



Waste Connections Lone Star, Inc.
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CUSTOMER SERVICE AGREEMENT
#01752910

SERVICE LOCATION

Customer Name	RAINS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL
Address	260 Locust St
City, State, Zip	Point, TX, 75472
Contact	Diana Wolfe
Phone	(903) 473-5000
Email	diana.wolfe@co.rains.tx.us

BILLING INFORMATION

Customer Name	RAINS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL
Address	220 W Quitman St
City, State, Zip	Emory, TX, 75440
Contact	Diana Wolfe
Phone	(903) 473-5000
Email	diana.wolfe@co.rains.tx.us

SERVICES AND RATES

Effective Date: 10/1/2025

Type	Quantity	Bin Size	Service Frequency	Service Type	Price
On Call	1.00	30 yard		HAUL 30 YD - RO	\$529.20

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Fuel Surcharge, Environmental Fee and Administrative Fee have been waived for the initial term of this agreement. For the 2nd through the 3rd year, the Charges will not increase by more than 3% per year.

PAYMENT TERMS

The undersigned individual signing this Agreement on behalf of Customer acknowledges that he or she has read and understands the terms and conditions of this Agreement and that he or she has the authority to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Customer. **TERMS: NET 10 DAYS.** State and local taxes, government franchise fees (if applicable), administrative fees, fuel surcharges and environmental fees also apply. Container relocation, container removal and seasonal restarts will be provided at additional costs.

The service agreement is for 36 months and the renewal period is for 1 months.

CUSTOMER

Authorized Signature 	
Printed Name Brent D. Hilliard	
Title County Judge	Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 09/15/2025

REPRESENTATIVE

Amber Mendoza Sales Coordinator Waste Connections Lone Star, Inc.	
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ARTICLE I SERVICES RENDERED

Customer grants to Contractor the exclusive right to collect and dispose of all of Customer's Waste Materials (as defined below) and agrees to make payments to Contractor as described herein, and Contractor agrees to furnish the services and equipment specified above, all in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II TERM

THE INITIAL TERM (THE "INITIAL TERM") OF THIS AGREEMENT IS 36 MONTHS FROM THE EFFECTIVE SERVICE DATE SET FORTH ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH IS THE DATE CONTRACTOR'S EQUIPMENT IS DELIVERED TO CUSTOMER'S LOCATION OR SERVICE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT COMMENCES, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL AUTOMATICALLY RENEW FOR SUCCESSIVE 1 MONTHS TERMS (EACH A "RENEWAL TERM" AND TOGETHER WITH THE INITIAL TERM, THE "TERM") THEREAFTER UNLESS EITHER PARTY GIVES WRITTEN NOTICE OF TERMINATION BY U.S. CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED MAIL, POSTAGE PRE-PAID AND RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, TO THE OTHER PARTY AT LEAST NINETY (90) DAYS, BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS, PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE INITIAL TERM OR ANY RENEWAL TERM. ANY SUCH NOTICE SHALL BE SENT TO THE OTHER PARTY'S ADDRESS SET FORTH ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS AGREEMENT, OR ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS COMMUNICATED IN WRITING BY THE OTHER PARTY DURING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT. A RENEWAL TERM SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE (THEREBY EXTENDING THE THEN-CURRENT TERM) UPON EITHER PARTY'S FAILURE TO GIVE NOTICE OF TERMINATION WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, CUSTOMER AGREES THAT IT SHALL NOT PROVIDE ANY SUCH NOTICE OF TERMINATION IF CONTRACTOR MEETS COMPETITIVE OFFERS MADE BY THIRD PARTIES IN WRITING FOR SIMILAR SERVICES AFTER CONTRACTOR'S REVIEW THEREOF PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII BELOW.

