

**PROPOSED GARBAGE AND RECYCLABLES COLLECTION RATES
COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 8 (NORTH FAIR OAKS)**

Effective: January 1, 2024

**Table 1. Garbage and Recyclables Curbside Collection Rates¹
(1 - 4 residential dwelling units per parcel²)**

Quantity	Size of Garbage Container	Frequency of Pick-Up	Current Rates (\$/month)	Proposed Rate ³ (\$/month)
2	32-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$36.79	\$41.46
1	64-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$36.79	\$41.46

Customers that are provided with a level of service greater than the minimum level of service as shown above for garbage collection services, shall be charged the rates shown in Table 2a and Table 3 for their specific level of service. Please visit the website for tables 2a and 3 at www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/

- The rates in Table 1 Residential (one to four dwelling units) include collection for all three (3) curbside carts including: garbage cart(s), one (1) - 64-gallon recycling cart, and one (1) - 96-gallon compost cart. The rate for curbside services is based upon the size of the garbage cart. 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/
- Table 1., Minimum Level of Service Rates for 1- 4 residential dwelling units are billed on the property tax bill.
- 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 Exhibit B (Unscheduled Service Fees) found at www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/

Table 2. Cart/Bin Garbage 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 ¹⁻² (\$/month)
1	32-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$36.79	\$41.46
1	64-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$61.84	\$69.69
1	96-gallon cart	1 x per week	\$84.14	\$94.83
Quantity	Size of the Garbage Container	Frequency of Pick-Up	Current Rates (\$/month)	Proposed Rate ¹⁻² (\$/month)
1	1- yard bin	1 x per week	\$161.11	\$181.57
1	2- yard bin	1 x per week	\$322.21	\$363.13
1	3- yard bin	1 x per week	\$483.32	\$544.70
1	4- yard bin	1 x per week	\$644.43	\$726.27
1	6- yard bin	1 x per week	\$966.64	\$1,089.40
1	8- yard bin	1 x per week	\$1,288.84	\$1,452.52
1	9- yard bin or box	1 x per week	\$1,449.95	\$1,634.09
1	15- yard bin or box	1 x per week	\$2,416.58	\$2,723.49
1	20- yard bin or box	1 x per week	\$3,222.11	\$3,631.32
1	30- yard bin or box	1 x per week	\$4,833.16	\$5,446.97
1	40- yard bin or box	1 x per week	\$6,444.21	\$7,262.62

- Commercial (five (5) or more residential dwellings or commercial), 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.
- Residential (one (1)-four (4) residential dwellings) bins or carts, that are not located with five (5) feet of the right-of-way of the road, will incur additional service charges by Recology San Mateo County, based upon the distance of the bin or cart to the right-of-way as listed in the Exhibit B (Unscheduled Service Fees) found at www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/

For a complete list of all of the proposed rates please visit www.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/curbside-collection/

**SOLID WASTE RESOURCES FOR
NORTH FAIR OAKS CUSTOMERS**

**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:
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
(650) 802-3500

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

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

**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](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 Service Area No. 8
(North Fair Oaks area)
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 County Service Area No. 8 (North Fair Oaks 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

GARBAGE AND RECYCLABLES COLLECTION SERVICE IN NORTH FAIR OAKS

Garbage and recyclables collection services to properties in County Service Area No. 8 (North Fair Oaks area) are provided through a Franchise Agreement between the County of San Mateo and Recology San Mateo County (Recology). The County generates the revenue to pay the collection service provider for the minimum level of service required by the County Ordinance Codes by charging each affected parcel (any parcel containing a dwelling unit) a minimum charge for garbage and recyclables collection on their property tax bill. Commercial parcels and any additional services above the minimum charge on the property tax bill are billed directly by Recology. The County Ordinance Code ("Title 4, Sanitation and Health, Chapter 4.04 Solid Waste Collection, Transport, Storage, and Disposal") defines the Minimum Levels of Service for County Service Area No. 8 parcels as:

- ▶ **Residential parcels** one (1)-64-gallon cart or two (2)-32-gallon carts per dwelling unit.
- ▶ **Apartment House parcels** (more than four dwelling units): one (1)-32-gallon cart per dwelling unit.
- ▶ **Mixed Residential/Commercial and Industrial parcels:** one (1)-32-gallon cart per residential dwelling unit and one (1)-32-gallon cart per business.
- ▶ **Commercial parcels:** one (1)-32-gallon cart per business.

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 waste 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

PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

The adoption of the annual garbage and recyclables collection rates for CSA-8 (North Fair Oaks) 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 Year 2024 in CSA-8. The final report was adopted by the SBWMA Board on September 28, 2023, and can be viewed by visiting the 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/. The proposed rate for two 32-gallon garbage carts or one 64-gallon garbage cart for one to four residential dwelling units will increase by \$4.67 per month, representing an increase in monthly charges from \$36.79 to \$41.46. For dwellings that contain over four units, or considered a mixed-use parcel, the proposed rate increase for 32-gallon garbage carts is \$4.67 per month (an increase from \$36.79 to \$41.46 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 CSA-8. For the 2024 rate year, a significant portion of the rate increase is because of a new contract and contractor (South Bay Industries) 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 16.9 percent rate increase for CSA-8. The County further assessed the costs and proposed a strategy to meet these revenue requirements. The first is to exercise in the Recology 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 can also apply a 2021 surplus identified in the SBWMA 2024 Rate Report, and finally increase the rates over a two-year period 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 12.7 percent would be effective on January 1, 2024. The charges based on the rates will appear on the property owner's tax bill for FY 2024-25 for all parcels with dwelling units, under County Ordinance Codes 4.04.200 and 4.04.220. Recology will bill for any additional elective services. Commercial parcels without dwelling units will continue to be billed by Recology directly for all services.

Unscheduled Services terms are part of the Amended and Restated Franchise Agreement, and they are considered additional elective

services that are specifically requested 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.

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 (residents only)**
- ▶ **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 9:30 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 County Service Area No. 8 (North Fair Oaks area). 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/

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, 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 or via mail to: Clerk of the Board, 1st Floor, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

Any property owner in County Service Area No. 8 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.