2013. Commissioners also asked county staff to evaluate an additional pricing structure for 55 gallon bags.

The board did not approve the proposed new rate structure and method of payment at the convenience sites that would have required customers to pre-purchase specially marked bags for solid waste disposal at the convenience sites. Under that proposed rate structure, customer disposal rates would have increased from 25 cents to \$1 for 13 gallons bags and 75 cents to \$2 for 33 gallon bags.

The county operates the six convenience sites on the pay-as-you-throw system. Citizens who dispose of garbage bags at the convenience sites are charged based on the number of bags they dispose of at a site. Recycling is collected free at the sites.

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