NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Municipal Court Room
Monday, July 7, 2008
4:00 p.m.

## AGENDA

4:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER
4:00 p.m. ROLL CALL
4:00 p.m. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC
4:05 p.m. ALLIED WASTE SEMIANNUAL REPORT - Kevin HinesAction Requested: Information.
4:20 p.m. GANG ACTIVITY IN ALBANY - Ken FandremAction Requested: Information; discussion.
5:45 p.m. COUNCILOR COMMENTS
5:55 p.m. CITY MANAGER REPORT
6:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

## Allied Waste of Albany-Lebanon Rate Increase History

| Date | \% Increase | Primary Factors |
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| January-93 | 38 | Expansion of recycling program and introduction of Yard Debris program |
| October-00 | 13.2 | Inflation over seven years |
| July-04 | 5.3 | Fuel and disposal cost increases |
| September-05 | 7.48 | Fuel and disposal cost increases |
| August-06 | 4 | Fuel and disposal cost increases |
| January-08 | 7.5 | Introduction of automated roll cart recycling |


| Landfill Rate Comparisons (2008) |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Landfill Location | Corvallis | Hillsboro | McMinnville | The Dalles | Eugene |
| Landfill Name | Valley Landfill | Hillsboro | Riverbend | Wasco County | Short Mountain |
|  |  | Landfill | Landfill | Landfill | Landfill |
| Gate Rate Per Ton (public) | \$44.00 | \$39.00 | \$46.50 | \$30.00 | \$15.00 per cu. Yd. |
| Commercial Rate | \$31.75 | ${ }^{*}$ N/A | N/A | N/A | \$65.00 |
| Distance (in miles) | 14 | 93 | 52 | 173 | 48 |

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## Who we are



Generations of local residents have known us from our days as Albany-Lebanon Sanitation, relying on our people for professional collection and disposal services that protect the health and safety of our community. We're especially proud of our reputation as a local employer offering career-quality jobs: The average length of service among our 70-person staff is 13 years.

Innovations in recycling, waste reduction and "green" practices have always been at the core of our operation. Now, as Allied Waste of Albany-Lebanon, part of an industry-leading solid waste management company, we're constantly finding new ways to help customers reduce their waste stream, safely dispose of hazardous materials, and reclaim more discarded products sensibly and sustainably. Our latest innovation: an automated roll cart system to make curbside recycling easier than ever.

## Allied Waste of Albany-Lebanon at a glance:

Year founded: 1961

## Employment:

1 Staff - 70.
1 Annual payroll - Over $\$ 3.5$ million.
1 Average length of service -13 years.
Service area: 32,000 customers ( 6,400 daily) in five cities as well as outlying areas of Linn and Benton Counties. To prevent backlogs and minimize confusion, we make collections every weekday throughout the year, including holidays.

Fleet: 53 trucks, currently running on biodiesel and biodegradable hydraulic fluid.

## Facilities:

1 Customer service center with community room, available at no charge to non-profits.

- Full-service repair shops for vehicles and containers.
- Recycle center.


## Collections in 2007:

1 Garbage - 87,926 tons.
1 Recycled materials $-32,856$ tons. $37 \%$ of what we haul is recycled or composted.

Free community events and involvements:
, Household Hazardous Waste Collection event

- Spring Recycle event
- Christmas Tree Collection
- Canned Food Drive
- Leaf Collection

1 Use of our community center facilities
Community contributions in 2007: We actively support area organizations and events with cash, in-kind and volunteer donations. Among the groups we partnered with in 2007 are: the Albany Chamber Commerce, the Albany Boys \& Girls Club, Albany Rotary Club, Children's Performing Arts, United Way, AMCEC, Soroptimist, Relay for Life, River Rhythms, Weyerhaeuser River Fest, Hoop Jam, Bulldog/Rebel Golf Tournament, Albany Schools Eat and Run, Linn Christmas Greeters and the new Criterion Bike Race.

## About Allied Waste Services

As the nation's second-largest waste management company, Allied Waste Services consists of 300 local operations, 164 transfer stations, 169 landfills and 53 recycling facilities, serving 10 million residential/commercial customers. Albany-Lebanon Sanitation joined this family of companies in 2000, becoming Allied Waste of Albany-Lebanon.


Allied Waste of Albany-Lebanon
How we've grown


A history of innovation - always improving, always evolving - defines our homegrown sanitation and recycling services for nearly a half-century. Here's a quick look at the people and programs that have contributed to our story:


As a longtime local leader in solid waste solutions, Allied Waste of Albany-Lebanon is proud to offer a wide range of services that promote overall waste reduction in a safe, costeffective manner.

## Residential Collection Services

## Trash and Special Services:

- Weekly curbside cart service

1 Will-call or as needed collection service

- Clean-up and special pick-up services, including bulky items like furniture \& appliances.


