



### Frequently Asked Questions— Utility, Solid Waste, and Other Services

On June 1, 2011, the Finn Hill, North Juanita and Kingsgate neighborhood areas will officially become part of the City of Kirkland. This largely residential area is approximately seven square miles, extending north of Kirkland to approximately NE 145th Street. It will add over 31,000 people to the City's current population of 48,000. The annexation will make Kirkland the 12th largest city in Washington and the 6th largest city in King County.

In November 2009, the question of annexation, zoning regulations, and assumption of indebtedness was placed on the ballot for a vote by annexation area residents. A majority of residents approved annexing to Kirkland and the Kirkland City Council accepted the annexation in December 2009. Annexation voters did not approve the assumption of indebtedness.

To ensure a smooth transition, City and County staff have been negotiating the transfer of services, property and assets that will be guided by the adoption of an Interlocal Agreement which will be approved by the Kirkland City Council and King County Council prior to the effective date.

A series of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) handouts have been developed to answer common questions about changes in services, City finances, land use and building permit processes and regulations, and community and neighborhood involvement. The FAQs are available online at [www.kirklandwa.gov/annexation](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/annexation) and at City Hall.

**The City of Kirkland welcomes our new residents and businesses and we look forward to serving you.**

#### WATER AND SEWER SERVICES

##### Do water and sewer services change with the annexation?

No. Utility services (water and sewer) for current Kirkland city and annexation residents and businesses will not change. Water and sewer utility services currently provided by the Northshore Utility District (NUD) and Woodinville Water District (WWD) for Finn Hill, North Juanita and Kingsgate residents and businesses will remain the same. Billing will remain with the respective agencies.

##### Will the City require me to hook up to the sewer system?

No. The Northshore Utility District (NUD) and Woodinville Water District (WWD) will continue to provide sewer services to the annexation area in their respective service area. The City will not require properties currently served by a septic system to connect to the public sewer system. The Public Health- Seattle/ King County may require connection to the public sewer system if the septic system is not functioning or needs to be modified due to proposed construction on an existing home (these regulations are currently in place). To learn about connecting to the NUD or WWD public sewer system, you can contact NUD at (425) 398-4400 or visit [www.nud.net](http://www.nud.net); contact WWD at (425) 487-4100 or visit [www.woodinvillewater.com](http://www.woodinvillewater.com).



#### City of Kirkland

##### Public Works Department

Maintenance: 425-587-3900 (24 hour)

Capital Projects: 425-587-3800

Development Services: 425-587-3800

[publicworks@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:publicworks@kirklandwa.gov)

[www.kirklandwa.gov/public\\_works](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/public_works)

##### Water & Sewer

##### Utility Billing Assistance

City of Kirkland: 425-587-3150

[utilitybilling@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:utilitybilling@kirklandwa.gov)

Northshore Utility District: 425-398-4400

Woodinville Water District: 425-487-4100

##### Garbage & Recycling Service Assistance

City of Kirkland: 425-587-3800

Waste Management, Inc.: 800-592-9995

##### Annexation Information

425-587-3001

[annexation@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:annexation@kirklandwa.gov)

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## SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING SERVICES

### How will garbage and recycling collection service be affected by annexation?

Current Kirkland city and annexation area residents and businesses who are presently served by Waste Management, Inc. (WMI) will continue to receive solid waste services from WMI. Annexation area customers currently served by Allied Waste Services will begin receiving service from WMI on July 1, 2011. In May and June 2011, Waste Management will mail out information to all annexation area residents which will include information on their new garbage and recycling services and rates. Annexation area customers will receive improvements in their service such as weekly recycling and yard waste service and curbside collection of electronics, CFL light bulbs, and plastic grocery bags.

### I live in the annexation area and haul my own garbage to the dump. When annexation is effective, can I continue to self-haul my garbage?

No. The City of Kirkland Municipal Code requires all of its residents and businesses to subscribe to curbside garbage service. Curbside garbage service is comparably more convenient, clean, efficient and typically cheaper than self-hauling.

Annexation area residents and businesses should contact the City of Kirkland Utility Billing to subscribe to garbage service by July 1, 2011. Current 2011 Kirkland residential garbage and recycling rates are provided in the table below.

