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Dear Customer

The UK is seeing costs rising on employment via National Insurance like we have not seen in decades. Our Government decided a tax hike on jobs being introduced in early April by the Chancellor was in the public interest and the best way to stimulate growth. However, these will be significant and painful to almost all business operators.

In conjunction with these changes, there is also a further significant increase in the national minimum wage which also comes into effect on the same day, whilst we don't oppose this increase at all in what it is trying to do, it is nonetheless a rising cost borne by business not the Government and adds to our cost pressures.

The Government is also increasing tax on the disposal of waste (LFT) from the 1st April 2025, it is increasing from £103.70 per tonne, to a massive £126.15 per tonne. This is an increase of 22%, the biggest single increase in this tax since it was introduced. As a sustainable business, we send a very small amount of material to landfill that we can't recycle or gain energy from. Alternative disposal outlets increase their prices alongside the tax increase to maintain their gap between the alternatives and landfill.

The list of further cost pressures we face are numerous and including but not limited to General Wages, Insurances, vehicle operating costs, raw materials and running costs as our suppliers also pass on the National insurance increases and rising costs on to us.

Alongside this extensive list of cost increases, in the coming months we will continue to invest heavily in our facilities, plant and fleet in order to ensure that you and we comply with impending regulation changes in England, in the form of Simpler Recycling, and we continue to be the leading service provider for Workplace Recycling in Wales. As the leading local waste, recycling and resource service provider, we are very aware of how much both sustainability and compliance matter to you and your business and we won't compromise on this to ensure you are always protected. If your business has not yet finalised a solution for the regulatory changes, please do not hesitate to contact our expert team who have a full suite of solutions available and can guide you as to what is required.

With all the above in mind, we have little option but to review our pricing. This will allow us to continue our commitment of ensuring that your business is compliant with legislation and fulfils its environmental obligations lawfully and safely.

Effective from 1st April 2025 your lift price per container will increase as follows.

- **General Waste and Dry Mixed Recycling (DMR) = £3.72 per m3 or part thereof**
- **Glass, Food, Paper Card and Plastic Small metals = £2.48 per m3 or part thereof**

We are grateful for your understanding and loyalty, we know you understand that these things are sometimes unavoidable but be assured we do our best to ensure they are kept to a minimum. Thank you for your custom and loyalty and we hope you continue to be successful in your business during the rest of the year.

Yours faithfully

Customer Services Manager
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