

SOLID WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING DATE

The Sacramento County Department of Waste Management and Recycling is proposing a solid waste rate increase for residential customers. You are receiving this notice in compliance with Proposition 218, which requires the County to inform property owners and the customer of record that a proposed rate increase is being considered; the amount of the proposed rate increase; the reasons for the proposed increase; and, the basis on which the proposed rates were calculated.

The County is committed to providing reliable service at the lowest possible rates. The County currently provides the following services, all of which are considered the standard level of service:

- Weekly curbside collection of residential garbage
- Bi-weekly collection of green waste and recyclables, with weekly green and food waste collection starting on January 1, 2022
- Weekly curbside collection of used motor oil, used oil filters, and used cooking oil
- Once per calendar year pickup of bulky waste by appointment
- Monthly street sweeping
- Collection of illegal dumping
- Household Hazardous Waste drop-off service

HOW YOUR RATES COMPARE

CITY OF SACRAMENTO	\$42.59
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO (PROPOSED)	\$36.96
CITY OF FOLSOM	\$30.00

The rates above compare the rate charged for one 60-gallon garbage cart serviced weekly, including green waste and recycling service, to rates currently charged for similar service in other jurisdictions.

Since July 2010, the County has not raised its residential solid waste curbside collection rates. However, inflation has increased 30 percent, new services have been added to the County's operations, the cost to divert our recycling has increased, and new State legislation has significantly increased the County's current and future operating costs and capital project needs.

HOW RATES WERE CALCULATED

An independent, third party expert conducted a comprehensive rate study of the residential solid waste curbside collection services provided by the County. The study analyzed the County’s solid waste costs and corresponding service levels based on fiscal year 2020 data and developed a cost of service model to determine a fair-share allocation of costs to customers. Using this baseline model, projected future costs were allocated to develop rates that will generate the revenue needed to fund the delivery of safe, reliable, and high quality residential curbside collection services. A copy of the study is available at SacGreenTeam.com.

IF APPROVED, THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE WILL:

- Offset the cost to process recyclables and green waste collected curbside.
- Cover costs to collect residential food waste with green waste weekly, beginning January 1, 2022, as mandated by State law.
- Offset rising costs for labor, services and supplies, and equipment maintenance.

PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

The following table sets forth the proposed adjustments to the County’s monthly residential solid waste rates for the standard level of service. This includes one recycling cart and one green waste cart.

Garbage Cart	Current Rate	Feb 1, 2021	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024
30-gallon	\$19.95	\$30.37	\$31.96	\$33.69	\$35.14	\$36.38
60-gallon	\$23.55	\$36.96	\$38.65	\$40.46	\$42.02	\$43.34
90-gallon	\$30.76	\$44.55	\$46.38	\$48.30	\$49.99	\$51.43
Additional Carts (up to 90-gallon)		Feb 1, 2021	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024
Recycle Cart		\$5.25	\$5.50	\$5.65	\$5.85	\$6.05
Green Waste Cart			\$8.40*	\$11.15	\$11.70	\$12.15
*Effective on or after January 1, 2022						

SOLID WASTE LIFELINE RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

We understand that rate increases can be challenging for our customers on fixed incomes. By law, we must charge all our customers the same rate for the same service. However, we are able to offer our low-income customers monthly rebates through our Solid Waste Lifeline Rate Assistance Program.

For more information or to see if you qualify, please contact Consolidated Utilities Billing and Service at **916-875-5555**.

HOW TO PROTEST THIS RATE INCREASE

If you oppose the proposed rate increase, your protest must be submitted in writing to be considered, even if you plan to participate in the public hearing.

If written protests are submitted by a majority of customers, the proposed rate increase will not be implemented. Your written protest must be received by the December 8th public hearing.

Send written protests to: **County of Sacramento**
P.O. Box 279420
Sacramento, CA 95827-9420

Protests must include the customer's name and service address. Protests must be submitted by the property owner or a customer of record of the Sacramento County Department of Waste Management and Recycling. Sacramento County requires protests to be submitted in writing. E-mail, faxed, or photocopied letters will not be accepted.

PARTICIPATING IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will be holding a public hearing on the proposed rate increase. If you would like to voice your opinion on this matter, you may send a written comment to BoardClerk@saccounty.net or call 916-875-2500 to make a verbal comment during the hearing on:

December 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Sacramento County Administration Center, Board Chambers,
700 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Detailed instructions for commenting are available at the Board of Supervisors Public Meetings webpage.



For more information, contact: Consolidated Utilities Billing and Service at 916-875-6668, visit SacGreenTeam.com, or scan the QR code.