ARTICLE III WASTE MATERIALS

The waste materials to be collected and disposed of by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement consist of all solid waste (including recyclable materials) generated or collected by Customer at the locations specified on the first page of this Agreement (the "Waste Materials"); provided, however, that the term Waste Materials specifically excludes and Customer agrees not to deposit in Contractor's equipment or place for collection by Contractor any radioactive, volatile, corrosive, highly flammable, explosive, biomedical, infectious, biohazardous, toxic or hazardous material as defined by applicable federal, state or local laws or regulations, or any material that Contractor determines causes or could cause damage to Contractor's trucks or equipment or create a risk of injury ("Excluded Waste"). Customer agrees to comply with any description of and/or procedures with respect to removal of contaminants or preparation of recyclable materials as reasonably provided by Contractor. In the event that any recyclable materials furnished to Contractor by Customer are, due to presence of contaminants, rejected by a recycling facility or otherwise are determined by Contractor not to be resalable or to have a reduced resale value, Contractor may, in addition to its other remedies, require Customer to pay Contractor, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, the charges incurred by Contractor (plus overhead and profit) for hauling, processing and/or disposal of such materials and for the reduction in resale value of such materials. Contractor shall deliver properly prepared recyclable materials furnished to Contractor by Customer to a recycling facility owned and/or operated by Contractor or an affiliate of Contractor or a third party that Contractor understands will recycle the materials ("Third Party Facility"); provided, however, that Contractor shall not be responsible for and has not made any representation to Customer regarding the ultimate recycling of such recyclable materials by a Third Party Facility.

ARTICLE IV TITLE

Contractor shall acquire title to the Waste Materials when they are loaded into Contractor's truck. Title to and liability for any Excluded Waste shall remain with Customer. Customer expressly agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Contractor from and against any and all damages, penalties, fines, liabilities and costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of the deposit of Excluded Waste in Contractor's trucks, containers or other equipment.

ARTICLE V PAYMENTS

Customer agrees to pay Contractor on a monthly basis for the services and/or equipment furnished by Contractor in accordance with the rates, charges and fees provided for herein ("Charges"). Contractor, in its sole and absolute discretion, may agree to participate in a vendor compliance management or billing system of Customer's choosing, provided that Customer pays or refunds Contractor for all fees associated with Contractor's use of such system. For certainty, if Contractor is found to be out of compliance under any such system, such noncompliance shall not constitute a breach by Contractor of this Agreement, which shall remain valid, enforceable and binding on the parties hereto. Payments shall be made by Customer to Contractor within the period of time set forth on the first page of this Agreement. Contractor may impose and Customer agrees to pay a late fee as determined by Contractor for all past due payments, and interest on all past due payments at the rate of one and one-half percent (1½%) per month, provided that no such late fee or interest charge shall exceed the maximum rate allowed therefor by applicable law. Any dispute or claim against Contractor concerning any amount invoiced by Contractor must be asserted by Customer in writing to Contractor at the address set forth on the first page of this Agreement not later than one hundred eighty (180) days following the event or circumstance giving rise to the underlying dispute or claim; the failure to abide by such time requirement shall constitute a release and waiver by Customer of any rights in respect of, and shall constitute a bar on, any claims or requests for relief by Customer on the basis of such dispute or claim. Customer will pay Contractor a standard recycling services and equipment charge set forth herein (irrespective of changing commodity values). Customer shall continue to provide, and Contractor shall continue to collect, recyclable materials from Customer in accordance with the terms of this Agreement for the Term hereof notwithstanding changing commodity values.

ARTICLE VI RATE ADJUSTMENTS

Customer agrees that the Charges shall be increased from time to time to adjust for increases in the Consumer Price Index. Because disposal, fuel, materials and operations costs constitute a significant portion of the cost of Contractor's services provided hereunder, Customer agrees that Contractor may increase the Charges to account for any increase in such costs or any increases in transportation costs due to changes in location of the disposal facility. Customer agrees that Contractor may also increase the Charges to account for increases in the average weight per container yard of Customer's Waste Materials, increases in Contractor's costs due to changes in local, state or federal rules, ordinances or regulations applicable to Contractor's operations or the services provided hereunder, increases in taxes, fees or other governmental charges assessed against or passed through to Contractor (other than income or real property taxes), and changes in the values associated with recyclable materials. Contractor may increase Charges for reasons other than those set forth above with the consent of Customer. Such consent may be evidenced orally, in writing or by the practices and actions of the parties. In the event Contractor adjusts the Charges as provided in this Article, the parties agree that this Agreement as so adjusted will continue in full force and effect. Customer acknowledges and agrees that adjustments to the Charges might not be directly associated with increased costs of servicing Customer's specific account; rather, adjustments to the Charges might be based upon overall costs and expenses incurred by Contractor on a regional or national basis.

ARTICLE VII SERVICE CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

Changes to the type, size and amount of equipment, the type or frequency of service, and corresponding adjustments to the rates, may be made by agreement of the parties, evidenced orally, in writing or by the practices and actions of the parties, without affecting the validity of this Agreement and this Agreement shall be deemed amended accordingly. This Agreement shall continue in effect for the Term provided herein and shall not be affected by any changes in Customer's service address if any new service address is located within Contractor's service area. Should Customer change its service address to a location outside Contractor's service area, Customer may cancel the Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice to Contractor. Any other amendment to this Agreement not otherwise expressly provided for herein shall be made in writing and signed by both parties.

