

Dear Valued Customer:

On March 16th, 2010 the Gresham City Council authorized increases in solid waste collection rates. The new rates will go into effect on June 1, 2010. The City's annual financial review concluded that current rates do not adequately cover the cost of providing garbage and recycling collection services.

**Why are rates increasing?**

The major factors driving the rate change are increases in garbage tip fees at regional solid waste transfer stations and the loss of revenues associated with the sale of recyclables collected within the City of Gresham during the recent economic downturn. Collection rates were last raised in 2008 in conjunction with the distribution of the new recycling roll carts.

**How can you control your rates?**

Your service includes weekly collection of garbage, recyclable materials and yard debris.

Increasing the amount of material you recycle may allow you to use a smaller garbage can or cart, which would reduce your monthly rate. As a reminder, here are the materials that you may recycle in the curbside program:

*In Your Recycling Roll Cart*

Newspaper  
Magazines & catalogs  
Miscellaneous paper  
Phone books  
Cardboard  
Aluminum & steel cans  
Plastic bottles & milk jugs  
Aerosol cans  
Small scrap metal  
Plastic Tubs/Buckets (NEW!)

*On the Side*

Glass bottles & jars (in a curby/bin)  
Motor Oil (in a milk jug)

**PLEASE REMEMBER: No Plastic Bags and Keep Glass  
on the Side!**

Most recycling carts are now picked up by a truck with an automated collection arm and proper placement is needed for the arm to function effectively. To ensure safe and efficient service of your recycling roll cart, please pay attention to the following:

- only put your recycling roll cart out when it is full
- place your cart 3 feet away from mailboxes and other garbage, yard debris, and recycling containers and 10 feet away from cars, trees, basketball hoops and other large stationary items
- place your roll cart so that it is facing the street with handle towards your house
- follow the instruction provided on the lid of your recycling roll cart

Once you are sure that you are recycling everything from the list above, you may want to review your service level to be sure it is correct for the amount of garbage you generate. Please call us at 503-257-3993 if you have questions about your service or would like more information about recycling.

***(Residential Rate Table on Back)***

**Weekly Service (one can or cart)**

<i>Garbage Service Level</i>	<i>Yard Debris Service Level</i>	<i>Old Monthly Rate</i>	<i>New Monthly Rate</i>
20-gallon can	32-gallon can	\$20.40	<b>\$23.95</b>
20-gallon can	60-gallon cart	\$23.25	<b>\$26.80</b>
20 -gallon cart	32-gallon cart	\$21.45	<b>\$25.00</b>
20 -gallon cart	60 -gallon cart	\$24.30	<b>\$27.85</b>
32-gallon can	32-gallon can	\$23.75	<b>\$27.55</b>
32-gallon can	60-gallon cart	\$26.60	<b>\$30.40</b>
35-gallon cart	32-gallon can	\$25.10	<b>\$28.90</b>
35-gallon cart	60-gallon cart	\$27.95	<b>\$31.75</b>
60-gallon cart	32-gallon can	\$32.25	<b>\$36.40</b>
60-gallon cart	60-gallon cart	\$35.10	<b>\$39.25</b>
90-gallon cart	32-gallon can	\$36.20	<b>\$40.80</b>
90-gallon cart	60-gallon cart	\$39.05	<b>\$43.65</b>

**Once-per-Month Service**

<i>Garbage Service Level</i>	<i>Yard Debris Service Level</i>	<i>Old Monthly Rate</i>	<i>New Monthly Rate</i>
32-gallon can	32-gallon can	\$13.50	<b>\$15.25</b>
35-gallon cart	32-gallon can	\$14.50	<b>\$16.25</b>

Additional rate information may be found on the City of Gresham's website at:  
<http://www.greshamoregon.gov>

**Thanks for Recycling!**  
**Waste Connections / Arrow Sanitary / American Sanitary**  
**503-257-1331**  
**[www.wasteconnectionspx.com](http://www.wasteconnectionspx.com)**