



🔔 **Setting the Record Straight on Parish Trash Services** 🔔

An Important Message from Waste Connections Bayou Inc. to the Residents of Natchitoches Parish

For more than 20 years, Waste Connections Bayou Inc. has proudly partnered with Natchitoches Parish Government (NPG) to manage Parish's garbage hauling and transfer station operations—ensuring safe, reliable, and cost-effective waste disposal for both Parish and City residents.

Recently, Parish President John Salter issued a letter to residents claiming that his plan to cancel these contracts and bring trash services in-house will “stretch taxpayer money” and “have no effect on the City of Natchitoches.”

Let's be clear—those claims are misleading, and here's why:

✘ Myth: “This won't affect the City of Natchitoches.”

✅ **Fact:** It absolutely will.

The City's contract with Waste Connections Bayou Inc. clearly states that if the disposal site changes and costs go up, those increases are passed on to customers. By shutting down the Parish transfer station, the City's trash will now have to be hauled to a more distant landfill—requiring more trucks, more fuel, and more staff.

➡ **Expected result: Monthly rates for City residents will increase by \$6–\$8, and commercial rates will rise as well.**

✘ Myth: “This plan will save taxpayers money.”

✅ **Fact:** There may be a small short-term savings on paper—but it doesn't include the full cost of equipment, fuel, staffing, insurance, or risk the Parish is taking on by servicing over 30 rural locations themselves.

The long-term cost could be **much higher**—both in dollars and in service quality.

🤝 We Want to Work Together—But Haven't Been Given the Chance

Waste Connections Bayou Inc. is ready and willing to collaborate for the benefit of our community.

This rushed decision will increase costs, create service disruptions, and burden both Parish and City residents unnecessarily.

What Can You Do?

- Attend the next Parish Council meeting:
 - 📍 *Room 211, Natchitoches Courthouse*
 - 📅 *Monday, June 16th at 5:30 PM*
 - Contact your Parish Council representative and Parish President
 - Share this information with friends and neighbors
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We've been your trusted provider for two decades. We're here to serve—and to speak up when decisions are being made without all the facts.

Thank you for standing with us,
The Waste Connections Bayou Inc. Team