ARTICLE VIII RESPONSIBILITY FOR EQUIPMENT

Any equipment furnished hereunder by Contractor shall remain the property of Contractor; however, Customer acknowledges that it has care, custody and control of the equipment while at Customer's location and accepts responsibility for all loss or damage to the equipment (except for normal wear and tear or for loss or damage resulting from Contractor's handling of the equipment) and for its contents. Customer shall not overload (by weight or volume), move, alter or install any devices on the equipment, and shall not manually or mechanically compact any materials inside the equipment, except inside compactor receiver boxes specially designed for such purpose, and shall not allow any third party to take any such actions. Customer shall pay additional charges each time that a container is overloaded (by weight or volume). Customer shall use the equipment only for its proper and intended purpose. Customer agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Contractor, its employees and agents against all claims, damages, suits, penalties, fines, liabilities and costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees) for injury or death to persons or loss or damage to property arising out of Customer's use, operation or possession of the equipment. Customer agrees to provide unobstructed access to the equipment on the scheduled collection day. If the equipment is inaccessible so that the regularly scheduled pick-up cannot be made, Contractor will promptly notify Customer and afford Customer a reasonable opportunity to provide the required access; however, Contractor reserves the right to charge an additional fee for such inaccessibility and/or delay or any additional collection service required by Customer's failure to provide such access. The word "equipment" as used in this Agreement shall mean all containers used for the storage of Waste Materials, and any other on-site devices provided by Contractor.

ARTICLE IX DAMAGE TO PAVEMENT

Customer warrants that Customer's pavement, curbing or other driving surface or any right of way reasonably necessary for Contractor to provide the services described herein are sufficient to bear the weight of all of Contractor's equipment and vehicles reasonably required to perform such services. Contractor will not be responsible for damage to any such pavement, curbing, driving surface or right of way, and Customer agrees to assume all liabilities for any such damage, which results from the weight of Contractor's vehicles providing service at Customer's location.

ARTICLE X EARLY TERMINATION; LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

In the event Customer requests termination of this Agreement prior to the expiration of its Term other than as a result of an uncured breach by Contractor or if Contractor terminates this Agreement for Customer's breach (including nonpayment) (any such instance is referred to herein as an "Early Termination"), then, in addition to such other damages as may be sustained by Contractor, Customer agrees to pay to Contractor all past due sums plus, as liquidated damages, a sum calculated as follows: (a) if the remaining Term under this Agreement is six (6) or more months, the average of Customer's most recent six (6) monthly charges multiplied by six (6); or (b) if the remaining Term under this Agreement is less than six (6) months, the average of Customer's most recent six (6) monthly charges multiplied by the number of months remaining in the Term; or (c) if the Term has not yet run for six (6) months, then (a) and (b) shall not apply and the liquidated damages shall be the monthly Charges specified in this Agreement multiplied by six (6). Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Customer suspended Contractor's collection services or reduced the frequency of Contractor's collection services by 50% or greater during the most recent six (6) month period, then Contractor may calculate liquidated damages using the average of Customer's six (6) monthly charges prior to the suspension or reduction in services, instead of Customer's most recent six (6) monthly charges. Customer expressly acknowledges that in the event of an Early Termination of this Agreement, the anticipated loss to Contractor in such event is estimated to be the amount set forth in the foregoing liquidated damages provision and such estimated value is reasonable and is not imposed as a penalty. The parties stipulate and agree that the liquidated damages set forth in this Article will compensate Contractor for the loss of revenue attributable to the Early Termination of this Agreement, but the payment of these liquidated damages shall not in any way limit Contractor's rights and remedies relating to a breach of any other provision(s) of this Agreement. If Contractor purchased or leased equipment specifically for Customer's use (e.g., compactor, etc.), then, upon an Early Termination, the Customer shall owe Contractor separate damages relating to Contractor's purchase or lease of such equipment, in addition to the liquidated damages described herein.

