

**PROPOSED GARBAGE AND RECYCLABLES COLLECTION RATES IN THE COUNTY FRANCHISED AREA WITHIN THE SOUTH BAYSIDE WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY SERVICE AREA, EXCLUSIVE OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 8 (NORTH FAIR OAKS AREA) AND WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT**

**Effective: January 1, 2024**

**Table 1. Residential Garbage Curbside Collection Rates <sup>1,2.</sup>**

Quantity	Size of the Garbage Container	Frequency of Pick-Up	Current Rate (\$/month)	Proposed Rate (\$/month)
1	20-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$36.74	\$41.74
1	32-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$43.67	\$49.61
1	64-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$64.43	\$73.19
1	96-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$88.00	\$99.97

- The rates in Table 1. Residential (one to four dwelling units) include collection for all three (3) curbside carts, including: one (1) - garbage cart, one (1) - 64-gallon recycling cart, and one (1)-96-gallon compost cart. The rate for curbside service is based upon the size of the garbage cart size. Additional residential recycling or compost carts will be subject to the service fees as listed on the County website at [www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/](http://www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/)
- Carts that are not located within five (5) feet of the road right-of-way will incur additional service charges by Recology San Mateo County based upon the distance of the cart to the right-of-way in the road as listed in the Exhibit B (Unscheduled Service Fees) at [www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/](http://www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/)

**Table 2. Commercial Garbage Collection Rates <sup>1,2.</sup>  
(Regularly Scheduled Weekly Service)**

Quantity	Size of the Garbage Container	Frequency of Pick-Up	Current Rate (\$/month)	Proposed Rate (\$/month)
1	32-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$36.74	\$41.74
1	64-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$64.43	\$73.19
1	96-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$88.00	\$99.97
1	1-yard bin	1 x per week	\$226.22	\$256.99
1	2-yard bin	1 x per week	\$429.25	\$487.63
1	3-yard bin	1 x per week	\$477.99	\$543.00
1	4-yard bin	1 x per week	\$637.36	\$724.04
1	6-yard bin	1 x per week	\$790.13	\$897.59
1	8-yard bin	1 x per week	\$1,053.45	\$1,196.72
1	9-yard bin or box	1 x per week	\$1,185.14	\$1,346.32
1	15-yard bin or box	1 x per week	\$1,975.24	\$2,243.87
1	20-yard bin or box	1 x per week	\$2,633.66	\$2,991.84
1	30-yard bin or box	1 x per week	\$3,950.48	\$4,487.75
1	40-yard bin or box	1 x per week	\$5,267.31	\$5,983.66

- Commercial Service (five (5) or more residential dwellings or commercial) only includes a blue recycling cart/bin. For additional services/rates please visit the website a [www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/](http://www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/)
- Recology curbside commercial collection services is within 51 feet of the right-of-way of the road. Bins or Carts located 51 feet or more from the road right-of-way, will incur additional service charges by Recology, based on the distance of servicing the Carts or Bins to the right-of-way.

For a complete list of all of the proposed rates please visit [www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/](http://www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/)



**OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY**  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

**SOLID WASTE RESOURCES FOR COUNTY FRANCHISED AREA CUSTOMERS**

**RECOLOGY SAN MATEO COUNTY GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION**  
[www.recology.com/recology-san-mateo-county/](http://www.recology.com/recology-san-mateo-county/)  
(650) 595-3900

**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY**  
For more information on rates visit:  
**Curbside Collection - SMC Office of Sustainability**  
([smcsustainability.org](http://smcsustainability.org)) or call our hotline at  
1-888-442-2666

**SBWMA (JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY) FOR GARBAGE AND RECYCLING**  
[www.rethinkwaste.org](http://www.rethinkwaste.org)  
(650) 802-3500

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE - NON EMERGENCIES**  
(650) 363-4911, extension 1

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TOXICS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM**  
[www.smchealth.org/eh](http://www.smchealth.org/eh) or call (650) 372-6200

**PLANNING AND BUILDING COUNTY CODE COMPLIANCE SECTION**  
(650) 363-4825 or email: [codecomplaint@smcgov.org](mailto:codecomplaint@smcgov.org)

**ILLEGAL DUMPING**  
To report illegal dumping please download the app (See Click Fix) or use the online system for reporting:  
[www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/illegal-dumping-litter](http://www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/illegal-dumping-litter)

**CONTACT US**  
For additional information regarding the proposed rates, visit: [www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection](http://www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/), or contact the **Office of Sustainability** at 1-(888) 442-2666, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN GARBAGE AND RECYCLABLES COLLECTION SERVICE RATES**  
County Franchised Area  
(Burlingame to Menlo Park)  
effective January 1, 2024

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 (County Franchised Area). Adoption of the rates will result in property related charges, and this notice is, therefore, given in accordance with Proposition 218 and Article XIID of the California Constitution.

**Please take a survey regarding your garbage and recycling services**  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/36V5NQB](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/36V5NQB)

## 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 Hills, 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 Rancho.

The County Ordinance Code ("Title 4, Sanitation and Health, Chapter 4.04 Solid Waste Collection, Transport, Storage, and Disposal") Section 4.04.340-4.04.380 defines the minimum residential and commercial service levels in the Franchised Area.

