

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

November 21, 2022, 7:00 pm City of San Mateo City Council Chambers 330 West 20th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403



HOW SOLID WASTE RATES ARE DETERMINED

The total cost of the solid waste program includes those for collection services provided by Recology San Mateo County (Recology), processing and disposal services provided by the South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA), and City fees that support the City's sustainability goals and efforts to meet all regulatory compliance mandates. These include street sweeping, trash capture capital costs, and landfill closure costs. Customer rates are adjusted as required to generate enough revenue to cover the cost of the provided services. These services are available to or provided as a benefit to all City of San Mateo residents and commercial businesses. Recommended rates are reviewed by the South Bayside Waste Management Authority Board of Directors based on a financial evaluation of operating costs and projected revenues. Single family residential bills are based on the size of your solid waste cart and covers the cost of collecting solid waste, recycling, and organic material. Commercial and multi-family bills are based on the size of your solid waste container and frequency of collection (e.g., 1 time per week, 2 times per week) and covers the cost of collecting solid waste and recycling. In addition, commercial and multi-family bills include a charge for organic material collections based on the size and frequency of collection of your organic material container.

PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

The proposed change is directly related to the following causes: the need to set residential rates to cover the cost of the actual services provided; current costs do not cover the cost of the services; the 2021 revenue shortfall; and the increased cost associated with the mandates of State Senate Bill 1383 requiring all commercial businesses, multi-family and single family residents to recycle all organic waste to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Mandatory recycling of clean organic waste is the next step toward achieving California's greenhouse gas emission goals. Greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the decomposition of organic wastes in landfills have been identified as a significant source of emissions contributing to global climate change. The City is mandated by the State to divert organic debris from landfills and therefore faces severe financial penalties if it does not. Organic waste such as green materials and food materials are recyclable through composting and mulching, and through anaerobic digestion.

IMPACT OF PROPOSED INCREASE ON SOLID WASTE BILLS

The following chart illustrates the monthly rates, including all City fees, for residential services and the most common service level rates for commercial customers. Residential and commercial cart rate increases for 20- and 32-gallon carts will increase \$4.00 and 64- and 96-gallon cart rates will increase \$2.00. Commercial metal bin service rates will remain flat. Commercial Organic Collection is offered at a 25% discounted rate from the cost of the commercial garbage rates. The full rate schedule, including all commercial services, is available for review at www.cityofsanmateo.org/SolidWasteRates or at the City Clerk's Office at 330 West 20th Avenue, San Mateo.

Residential Garbage Collection (Single family homes are billed quarterly)

Size of Collection Cart/Bin	2022 Current Monthly Rate	Proposed 2023 Monthly Rate	Monthly Difference
20 Gallon Cart	\$19.59	\$23.59	\$4.00
32 Gallon Cart	\$28.93	\$32.93	\$4.00
64 Gallon Cart	\$56.93	\$58.93	\$2.00
96 Gallon Cart	\$87.08	\$89.08	\$2.00

Recology provides additional services upon request that are not included in the City's solid waste collection rate. Additional services include backyard or distance service, additional carts, and extra on-call pickups of bulk items. The fees for optional services will appear on the customer's Recology San Mateo County bill as separate line items in addition to the standard cost of collection. A complete list of all the additional services and their 2022 cost is available at www.cityofsanmateo.org/SolidWasteRates or at the City Clerk's Office located at 330 W. 20th Avenue, San Mateo. For Questions, please call the City of San Mateo, Public Works Department at 650-522-7346.

Commercial Garbage Cart Collection (Assuming service one time per week, commercial customers billed monthly)

Size of Collection Cart/Bin	2022 Current Monthly Rate	Proposed 2023 Monthly Rate	Monthly Difference
Commercial Cart Rates			
20 Gallon Cart	\$23.49	\$25.49	\$2.00
32 Gallon Cart	\$35.18	\$37.18	\$2.00
64 Gallon Cart	\$64.26	\$64.26	\$0.00
96 Gallon Cart	\$94.47	\$94.47	\$0.00
Commercial Rates			
1 Yard	\$170.18	\$170.18	\$0.00
2 Yard	\$340.45	\$340.45	\$0.00
3 Yard	\$510.65	\$510.65	\$0.00
6 Yard	\$1,021.31	\$1,021.31	\$0.00

PROPOSED INCREASE FOR SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING/COMPOST COLLECTION FOR RATE YEAR 2023

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The City of San Mateo is currently considering an increase to the charges set by the City and collected by Recology for solid waste/recycling/compost collection and disposal. You are receiving this notice because City records indicate that you are a Recology customer in the city.

On November 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the San Mateo City Council will hold a Public Hearing to accept public input and testimony on a proposed increase on the maximum allowable charge for solid waste/recycling/compost collection and disposal, to be effective January 1, 2023. Any interested person may present verbal or written input to the City Council. Although the City Council will consider all input, State law provides that only the written protests of property owners may be counted to determine whether a majority protest (50% of all parcels +1) to the proposed maximum exists. If, at the conclusion of the public hearing, a majority protest of property owners does not exist, the City Council will consider adoption of the proposed increase in the maximum allowable charges.

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HOW TO PROTEST THE RATE INCREASE

A property owner or Recology customer may submit a written protest to the proposed increase in maximum rates to be charged by the City's franchisee by U.S. mail, to be received prior to the meeting date, or hand delivered to the City Clerk, at any time before the end of the public hearing. The City Clerk's address is: 330 West 20th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403. Only one protest per parcel will be counted. Written protest must include the owner or customer's name, service address, assessor's parcel number (the nine-digit number that appears on your property tax statement) and the owner's or customer's signature for the property served. While protests may not be submitted by electronic means such as email or texts, as they are not an official rate protest mechanism under Proposition 218, the City values all residential input and will read all correspondence regarding rates.

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