Customer acknowledges and agrees that any request for termination of this Agreement prior to expiration of the Term requires an unscheduled collection of Contractor's equipment, which may take up to thirty (30) days to complete after Contractor receives from Customer: (a) a written request to terminate this Agreement; and (b) full payment of all liquidated damages and past due amounts owed by Customer to Contractor. Customer agrees that it shall not move or allow any third party to move Contractor's equipment during the thirty (30) day period and any time prior thereto, within which Contractor has the sole and exclusive right to service and remove its equipment from Customer's service location, and hereby grants Contractor an irrevocable right and license to allow its equipment to remain on Customer's service location for such thirty (30) day period and all times prior thereto. This Article shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XI BREACH, SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

If during the Term of this Agreement either party shall be in breach of any provision of this Agreement, the other party may suspend its performance hereunder until such breach has been cured or terminate this Agreement; provided, however, that no termination of this Agreement shall be effective until the complaining party has given written notice of such breach to the breaching party and the breaching party has failed to cure such breach within ten (10) days after its receipt of such notice. Upon any such failure to cure, the complaining party may terminate this Agreement by giving the breaching party written notice of such termination, which shall become effective upon receipt of such notice.

ARTICLE XII ASSIGNMENT

Without the prior written consent of Contractor, which may be withheld in Contractor's sole and absolute discretion, Customer shall not take any one or more of the following actions: (a) assign or transfer this Agreement or any of its rights, or delegate any of its duties or obligations under this Agreement, whether voluntarily, by merger or operation of law, or otherwise; (b) appoint any third party agent (including without limitation any management company or broker) to exercise any rights, responsibilities, or take any action under this Agreement; or (c) request a change in Customer's billing address to any third party. Any violation of this Article by Customer shall constitute a breach of this Agreement for which Contractor may, in its sole and absolute discretion, seek damages and/or specific performance, including injunctive relief, without the requirement of establishing irreparable injury.

ARTICLE XIII OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES; RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL

Contractor values the opportunity to meet all of Customer's Waste Materials collection, disposal and recycling needs. Customer will provide Contractor the opportunity to meet those needs and to provide, on a competitive basis, any additional Waste Materials collection, disposal and recycling services during the Term of this Agreement. Customer also grants Contractor a right of first refusal to match any offer Customer receives (or makes) related to the provision of services to Customer similar to those covered hereunder upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason, and Customer shall give Contractor prompt written notice of any such offer and a reasonable opportunity (but in any event at least five (5) business days from receipt of such notice) to match any such offer. In the event that Contractor matches such an offer, the parties hereto shall thereafter be bound by the terms of such offer. If Customer fails to comply with these right of first refusal provisions in any instance, then Customer shall pay to Contractor all resulting damages incurred by Contractor, including, without limitation, lost profits.

ARTICLE XIV EXCUSED PERFORMANCE

Except for the payment of amounts owed hereunder, neither party hereto shall be liable for its failure to perform or delay in its performance hereunder due to contingencies beyond its reasonable control including, but not limited to, strikes, riots, compliance with laws or governmental orders, inability to access a container, fires, inclement weather and acts of God, and such failure shall not constitute a breach under this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, however, a law or government order, ordinance or award establishing an exclusive franchise or similar right for a service provider in Contractor's service area shall not excuse Customer's performance hereunder.

ARTICLE XV BINDING EFFECT

This Agreement is a legally binding contract on the part of Contractor and Customer and their respective heirs, successors and permitted assigns, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein.

**ARTICLE XVI
ATTORNEYS' FEES**

In the event Customer fails to pay Contractor all amounts which become due under this Agreement (including any liquidated damages, late fees and interest assessed thereon), or fails to perform its obligations hereunder, and Contractor refers such matter to an attorney, Customer agrees to pay, in addition to all past due sums, any and all costs incurred by Contractor as a result of such action, including, to the extent permitted by law, reasonable attorneys' fees.

**ARTICLE XVII
ENTIRE AGREEMENT; GOVERNING LAW; SEVERABILITY; SURVIVAL**

This Agreement represents the entire understanding and agreement between the parties hereto concerning the matters described herein and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, whether written or oral, that may exist between the parties regarding the same. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State in which Customer's service locations listed on the first page of this Agreement are situated, without regard to conflicts of law provisions, except that the agreement to arbitrate in Article XVIII shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. sections 1 et seq.). If any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, and the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision shall be modified only to the extent necessary to make it enforceable. All agreements, representations, warranties and acknowledgments of Customer shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement, including, without limitation, those set forth in Articles III, IV, V, VIII, IX, X, XII, XIII, XVI and XVIII.

