Solid Waste Resources for County Franchised Area
Collection and processing service contacts and additional contact information for other services in your area include:

Recology San Mateo County
Garbage and Recycling Collection
www.recology.com/recology-san-mateo-county
(650) 595-3900

County of San Mateo Office of Sustainability
For more information on rates visit:
www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection, or call our hotline at 1-888-442-2666.

SBWMA (Joint Powers Authority) for Garbage and Recycling
www.rethinkwaste.org
(650) 802-3500

Sheriffs Office – Non Emergencies
(650) 599-1536

Environmental Health
Toxics and Hazardous Waste
(650) 372-6200

Planning and Building
Code Compliance Section
(650) 363-4825 or email: codecomplaint@smcgov.org

Illegal Dumping
To report illegal dumping please download the app (See Click Fix) or use the online system for reporting:

For additional rate information please visit www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/

This notice is to advise property owners of the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors’ (Board) proceedings to set rates for garbage and recyclables collection services in the unincorporated franchised area within the South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) service area, and this notice is, therefore, given in accordance with Proposition 218 and Article XIIID of the California Constitution.

Please take a survey regarding your garbage and recycling services www.surveymonkey.com/r/JNZS9B
GARBAGE AND RECYCLABLES COLLECTION SERVICE IN THE COUNTY FRANCHISED AREA

Garbage and recyclables collection services to properties in the County Franchised Area are provided through a Franchise Agreement between the County of San Mateo and Recology San Mateo County (Recology). The County Franchised Area includes the following areas: Burlingame, Belmont, San Mateo Highlands and Baywood Park (Crystal Springs area), Harbor Industrial, Devonshire Canyon, Palomar Park, Oak Knoll, Kensington Square, Emerald Lake Hills, Sequoia Tract, Peninsula Golf Club, and Trailer Ranch.

The County Ordinance Code ("Title 4, Sanitation and Health, Chapter 4.04 Garbage Collection and Disposal") Section 4.04.360 defines the minimum residential service levels in the Franchised Area. The minimum charge to each parcel will be calculated based on Sections 4.04.360 (a) – (d) and the garbage rates applicable to the Franchised Area as:

- Residential parcels (one to four dwelling units), one (1): - 20-gallon cart or cubic yard equivalent per dwelling unit.
- Apartment House parcels (more than four dwelling units), one (1): - 32-gallon cart or cubic yard equivalent per dwelling unit.
- Mixed Residential/Commercial and Industrial parcels: one (1): - 32-gallon cart or cubic yard equivalent per dwelling unit and one (1): - 32-gallon cart or cubic yard equivalent per business.

SOUTH BAYSIDES WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA), also known as Rethinkwaste.org, is comprised of 12 member agencies. Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, the City of San Mateo, the County of San Mateo, and the West Bay Sanitary District. Each member agency has its own franchise agreement with Recology for garbage and recycling collection services within their jurisdictions. The SBWMA provides coordinated waste management related staff services to member agencies, and manages the operations of the Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos.

PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

The SBWMA compiled data from the Recology compensation application, data from South Bay Recycling (Shoreway Environmental Center operator), and information regarding member agency fees and other associated costs into a consolidated rate report. You can review the report at www.rethinkwaste.org/uploads/media_items/092718-full-packet-rs.original.pdf pages 73-128. To make adjustments for the 2019 rate year, Recology was required to submit a contractor’s compensation application based on actual services provided in 2018, the reconciliation of the actual revenue received and the estimated costs for providing services in 2019.

The Office of Sustainability conducted an analysis of the rates over the next five years based on the SBWMA 2019 Rate Report, the projections of costs, the indices used for cost adjustments (fuel, CPI etc.), and the revenue collected from commercial and residential accounts customers. Based on this analysis, a 5.0% increase for the smaller residential carts (20 and 32-gallon size) is needed to better align those rates to the cost of providing the services. All other solid waste and recycling rates for 64 and 96-gallon carts and commercial cart/bin services in the area would remain at the same level as adopted by the Board in 2018.

The County’s approach to rate setting is more conservative, gradually increasing rates over time rather than relying on large rate increases as costs change from year to year. Our analysis identifies known factors that will increase costs in the next few years such as a projected increase in the disposal rate associated with a new landfill disposal contract, and a projected increase in costs for the amended recology collection contract (10% - 12% for the new landfill contract and 8.3% + fuel CPI for recology amended contract). These two large increases to costs support the need for a rate increase in CY 2019 to avoid large future rates increases.

The County has established a minimum curbside service levels for CFA in County Ordinance Code Section 4.04.360. For a residential parcel (one to four units), a parcel must subscribe to one-20-gallon cart. The current rate for a 20-gallon cart is $32.05, and the proposed rate is $33.65. This represents an increase of $1.60 per month per cart.

The current rate for residential parcels with a 32-gallon cart is $38.09, and the proposed rate is $39.99 per month per cart. This represents an increase of $1.90 per month from the current rate adopted in 2018. Large carts (64 and 96 gallon) and Commercial rates will not increase. The recommended proposed rates would be effective February 1, 2019.

Unscheduled Services are generally those additional services that are specifically requested and paid for by the ratepayer, in addition to the basic collection service charges. The franchise agreement allowed for a CPI increase to the Unscheduled Services Fees. These Unscheduled Services Fees are effective January 1, 2019.

WHAT DO THE PROPOSED GARBAGE AND RECYCLABLES RATES PAY FOR?

- Residential weekly curbside collection for garbage, recycling and organics
- Commercial weekly collection for garbage and recycling
- Used motor oil and oil filter collection
- Two free “On-Call” bulky item pick-ups This service is a scheduled service.
- Curbside cell phone and battery collection Reminder: Batteries should not be placed inside your blue cart. Place on top of black cart in a clear plastic bag.
- Holiday Tree recycling
- Free Adult Mattress recycling at Shoreway for residents
- Free Electronic and small appliance recycling at Shoreway
- Once-per-year free confidential document shredding event
- Energy-efficient, cleaner emission garbage and recycling collection trucks
- Operation of the Shoreway Environmental Center for waste and recycling

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Supervisors has scheduled a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. in the Board Chambers, located in the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, California, to consider adopting a resolution for the proposed garbage and recyclables collection service rates for the County franchised area. The proposed rates are listed in this notice and on the website for the Board’s Agenda for their meeting: https://sanmateocounty.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx.

The Public Hearing will be open to the public and anyone interested may appear and be heard on this matter or submit a written statement. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing on January 29, 2019, the Board will consider adopting the resolution setting garlic and recyclables collection service rates for the County Franchised Area.

Any property owner in the County Franchised Area may file a written protest against the proposed rate increases. Although the Board will consider all input, State law provides that only written protests from property owners may be counted to determine whether a majority protest to the proposed increase exists. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors must receive a written protest not later than the closing of the Public Hearing specified above to be counted. If a majority protest exists, the Board cannot impose the increased rates. If, at the conclusion of the Public Hearing, a majority protest of property owners does not exist, the Board will consider adoption of the proposed rates.

The written protest must include the property owner’s name, property address, tax assessor’s parcel number, and the property owner’s signature. Written protests may be hand delivered or mailed to the Clerk of the Board at 400 County Center, Redwood City, California 94063. No more than one protest per parcel may be submitted.