## Recycling Services:

1 Curbside recycling cart service

- Multi-family recycling

1 Yard debris cart collection service

1. Composters as an alternative to yard debris service

## Commercial/Industrial Collection Services:

1 Regular or as-needed refuse collection
1 Drop boxes for demolition and other extra-large projects

- Recycling services tailored to specific business needs, including office paper and cardboard recycling


## Services:

1 Recycling Roundup Day
1 Household Hazardous Waste Collection event

- Christmas Tree Collection
- Recycling center
- Leaf Collection
- Composting services

Other Services available for residential, commercial and industrial customers:
1 Temporary container and drop box service

- Demolition Services
- Security Boxes

1 Holiday collection, we work all weekdays throughout the year, including major holidays

- Vacation service suspension for customers gone more than two weeks
- Convenient payment choices, including mail, online, by phone or through customer bank
1 Community Education Program. Allied Waste employs a full-time waste reduction coordinator to assist schools and businesses and provide community education about recycling and waste reduction opportunities in our area.
1 Street sweeping for City of Albany


Tomorrow's solid waste solutions start right here: Allied Waste of Albany-Lebanon has consistently been among the first to put practical new ideas to work for our community. We are:

- The second company in Oregon to institute curbside recycling.

1 One of the first in nation to provide fully automated trash cart collection.
1 Among the first in Oregon to offer curbside yard debris collection.
1 A leader in establishing our own composting facility (Process \& Recovery Center)
1 Now fueling our fleet with B10 biodiesel to reduce our carbon footprint.

- Constantly developing new collection methods.

1. Constantly looking for new markets to allow us to add new materials to the recycle stream.
1 Experienced at finding solutions for hard to handle materials. Although we cannot collect the following at the curb, Allied Waste handled and recycled these materials in the amounts shown in 2007:

| $\circ$ | Latex Paint | 65 tons |
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| $\circ$ | E-waste | 20 tons |
| $\circ$ | Batteries | 1 ton |

Bigger, better recycling? Let's roll! In April 2008 we delivered nearly 22,000 roll carts for a new automated recycling system. These 65 -gallon carts more than triple each customers' recycling capacity, making room for new materials added to the curbside recycling mix and streamlining the overall process. The result of our recycling innovations:

1 Nearly 3,000 new recycling customers.
1 Greater volumes of material being recycled. (over $20 \%$ more in the first 2 months of roll cart collection vs. bin collection)
1 Fewer work-related injuries for our employees.
1 In 30 years, $40 \%$ recyclable materials from the waste stream.
1 Carts that are clean and have three times the capacity of the old bins, allowing customers to put them out when it's convenient for them to do so.

- Increased driver training to stay on top of our excellent safety record and provide a safe and healthy work environment.
- With new carts came an opportunity to educate our customers about what goes in them and how to prepare that material for recycling.

Plastic film, including plastic grocery bags, dry cleaner bags, bubble wrap and food container bags like bread and frozen food bags have become an every increasing part of our wastestream. It's easy to see why are consumers are anxious to find an environmentally friendly way to dispose of these.

## Plastic Film Facts:

- Americans throw away about 100 billion plastic bags annually, but plastic bags make up only $0.03 \%$ of the waste in landfills
- 100 billion plastic bags uses 12 million barrels of oil to create, enough to make 240 million gallons of gas.


## Challenges to recycling plastic film products:

- Plastic film cannot be included in the commingled recycling because it creates mechanical and financial problems at the material sorting facility. Our market will not accept plastic film in the commingled recycling.
- This material can be recycled, but must be source separated at locations like our recycling depot or most grocery stores.
- History tells us that our customers will recycle more material when we make it simple. This was the case when we went from a curbside source separated system to commingled and again when we went to an automated roll cart for recycling.
- Our goal is to include glass in the commingled recycling, eliminating the need for a separate truck and making a positive environmental impact by reducing emissions.
- Our trucks are not set up to collect this material
- As with other materials like latex paint, household batteries and computer electronics, plastic bags are not practical to collect at the curb. Allied Waste has been collecting these products at our depot, in our office or at special events for years now.


## What can we do as a community?

- Drop off plastic bags. Our Industrial Way Recycling Depot and most grocery stores accept plastic bags and film for recycling at no charge.
- Get smart. Become educated about waste reduction, reuse and recycling. Allied Waste has had a community and school program in place since 1989 and continues to stress the benefits of reusable bags rather than paper or plastic. Call our office to have our waste reduction coordinator speak to your group.
- Buy reusable bags. Many grocers have jumped on board too, offering reusable bags at a reduced cost or offering cardboard boxes for their customers use.
- Don't take a bag at all. Carry your purchases without a bag if you only have a few.
- Make the effort. Conserving resources takes a bit more effort, but it's worth it.


In April, 2008, Allied Waste of Albany-Lebanon made the conversion to 65-gallon roll carts for residential recycling, doing away with the old bin system. The impact of this program has been almost immediate, with increased volumes of more than $20 \%$ in the first few months.

## Commingle Cart Facts:

- Tan Cart Capacity: 65-gallons
- Cart Dimensions: $26^{\prime \prime}$ deep $\times 26^{\prime \prime}$ wide $\times 42^{\prime \prime}$ tall
- Carts are made from $20 \%$ recycled plastic, The recycled content will increase as material is available.
- 22,000 plus carts delivered to Allied Waste customers in 3 weeks.


## Compelling reasons to implement auto commingle roll cart program:

- Customer requests for larger recycling containers.
- Anticipated increase in participation.
- Data supporting increased recycling with conversion to roll carts in other cities.
- Elimination of demanding physical job for drivers. Allied Waste is committed to creating long-term jobs for its employees.
- Truck efficiencies.
- State mandate for increased recycle volumes in 2009.

Early Results:

- Commingle tons show a significant jump in just the first two months of the program.



[^0]:    * This information was unavailable to us - each landfill negotiates with commercial haulers based upon volumes.