## SOUTH BAYSIDE WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

The South Bay Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) is a joint powers authority formed by eleven local government jurisdictions. This authority owns and manages the Shoreway Environmental Center and provides oversight and support of service providers that collect, process, and dispose of materials. Recology San Mateo County (Recology) is the current franchise holder and provides solid waste collection services to County Service Area No. 8 (CSA-8) and the County Franchised Area (CFA) within the SBWMA service area (Burlingame to Menlo Park). You can visit their website for more information about the agency [rethinkwaste.org](http://rethinkwaste.org)

Year 2024 in CFA. The final report was adopted by the SBWMA Board on September 28, 2023, and can be viewed by visiting the [rethinkwaste.org](http://rethinkwaste.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SBWMA-BOD-PACKET-09282023.pdf) for more details about the process and the report at [rethinkwaste.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SBWMA-BOD-PACKET-09282023.pdf](http://rethinkwaste.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SBWMA-BOD-PACKET-09282023.pdf)

The County sets the rates for solid waste collection to meet the projected SBWMA costs for the service area. The Residential and commonly used Commercial bin or cart proposed rates for calendar year (CY) 2024 are listed in this notice. For all other proposed bin or cart rates, and other unscheduled services, please visit our website at [www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/](http://www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/) The proposed rate for one 20-gallon garbage cart for one to four residential dwelling units will increase \$5.00 per month, representing an increase in monthly charges from \$36.74 to \$41.74 per month. The proposed rate change for a 32-gallon garbage cart will increase \$5.94 per month, representing an increase in monthly charges from \$43.67 to \$49.61 per month. The recommended rates will continue to reflect a 5 percent franchise fee that will be paid to the County from Recology to administer these programs.

The garbage services at your home or business include two cost components: (1) processing and disposal at the Shoreway Environmental Center; and (2) the Recology curbside collection services. The SBWMA 2024 Rate Report indicates a 19.3 percent rate increase is needed to cover both cost components in CFA. For the 2024 rate year, a significant portion of the rate increase is because of a new contract and contractor (South Bay Industries) is operating the Shoreway Environmental Center and the indices (e.g.: fuel price index, labor) used for Recology collection services. At the September 28, 2023, SBWMA Board meeting, the Board approved a one-time reduction in costs using the SBWMA Rate Stabilization Reserve, reducing the overall shortfall for this rate year, reflecting a need for a 17.2 percent rate increase for CFA. The County further assessed the costs and proposed a strategy to meet these revenue requirements. The first is to exercise in the Recology Amended and Restated Franchise Agreement the Recology Carry Forward contract provision. This provision will cap a few of Recology indices for collection costs in 2024 and carry forward the balance to the subsequent rate year (2025). The County also identified in the SBWMA Rate Report a revenue shortfall (\$96,240.) for Calendar Year 2022, this shortfall will be paid using a County Non-General Fund Reserve for CFA. The final strategy to address the costs/revenue shortfall is to increase the garbage rates over a two-year period rather than one to meet the new costs/revenue requirements. The remaining cost increase would be included in the 2025 rate application process.

The recommended proposed rate increase of 13.6 percent would be effective on January 1, 2024. Recology will bill for any additional elective services. Residential and Commercial parcels will continue to be billed directly by Recology for all garbage services.

Unscheduled Services terms are part of the Amended Franchise Agreement with Recology and they are considered additional elective services that are specifically requested for and paid for by the ratepayers. Any Unscheduled Services requested by the customer, Recology will bill directly to the customer, and these service rates are effective January 1, 2024. These Unscheduled Services fees are not property related fees and, therefore, not subject to the Proposition 218 rate setting requirements.

## PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

The adoption of the annual garbage and recyclables collection rates for County Franchised Area (CFA) follows a Proposition 218 rate-setting process. This includes setting a hearing date, holding a public hearing, and adopting the final rates for the calendar year. The rates specified in this notice have been calculated based on the cost and revenue data published by the SBWMA in the "SBWMA Final Report Reviewing-The 2024 Recology San Mateo County Compensation Application" dated September 21, 2023 (referred to as SBWMA 2024 Rate Report). These rates have been modified, as deemed necessary, to meet the financial requirements for providing garbage and recyclables collection services for Calendar

## 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**
- ▶ **Free used motor oil and oil filter collection for Residents**
- ▶ **Two free "On-Call" bulky item pick-ups**  
*This service is a scheduled service (Feb-Dec).*
- ▶ **Curbside cell phone and battery collection**  
*Reminder: Batteries should not be placed inside your cart. Place on top of black cart into a clear plastic bag.*
- ▶ **Holiday tree recycling during the month of January**
- ▶ **Free mattress recycling at Shoreway Environmental Center**
- ▶ **Free electronics and small appliance recycling at Shoreway Environmental Center**
- ▶ **Free confidential document shredding events**
- ▶ **Energy-efficient, cleaner emission garbage and recycling collection trucks**
- ▶ **Operation of the Shoreway Environmental Center for solid waste and recycling processing.**

## PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Supervisors has scheduled a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 9:45 a.m. as a hybrid meeting (in person or online) to consider adopting a resolution for the proposed garbage and recyclables collection service rates for CFA. The proposed rates are partially listed in this notice and on the website for the Board's Agenda for their meeting. You can also find a complete list of the proposed rates at [www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/](http://www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/)

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), the board meeting will be a hybrid meeting, open to the public for both in person participation and via Zoom online meeting format. Anyone interested may appear in person or via Zoom and be heard on this matter or may submit a written statement to the Clerk of the Board. To view the Zoom meeting please visit [sanmateocounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx](http://sanmateocounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx), choose the calendar item by date (January 23, 2024). The link for the Zoom or in person meeting will be published on Friday January 19, 2024. You can also send a written statement to the Clerk of the Board, via email to [boardfeedback@smcgov.org](mailto:boardfeedback@smcgov.org) or via mail to: Clerk of the Board, 1st Floor, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

Any property owner in CFA 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 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 service address, assessor's parcel number (tax assessor's parcel number), and the property owner's signature.** Written protests may be hand delivered or mailed to: Clerk of the Board, 1st Floor, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. No more than one protest per parcel may be submitted.