



Kirkland Potential Annexation

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

Since 2006, the Kirkland City Council has been carefully studying the annexation of the Finn Hill, North Juanita and Kingsgate neighborhoods, known as Kirkland's Potential Annexation Area (PAA). Throughout the City's analysis of the potential annexation, the City Council has endeavored to meet the intent of the Growth Management Act, evaluate financial impacts of annexation and provide public participation opportunities for those impacted should annexation occur.

The annexation process is guided by a series of strict events. In April 2009, the City Council initiated the annexation process by declaring its intent to hold an election in November. In June, the City presented its annexation proposal to the Washington State Boundary Review Board for King County which was approved. Following several public meetings, the City Council adopted zoning regulations in July for the PAA that define land use designations, identify allowed uses within each zone and regulate such things as building height and setbacks.

The purpose of this Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) handout is to address questions and concerns the City has heard from current City and PAA residents about utility, solid waste and other services.

City of Kirkland utility services typically include water, sewer, surface water and solid waste (garbage) disposal and recycling. Utility customers pay rates established by the agency providing the service. Most homeowners and businesses within Kirkland city limits receive water, surface water, sewer and solid waste services through the City. Most homeowners and businesses within the PAA and a small portion of City residents in the northern part of city limits receive water and sewer services through the Northshore Utility District. Some Kingsgate residents receive water and sewer utility services from the Woodinville Water District. These service providers would not change if annexation occurs.

The City of Kirkland contracts with Waste Management, Inc. for garbage and recycling collection services for residential and commercial properties. Solid waste services for the PAA are provided by Allied Waste Services.

How will my water and sewer services change if my area is annexed?

Utility services for current Kirkland city residents and businesses would not change nor would water and sewer utility services for PAA residents and businesses. If annexation occurs, the Northshore Utility District and the Woodinville Water District will continue to provide service.



For annexation information, go to www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/annexation.

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Will the City require me to hook up to the sewer system if my neighborhood is annexed?

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. NUD or WWD, in conjunction with 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 its website at www.nud.net or contact WWD at (425) 483-9104 or visit its website at www.woodinvillewater.com.

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Will my road maintenance services change?

If annexation occurs, 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.

What will happen to my garbage and recycling collection service if my area is annexed?

Solid waste services for current Kirkland city residents and businesses would not change. It is likely that solid waste services for PAA residents would be transitioned from the current provider to the City's provider (Waste Management Inc.), although the effective date and details of the transition are yet to be determined.

The City of Kirkland's garbage, recycling, and yard waste are collected weekly in contractor-provided carts. City customers can choose between four sizes of garbage carts, two sizes of recycling carts, and can also take advantage of several free curbside programs that include the collection of all electronic items, motor oil, and textiles. Kirkland's garbage rates are structured to encourage recycling. To prevent the accumulation of large amounts of garbage, recyclables and yard waste, curbside collection is required for City customers.

At the point when waste collection services are transitioned, all residents and businesses will receive more information about the change. The table below is a comparison of current County and City monthly costs:

20 Gallon Cart		
	PAA	Kirkland
20-gallon Garbage	\$6.04	\$9.98
64/96-gallon Recycling	\$7.50	Included
96-gallon Yard Waste	\$6.79	Included
Estimated Monthly Total	\$20.33	\$9.98

35 Gallon Cart		
	PAA	Kirkland
35-gallon Garbage	\$9.64	\$17.64
64/96-gallon Recycling	\$7.50	Included
96-gallon Yard Waste	\$6.79	Included
Estimated Monthly Total	\$23.93	\$17.64

64 Gallon Cart		
	PAA	Kirkland
64-gallon Garbage	\$17.67	\$31.92
64/96-gallon Recycling	\$7.50	Included
96-gallon Yard Waste	\$6.79	Included
Estimated Monthly Total	\$31.96	\$31.92

96 Gallon Cart		
	PAA	Kirkland
96-gallon Garbage	\$24.81	\$47.88
64/96-gallon Recycling	\$7.50	Included
96-gallon Yard Waste	\$6.79	Included
Estimated Monthly Total	\$39.10	\$47.88

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I live in the potential annexation area and have a Bothell (Woodinville) address. Will my address change to Kirkland?

According to the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), if annexation occurs, USPS will eventually adjust postal delivery areas and the ZIP code boundaries to conform to the City of Kirkland's annexation area. Such changes may take up to one year. Residents will be notified when USPS changes the ZIP codes.

Will annexation affect school district boundaries?

The annexation would not affect school district boundaries. Current Kirkland residents and PAA residents are served by the Lake Washington School District or the Northshore School District.

Will my library services change if annexation occurs?

The annexation would not affect library services. Current Kirkland residents and PAA residents are served by the King County Library System. The Kirkland Library is located at 308 Kirkland Avenue in downtown Kirkland and is currently closed through late 2009/early 2010 due to renovation. Limited library services are available at Parkplace Books, 348 Parkplace Center. The Kingsgate Library is located at 12315 NE 143rd in the Kingsgate neighborhood area.

Will my natural gas/electricity providers change?

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 if annexation occurs.

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

Cable television is currently available to city residents through Comcast and Verizon (FIOS). Comcast currently provides cable TV service to PAA customers. Telephone and internet service providers are the personal choice of any resident.

Kirkland's Proposed Annexation Area