City of Kirkland Utility Billing  
(425) 587-3150  
[utilitybilling@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:utilitybilling@kirklandwa.gov)

2011 City of Kirkland Residential Service Rates		
Garbage service rates include year-round weekly recycling service (64 gallon cart) and weekly yard waste service (96 gallon cart)		
Cart Size	Service Frequency	Cost/Month
35 gallon	Monthly	\$4.15
20 gallon	Weekly	\$10.28
35 gallon	Weekly	\$17.99
64 gallon	Weekly	\$32.89
96 gallon	Weekly	\$49.34

### Will my road maintenance services change if I live in the annexation area?

Yes. Road maintenance services will be provided by the City of Kirkland Public Works Department instead of King County Road Services. The City intends to provide equivalent road maintenance services in the annexation area as it currently provides in existing city limits. The transition may take place gradually as new staff and equipment are available.

### What surface water management services will be offered in the annexation area?

The Northshore Utility District and the City of Kirkland will work together to develop consistent practices for the sewer systems when dealing with fats, oils, and grease (F.O.G.) which are generated by food production. For details on Kirkland's surface water programs, go to [www.kirklandwa.gov/surfacewater](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/surfacewater).

## POSTAL SERVICE

### Will my address change to Kirkland WA 98034 if I live in the annexation area and have had a Bothell or Woodinville address?

Yes. According to the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), any City, State and ZIP Code changes are implemented every July 1st. For this annexation, USPS advises it will make this change to your ZIP Code and City to Kirkland, WA 98034 to become effective July 1, 2011. Residents will be notified when USPS changes the City name and ZIP Code. Please do not change your mailing address until you are notified.

### Should I file a Change of Address with the Postal Service when I change to Kirkland?

Do not file a Change of Address with the Postal Service unless you are moving to a different home or building. A Change of Address is not necessary when a new address is assigned to your existing home or building. The U. S. Postal Service automatically notifies all parties when the City and ZIP Code is changed in an address.

## LICENSING SERVICES

### Does the City of Kirkland require a business license?

Yes. A business license is required prior to opening a business and is required to be renewed annually. Business licenses are required for those businesses based in a home as well as those operating out of an office or store front. Existing businesses within the annexation area may begin the business license application process at any time so that your business can be in compliance by the effective date of annexation on June 1, 2011.

To obtain the license application, visit the Licensing Division, Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Avenue, or call 425-587-3140, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The application can be downloaded at [www.kirklandwa.gov](http://www.kirklandwa.gov) (Search: Business License).

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## **Are pet licenses required in the City of Kirkland?**

Yes. King County pet licenses are required for all dogs and cats eight weeks of age or older. License fees support the return of hundreds of lost pets and help families adopt thousands of homeless pets each year. Pet license fees also fund investigation of animal neglect and abuse, injured animal rescue, spay/neuter programs, and community education. Pet licenses (and renewals) can be obtained by mail, online, or from a pet license sales location, including Kirkland City Hall. For more information, visit [www.kingcounty.gov/pets](http://www.kingcounty.gov/pets) or call 206-296-7387 (PETS).

## **Do I have to register my home or business security alarm system?**

Yes. The City's False Alarm Reduction Program requires that monitored and non-monitored security systems be registered with the City of Kirkland. Residents over 62 must register their systems but are exempt from fees/fines unless they operate a business out of their homes. The Alarm Registration Application forms are available at Kirkland City Hall at the Licensing counter during business hours, or by calling 425-587-3140, or by downloading them at [www.kirklandwa.gov](http://www.kirklandwa.gov) (Search: False Alarm).

## **OTHER SERVICES**

### **Will annexation affect school district boundaries?**

No. The annexation would not affect school district boundaries. Current Kirkland residents and annexation area residents are served by the Lake Washington School District or the Northshore School District.

### **Will my library services change if annexation occurs?**

No. The annexation would not affect library services. Kirkland area residents are served by the King County Library System. The Kirkland Library is located at 308 Kirkland Avenue in downtown Kirkland and the Kingsgate Library is located at 12315 NE 143rd St.

### **Will my natural gas/electricity providers change?**

No. Puget Sound Energy currently provides natural gas and electricity to residential and commercial properties within Kirkland city limits and in the Finn Hill, North Juanita and Kingsgate neighborhoods, so there would be no change in service providers.

### **Will my cable television, telephone, and internet service providers change?**

Your television, telephone, and internet service providers will not change unless you make a personal choice to change providers. After June 1, 2011, annexation residents will have an additional choice for television services through Frontier Communications. In addition to Comcast, the City of Kirkland has a franchise agreement with Frontier to provide FIOS TV services. For more information about telecommunications franchise agreements, contact the City's Finance & Administration Department at 425-587-3100.