Garbage rates to rise in July

By Jacqueline Woge

Lane County residents can expect garbage rates to go up in July, whether they haul garbage to the dump themselves or pay for curbside garbage service.

Ken Sanduski, Lane County recycling coordinator, said rates must be raised or the county will not have enough money to pay for its solid waste services.

Sanduski said he estimates the rate increase will be substantial and people will notice it. He said he does not believe consumers would dispute the need to increase the fees but rather the amount of the increase.

"The typical household garbage bill has been a small and inconsequential expense, but as we become more concerned about environmental protection and solid waste, the bill will be greater," Sanduski said.

The increasing cost of operating the county's solid waste program is a direct result of new environmental regulations as well as general cost-of-operating increases. The new regula-tions are Federal Subtitle D, State Senate Bill 66 and the Clean Air Act.

Keli Osborn, development analyst with the City of Eugene, said Senate Bill 66 requires Oregon cities with more than 40,000 people to reduce their garbage by 30 percent by 1995.

Osborn said Lane County staff estimates that the metro area already recovers 20 percent of its waste. Recovering the remaining 10 percent will be more difficult.

Of the number of recovery options outlined by the bill, the Lane County metro area chose weekly curbside recycling, education, progressive rates (the more thrown out, the greater the bill) and yard debris recycling.

Because yard debris makes up 20 percent of waste in the county, yard debris recycling will be the most significant of the recovery programs. Sanduski estimated that the yard debris program could cost a low of \$2,730,000 to a high of \$5,850,000. The greatest expense would be for a yard debris processing center. He estimated that buying land and constructing and operating the center would cost from \$1.5 to \$4 million.

Initially, the yard debris program will be voluntary, with about six depots for people to drop off leaves, tree branches and shrubs. However, to meet the 30 percent recovery requirement, the haulers will eventually have to pick up the yard debris at the curb along with other recyclables, Sanduski said.

The county has recycled some yard debris since 1984 and has been able to sell everything it produces, but selling all the compost created from a larger program may be a challenge

Unlike the results of Senate Bill 66, the physical effect of Subtitle D will be more evident to Short Mountain landfill employees than to the public. Subtitle D was sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency from concern that landfills are fouling groundwater.

The regulation requires the county to take greater care by constructing monitoring wells, monitoring the migration of methane gas and covering fill with a topliner to reduce the amount of rain percolating through the gar-

The Clean Air Act requires the county to remove ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons from appliances, such as refrigerators and air conditioners. The cost of removing the substance from all the appliances at each of the county's 16 drop-off sites will cost about



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CORRECTION

Elaine Green was misquoted in an article in the Nov. 24 Emerald. Green said, "Don't assume you're safe because it's not a fraternity

The Emerald regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused.





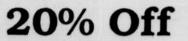






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