

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 February 1, 2020



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)
February 1, 2020

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 XIID of the California Constitution.

Please take a survey regarding your garbage and recycling services
www.surveymonkey.com/r/36V5NQB

Table 1. Residential Garbage Curbside Collection Rates*

Quantity	Size of the Container	Frequency of Pick-Up	Current Rate (\$/month)	Proposed Rate ** (\$/month)
1	20 gallon cart	1 x per week	\$33.65	\$35.33
1	32 gallon cart	1 x per week	\$39.99	\$41.99
1	64 gallon cart	1 x per week	\$61.95	\$61.95
1	96 gallon cart	1 x per week	\$88.00	\$88.00

* The rate charged for Table 1 are for all three curbside carts, including: one garbage cart, one 64-gallon recycling cart, and one 96-gallon compost cart. The rate charged for curbside service is based upon the size of the garbage cart. Additional solid waste/recycling carts will be subject to the Unscheduled Service fees.
** Residential Carts that are not located with 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.

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

Quantity	Size of the Container	Frequency of Pick-Up	Current Rate (\$/month)	Proposed Rate*** (\$/month)
1	32 gallon cart	1 x per week	\$34.96	\$34.96
1	64 gallon cart	1 x per week	\$61.95	\$61.95
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/

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
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
www.smchealth.org/hhw or call (650) 363-4718

PLANNING AND BUILDING COUNTY 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:
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, or contact the **Office of Sustainability** at 1-(888) 442-2666, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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 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)–(c) 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 BAYSIDE 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 current Recology franchise agreement allows for specific adjustments in compensation. Recology then submits a contractor's compensation application to the SBWMA for review. The 2020 application is based on services provided in 2019, the reconciliation of the revenue received for 2016-2018, and the projected revenue/costs for providing service in 2020 and 2021 and all of this data is compiled into a report. You can view the report at rethinkwaste.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/092619-SBWMA-BOD-packet-1.pdf

The SBWMA reviewed the Recology compensation application, utilizing information from Recology, including data from South Bay Recycling (Shoreway Environmental Center operator (SBR)). The SBWMA 2020 Rate Report also included projected future costs for the new contracts (collection and disposal). Recology is projected to have a marked increase in compensation from 2020 to 2021 due to the new contract, significant capital investments, and major program expenditures. In addition, SBR will have a minor increase for the calendar year and their agreement was extended by the SBWMA in 2019 through 2023.

The Office of Sustainability approach to rate setting is more conservative and conducted an analysis of the costs and rates over the next five years based on the SBWMA 2020 Rate Report, the SBWMA projections of the anticipated 2021 costs, the indices used for cost adjustments (CPI, fuel, etc.), and the current revenue collected from commercial and residential customer accounts. Based on this analysis, and now that the SBWMA has calculated the final amended new contract increases, the Office of Sustainability is recommending a 5.0% rate increase for the smaller residential carts (20 and 32-gallon sizes) to better align those rates to the cost of providing the services. All other solid waste and recycling rates for the 64 and 96-gallon carts and commercial cart/bin services in the area would remain at the same level. The proposed Rates represent the charges to provide residents and businesses with all solid waste services (recycling, organics, and garbage).

The current rate for 20-gallon cart is \$33.65, and the proposed rate is \$35.33 per month. This represents an increase of \$1.68 per month per cart. The current rate for residential parcels with a 32-gallon cart is \$39.99, and the proposed rate is \$41.99 per month per cart. This represents an increase of \$2.00 per month from the current rates adopted in 2019. Large carts (64- and 96-gallon) and Commercial bin rates will not increase. The recommended increase in cart rates would be effective on February 1, 2020 and billed directly by Recology.

The franchise agreement also includes Recology's charges for Unscheduled Services, the 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 Charges. The Unscheduled Services Charges are effective on January 1, 2020.

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 (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
- ▶ **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, February 11, 2020, at 10:15 am 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 **February 11, 2020**, the Board will consider adopting the resolution setting garbage 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 service 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.

