

## Empire Disposal Inc.

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### RATE INCREASE NOTICE FOR RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE SERVICE

Dear Customer:

September 15, 2010

Empire Disposal Inc. has filed a request for a rate increase with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC). The last general rate increase was approved by the UTC May 1, 2008. Since that time the Company has experienced increases in operating costs in the areas of labor, employee benefits, fuel, parts and equipment amongst other categories which it now seeks to update in rates.

If approved, the proposed rates will be effective November 1, 2010. The rate per month will increase as follows:

	Proposed		
	Current Rate	Increase	Proposed Rate
<b>Residential:</b>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Per Month</u>
Mini Can	12.40	1.10	13.50
1-32 Gallon Can	15.24	1.35	16.59
2-32 Gallon Can	21.54	1.91	23.45
1-65 Gallon Cart	22.96	2.04	25.00
1-90 Gallon Cart	28.67	2.55	31.22
1-32 Gallon Can once per month	9.66	.86	10.52
Occasional Extra Unit	3.62	.32	3.94
Services not listed will increase by 8.89 %			

If you have any questions regarding this increase, please contact Empire Disposal between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The commission has the authority to set final rates that may be either lower or higher from the Company's request, depending on the results of its investigation. Commission staff will make a recommendation to the commissioners at an open meeting in Olympia, which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on October 28, 2010. You will have an opportunity to comment in person at this meeting. If you are unable to attend the open meeting, the commission has a bridge line which enables you to participate or listen by telephone. Call 360-664-1234 for instructions the day before the open meeting. You can also comment by using the "Public Comment" feature at the commission's Web site at [utc.wa.gov](http://utc.wa.gov) or by using the contact information below.

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Sincerely,

Management  
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