

**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, 2023**

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

Quantity	Size of the Garbage Container	Frequency of Pick-Up	Previous Rate (\$/month)	Proposed Rate (\$/month)
1	20-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$35.33	<b>\$36.74</b>
1	32-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$41.99	<b>\$43.67</b>
1	64-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$61.95	<b>\$64.43</b>
1	96-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$88.00	\$88.00

- The charges in Table 1 are 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. Additional solid waste carts will be subject to the fees as listed in the Resolution Exhibit A. Additional recycling or compost carts will be subject to the service fees as listed in the Resolution Exhibit B (Unscheduled Service Fees).
- Residential Carts that are not located within five (5) feet of the road right-of-way will incur additional service charges by Recology based upon the distance of the cart to the right-of-way in the road.

**Table 2. Commercial Garbage Collection Rates (Regularly Scheduled Weekly Service)**

Quantity	Size of the Garbage Container	Frequency of Pick-Up	Previous Rate (\$/month)	Proposed Rate (\$/month)
1	32-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$34.96	<b>\$36.74</b>
1	64-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$61.95	<b>\$64.43</b>
1	96-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$88.00	\$88.00
1	1-yard bin	1 x per week	\$226.22	\$226.22
1	2-yard bin	1 x per week	\$429.25	\$429.25
1	3-yard bin	1 x per week	\$477.99	\$477.99
1	4-yard bin	1 x per week	\$637.36	\$637.36
1	6-yard bin	1 x per week	\$790.13	\$790.13
1	8-yard bin	1 x per week	\$1,053.45	\$1,053.45
1	9-yard bin or box	1 x per week	\$1,185.14	\$1,185.14
1	15-yard bin or box	1 x per week	\$1,975.24	\$1,975.24
1	20-yard bin or box	1 x per week	\$2,633.66	\$2,633.66
1	30-yard bin or box	1 x per week	\$3,950.48	\$3,950.48
1	40-yard bin or box	1 x per week	\$5,267.31	\$5,267.31

For additional rate information please visit [www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/](http://www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/)

**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)** 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.



**OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY**  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN GARBAGE AND RECYCLABLES COLLECTION SERVICE RATES**  
County Franchised Area (Burlingame to Menlo Park) effective January 1, 2023

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 County unincorporated franchised area (CFA). 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

South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA), also known as Rethinkwaste, is comprised of 11 member agencies: 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 Recology franchise agreement allows for adjustments in Recology's compensation for providing services to the rate payers. To make adjustments for the Calendar Year (CY) 2023, Recology is required to submit a contractor's compensation application based on services provided in CY 2022, and projected costs for service in CY 2023. The SBWMA reviewed 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 "SBWMA Amended Final Report Reviewing the 2023 Recology Compensation Application, September 15, 2022" (SBWMA 2023 Rate Report).

The cost adjustments recommended in the SBWMA 2023 Rate Report is due primarily to a compensation increase based on Consumer Price indices (fuel and labor costs) and service levels adjustments for the increase in organic collection services needed for the new State Law SB1383 requirements. The report also indicated the County Franchised Area will need to increase rates to meet the projected costs for all of the services.

The Office of Sustainability conducted an analysis of the rates based upon the SBWMA 2023 Rate Report, the projection of the costs, and the current revenue collected and the surplus. Based upon this analysis the Office of Sustainability is recommending a 4.0 percent (4.0%) rate increase for 20-, 32- and 64-gallon residential cart sizes and increasing the mixed-use /commercial (32- and 64-gallon) cart sizes to better align rates to the costs of services. The County has not increased rates in this service area to meet the cost projections since February 2020. In CY 2021, the County paid the revenue shortfall indicated on the previous 2022 Rate Report of \$31,847 for Recology's services from the County Franchised Area reserves. However due to the increase in costs this CY this will not be possible for this rate year. This increase is primarily due to increases in fuel (increased 40.6%), labor costs increased (4.1%) and the new programs needed for the new State Law SB1383, staff recommends the County incrementally increase rates to begin to meet these increased costs projections.

The proposed rates for commonly used residential garbage carts are as follows; 20- gallon cart will be \$36.74 per month (\$1.41 cents increase per month), a 32-gallon garbage cart will be \$43.67 per month (\$1.68 cents increase per month) and a 64-gallon garbage cart will be \$64.43 per month (\$2.48 cents increase per month). The proposed rate for one 32-gallons cart for mixed-use/ commercial units that typically contain over four units will be \$36.74 per month (\$1.78 cents increase per month) to begin to align with the cost of service. The recommended rates will continue to reflect a five percent (5%) franchise fee that will be paid to the County from Recology for administration of these programs.

The franchise agreement also includes fees for Unscheduled Services. The Unscheduled Services are generally those additional elective services that are specifically requested and paid for by the ratepayers in addition to the basic collection service charges. These Unscheduled Services fees are not property related fees. The amended franchise agreement allows for a Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase to the Unscheduled Services Fees. The Unscheduled Service Fees for CY 2023 reflect a 4.18 percent (4.18%) CPI adjustment to the CY 2022 fees charged by Recology.

## 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 for residents
- ▶ Free electronics and small appliance recycling at Shoreway
- ▶ Free confidential document shredding events
- ▶ 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 17, 2023 at 9:30 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 Unincorporated Franchised Area (CFA). The proposed rates are listed in this notice and on the website for the Board's Agenda for their meeting.

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 <https://sanmateocounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>, choose the calendar item by date (January 17, 2023). The link for the zoom or in person meeting will be published on Friday January 13, 2023. 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 Unincorporated Franchised Area (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 assessors 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.