**ARTICLE XVIII
BINDING ARBITRATION AND CLASS ACTION WAIVER**

Except for Excluded Claims (as defined below), any disputes, controversies or claims arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any prior agreement between the parties hereto, the breach of such agreement(s), or any amounts paid or invoiced between the parties, shall be resolved by mandatory binding arbitration before a single arbitrator administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Commercial Arbitration Rules (collectively "Rules"), and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. The following claims are not subject to mandatory binding arbitration (collectively, "Excluded Claims"): (A) either party's claims against the other in connection with bodily injury, real property damage or Excluded Waste; (B) Contractor's claims against Customer to collect past due Charges or liquidated damages under this Agreement or any prior agreements between the parties; (C) Contractor's pursuit of any claims or relief relating to the provisions in Articles VIII and/or X or any similar provisions in any prior agreements between the parties, and any injunctive relief sought in relation thereto; and (D) any claims or relief sought in relation to Article XII or any similar provision in any prior agreements between the parties. This agreement to arbitrate is governed by the Federal Arbitration Act.

THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE THAT ANY AND ALL DISPUTES, CONTROVERSIES OR CLAIMS OF ANY NATURE, WHETHER IN ARBITRATION OR OTHERWISE AND WHETHER RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR OTHERWISE, MUST BE BROUGHT IN A PARTY'S INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, AND NOT AS A PLAINTIFF OR CLASS MEMBER IN ANY PURPORTED CLASS, CONSOLIDATED, COLLECTIVE OR REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDING. ACCORDINGLY, EACH PARTY HEREBY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO BRING ANY CLAIM OR ACTION AS A PLAINTIFF OR CLASS MEMBER IN ANY PURPORTED CLASS, CONSOLIDATED, COLLECTIVE OR REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDING RELATING TO ANY DISPUTES, CONTROVERSIES OR CLAIMS BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Rules, any interpretation or adjudication related to this Article shall be done by a court, not an arbitrator.

**ARTICLE XIX
CUSTOMER MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

If Customer and Contractor or any of their respective parent companies or affiliates enter into a Master Service Agreement concerning the Waste Materials, and in the event of a conflict between the Master Service Agreement and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control, except to the extent the Master Service Agreement specifically references a provision of this Agreement, which reference shall include any applicable Article or Section reference, and the parties specifically express their intent in the Master Service Agreement to amend such provision.

Resolution

Resolution of Rains County authorizing the filing of a grant application with the East Texas Council of Governments (COG) for a regional solid waste grants program grant; authorizing Kristi Hopkins, Grant Development, to act on behalf of Rains County in all matters related to the application; and pledging that if a grant is received Rains County will comply with the grant requirements of the East Texas Council of Governments, the Texas Commission On Environmental Quality and the State of Texas.

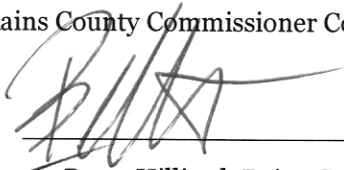
Whereas, the East Texas Council of Governments is directed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to administer solid waste grant funds for implementation of the COG's adopted regional solid waste management plan; and

Whereas, Rains County in the State of Texas is qualified to apply for grant funds under the Request for Grant Applications.

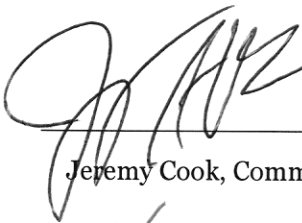
Now, therefore, be it resolved by Rains County in Emory, Texas;

1. That Kristi Hopkins in Grant Development is authorized to request grant funding under the East Texas Council of Governments Request for Grant Applications of the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program and act on behalf of Rains County in all matters related to the grant application and any subsequent grant contract and grant project that may result.
2. That if the project is funded, Rains County will comply with the grant requirements of the East Texas Council of Governments, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the State of Texas.
3. The grant funds and any grant-funded equipment or facilities will be used only for the purposes for which they are intended under the grant.
4. Activities will comply with and support the adopted regional and local solid waste management plans adopted for the geographical area in which the activities are performed.

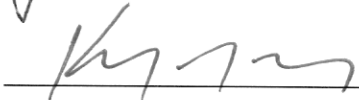
Passed and approved by the Rains County Commissioner Court in Emory, TX, on this the 11th day of September, 2025.



Brent Hilliard, Rains County Judge

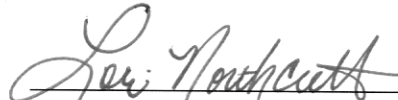


Jeremy Cook, Commissioner Precinct 1



Korey Young, Commissioner Precinct 3

Mike Willis, Commissioner Precinct 2



Lori Northeutt, Commissioner Precinct 4

Attest:



(County Clerk)

