

Composting yard wastes	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Local shredding of newsprint, cardboard and mixed paper for mulch/compost	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

Range of materials/items

Pharmaceutical disposal	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Recycling regular batteries	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Scrap metals, appliances, & e-waste recycling	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Hazardous waste drop-off	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

Recycling and re-use

Agricultural plastics reuse/recycling	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Commingled (mixed) recyclables	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Self-sorted (separated by type) recyclables	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Construction waste reuse/recycling	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

Services

Curbside pickup of garbage and recyclables	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Education and outreach	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Faster service/shorter lines	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Free roadside/beach trash & noxious weeds drop-off	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Improved parking	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Increased hours or more days open at the solid waste facility	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Self-haul drop-off of garbage and recyclables	Much less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Much more
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

Structuring Solid Waste Management

7. How favorable would you be to each of these options for structuring solid waste management?

Enabling local control, such as separate Disposal Districts under the authority of County Government	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Creating local advisory committees	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Making more use of volunteers along with county employees, to increase re-use and recycling, litter pick-up and weed control	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Setting up a cooperative to manage solid waste operations	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Maintaining current County solid waste system.	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

Paying for Solid Waste Services

Under our current system 96% of our revenue comes from the tipping fee on garbage our customers pay at our three facilities. This is not adequate to allow investment in keeping our existing facilities properly maintained and safe or to cover the cost of new facilities. Additionally, revenue from the current rate structure does not adequately fund operation of the system and the transport of our garbage for disposal and our recycle materials for processing.

System-wide the revenue shortfall for 2009 was over \$600,000 and by the end of 2010 is projected to exceed \$1,000,000.

Put simply:

$$\text{Revenue} = \text{fee per ton of garbage} \times \text{number of tons of garbage}$$

This means that the MORE we **Reduce, Re-Use and Recycle** our waste, the LOWER the tonnage of garbage, resulting in LESS revenue. Note that:

- Because there is no fee for recycling, but we pay for recycling services, the costs associated with recycling are paid for by the garbage fees.
- Because heavy construction and demolition debris is a large part of the garbage stream, the downturn in construction of the past two years has reduced revenues significantly. Garbage tonnage has decreased by 20% since 2008.

8. Here are some things that people have told us about funding solid waste services. Please say to what extent you agree with each of these statements, using a scale from 1 (Strongly disagree) to 7 (Strongly agree)

I would be willing to pay more for solid waste services, if it resulted in less material being sent to landfills	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
The islands are too different for a one-size-fits-all solution; each major island should have its own system	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
We should be prepared to pay for recycling	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Cost is not the only thing to be considered in the administration of public policy	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Solid Waste services are a fundamental part of what the county provides, and should be funded by taxes rather than a fee for service.	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
The results of recycling just aren't enough – we need to emphasize waste reduction and re-use	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

9. Below are some potential solutions to the imbalance in the Solid Waste budget over the next 6 years. Please say how favorable you would be to each approach. *Note that the options here are preliminary and the prices are subject to revision. Some combination of the approaches below might be needed.*

Reduce operating hours further for self-haul garbage and recycling	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Require curb-side garbage collection (at the same cost to the individual household as self-haul)	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Close one or more facilities	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Increase garbage tipping fees from \$335 to \$435 per ton	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

Increase garbage volume charges from \$45 to \$58 per cubic yard	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
Institute 5¢ charge on grocery-size bags, with proceeds to support recycling	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
Institute gate fee of \$5 on every vehicle entering the facility	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
Institute parcel fee at \$50 per developed parcel and \$25 per undeveloped parcel (requires voter approval and may face legal challenge)	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
Fund both the garbage and recycling systems with an annual property tax of \$52 per \$100,000 of assessed value (requires voter approval)	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
Support the recycling program through a "membership" or "license" that would cost \$32.00 per household/year, assuming each household buys a membership	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
Institute recycling tipping fees at a rate of 30% of the fee established for garbage, per ton	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
Institute regular independent audits of Solid Waste Management performance to identify potential savings	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable
Institute tiered garbage fees, with second and later cans costing more than the first can	Not at all favorable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very favorable

10. What else should we consider, in planning for solid and hazardous waste management over the next 6 years?

11. Which of the following best describes your **primary place of residence**?

- San Juan County WA state, outside San Juan County Outside WA

12. Which of the below best describes your location in the San Juans?

- Center Decatur Henry Lopez
 Orcas San Juan – Town of Friday Harbor San Juan – Outside Town of Friday Harbor Shaw
 Stuart Waldron Other _____

Many thanks for completing the survey. Please return it in the reply-paid envelope provided.