Protesting Solid Waste Services Rate Increases Under Proposition 218

Any property owner or tenant of a parcel in the County Franchised Area may file a written protest against the proposed rate increases; however, only one written protest per parcel will be counted, regardless of whether it is submitted by the owner or a tenant.

Written protests must be submitted before the end of the January 12, 2027 hearing.

To be counted, written protests must be submitted by mail or by email and be recieved prior to the close of the public hearing January 12, 2027:

- Mail: Clerk of the Board, 500 County Center, 5th Fl, Redwood City, CA 94063
- Email: boardfeedback@smcgov.org

Include all of the following on your protest:

- Property owner or tenant's name
- Service address
- Parcel number
- Property owner or tenant's signature

Accessibility

For disability-related accommodations or alternative formats, contact
Kim Boverio, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Email: kboverio@smcgov.org
Phone: (650) 363-1802

Advance notification enables the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility. Accommodations requests must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. the day before the hearing.

Written Protest Form

◯ PROPERTY OWNER ◯ TENANT PARCEL NUMBER _____

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OWNER/TENANT NAME

SERVICE ADDRESS

_____

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I am hereby submitting a written protest to the proposed solid waste rate increases.
By signing below, I certify that the contents of this protest are true and correct.

_____ _____
SIGNATURE DATE

SAN MATEO COUNTY
Sustainability Department

455 County Center, 4th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

Important Notification of Proposed Rate Increases for Solid Waste Services.

2026 Public Hearing

The Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing to consider adopting the proposed solid waste collection services rates for the County Franchised Area. The proposed rates for the most commonly used services are listed in this notice. The complete list of proposed rates are available on the Board meeting agenda website, and at https://sustainsmc.org/rates.

HEARING DATE

Tuesday, January 12, 2027

9:30 A.M.

LOCATION

San Mateo County Government Center
500 County Center
Chambers, 1st Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

Meeting options: The Board meeting will be a hybrid meeting, open to the public for both in-person participation and via Zoom online meeting format.

For online participation: https://sanmateocounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

The link for the Zoom meeting will be published on https://sanmateocounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

Notice of Proposed Rate Increase for Solid Waste Services

This notice is to advise property owners of the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors' (Board) proceedings to set rates for solid waste collection services in the County Franchised Area. This notice is given in accordance with Proposition 218 and Article XIIID of the California Constitution as adoption of the rates will result in property-related charges.

Este aviso es para aconsejar a los propietarios de los procedimientos de la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de San Mateo a establecer tarifas para los servicios de recolección de residuos sólidos en el área franquiciada del Condado. Este aviso se da de acuerdo con la Proposición 218 y el Artículo XIIID de la Constitución de California, ya que la adopción de las tarifas resultará en cargos relacionados con la propiedad.

本通知旨在告知圣马特奥县各房产业主，县监事会（Board of Supervisors，简称"监事会"）拟就县特许经营区域生活垃圾清运服务费率 开展审议程序。因本次费率一经通过将产生与不动产相关的收费，本通知依据 《218 号提案》(Proposition 218) 及《加州宪法》(California Constitution) 第 12(D) 条予以发布

This letter is available in English at sustainsmc.org/rates

Esta carta está disponible en español en sustainsmc.org/rates

这封信的简体中文版可在以下网址获取 sustainsmc.org/rates

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Sustainability Department

@sustainSMC

Proposed Rate Increase

Solid waste service rates for the County Franchised Area are set through a Proposition 218 process, which includes a public hearing before adoption. The proposed 2027 rates are based on cost and revenue data from the RethinkWaste 2027 Rate Report, formally titled “SBWMA Final Report Reviewing the 2027 Recology San Mateo County Compensation Application” (dated on September 11, 2026). These rates were adjusted as needed to meet CFA’s 2027 service costs. The RethinkWaste Board approved the final report on September 17, 2026. View it at: https://rethinkwaste.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/1_AGENDA_BOD_09172026_FINAL-1.pdf

The County sets the rates for solid waste collection to meet the projected costs for the service area for the following year. The proposed rates for the most utilized services are listed in this notice. For all other proposed bin or cart rates, and other unscheduled services, please visit our website at sustainsmc.org/rates. The recommended rates will continue to reflect a 5 percent franchise fee that will be paid to the County by Recology to administer garbage programs and contract oversight for the County Franchised Area.

The recommended rate increase of 1.2 percent, if adopted by the Board, will take effect on January 1, 2027.

Additional Services terms are part of the Amended and Restated Franchise Agreement. They are considered additional elective services that are specifically requested and paid for by the customer. Rates for Additional Services terms will take effect January 1, 2027. Recology will bill the customer directly for any Additional Services requested by the customer. Additional Services rates are not property-related and are therefore not subject to the Proposition 218 rate setting requirements.

Solid Waste Collection Service in County Franchised Area

The County holds a franchise agreement with Recology San Mateo County for collection of garbage, recyclables, and organic waste in County Franchised Area.

RethinkWaste

RethinkWaste, also known as the South Bayside Waste Management Authority 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 waste materials.

Proposed Solid Waste Collection Rates for the County Franchised Area

Effective: January 1, 2027

Solid Waste Collection Rates (1–4 residential dwelling units per parcel)

Quantity	Size of the Garbage Container	Frequency of Pick-Up	Current Rates ($/month)	Proposed Rate ($/month)
1	20-gallon cart	1 x per week	$45.62	$46.16
1	30-gallon cart	1 x per week	$54.22	$54.87
1	64-gallon cart	1 x per week	$80.00	$80.96
1	96-gallon cart	1 x per week	$109.27	$110.58

Customers that receive a level of service greater than the minimum level of service as shown above shall be charged the rates shown in Table 2a and Table 3 for their specific level of service. Please visit sustainsmc.org/rates for tables 2a and 3.

Cart/Bin Solid Waste Collection Rates for Mixed Residential and Multi-family Dwellings Over Four Units (Regularly Scheduled Weekly Service)

Quantity	Size of the Garbage Container	Frequency of Pick-Up	Current Rates ($/month)	Proposed Rate ($/month)
1	32-gallon cart	1 x per week	$45.62	$46.16
1	64-gallon cart	1 x per week	$80.00	$80.96
1	96-gallon cart	1 x per week	$109.27	$110.58
1	1-yard bin	1 x per week	$280.89	$284.26
1	2-yard bin	1 x per week	$532.98	$539.37
1	3-yard bin	1 x per week	$593.50	$600.62
1	4-yard bin	1 x per week	$791.38	$800.87
1	6-yard bin	1 x per week	$981.07	$992.84
1	8-yard bin	1 x per week	$1,308.01	$1,323.70
1	9-yard bin or box	1 x per week	$1,471.53	$1,489.18
1	15-yard bin or box	1 x per week	$2,452.55	$2,481.98
1	20-yard bin or box	1 x per week	$3,270.08	$3,309.32
1	30-yard bin or box	1 x per week	$4,905.11	$4,963.97
1	40-yard bin or box	1 x per week	$6,540.14	$6,618.62

Visit sustainsmc.org/rates for a complete list of proposed rates.

What Do The Rates Pay For?

- Curbside battery/cell phone collection (place in clear plastic bag atop black cart). Visit recology.com/recology-san-mateo-county/ for collection instructions.
- Free mattress, electronics, and small appliance recycling at Shoreway Environmental Center
- Free used motor oil and filter collection for residents. Visit recology.com/recology-san-mateo-county/ for collection instructions.
- Operation of the Shoreway Environmental Center for solid waste and recycling processing
- Two free on-call bulky item pick-ups per year
- Residential weekly curbside garbage, recycling, and organics collection
- Holiday tree recycling (January)
- Commercial weekly curbside garbage and recycling collection
- Compost Giveaway
- Confidential document shredding events
- Cleaner, energy-efficient collection trucks
- Customer Service

Resources

Recology San Mateo County

recology.com/recology-san-mateo-county
(650) 595-3900

RethinkWaste

rethinkwaste.org
(650) 802-3500

San Mateo County Environmental Health

smchealth.org/eh
(650) 372-6200

Report Illegal Dumping in Unincorporated San Mateo County

sustainsmc.org/illegaldumping

Contact

Sustainability Department

sustainsmc.org/rates
(888) 442-2666
Monday–Friday, 9am–4pm

