

IMPORTANT NOTICE
INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSED
FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 SOLID WASTE RATES



City of Santa Clara
Department of Public Works
1700 Walsh Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS

A public hearing on these proposed increases will be held during the Santa Clara City Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The City of Santa Clara is conducting meetings in a hybrid manner (in-person and remotely).

Via Zoom:
<https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/99706759306>
Meeting ID: 997-0675-9306
Phone: 1-669-900-6833

Proposed rate increases for the Solid Waste Program (Garbage, Yard Trimmings, Cleanup Campaign, and Recycling) for Fiscal Year 2026-27 will be considered for adoption at the public hearing.

To formally protest the proposed increases you must do so in writing, as protests cannot be accepted via email, Zoom, or telephone. Written protests must be received before the close of the public hearing. To be counted, protests must be mailed or dropped off to:

City Clerk's Office - Solid Waste Rate Comments
City of Santa Clara
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Written protests must include your name, your signature, the address of the property for which you are the owner or utility customer, and the rate(s) you are protesting. If protests are received from a majority of the parcels affected by the proposed rate increase by the close of public hearing, the City Council will not impose the increase.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact the Department of Public Works at 408-615-3080.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASES
FOR UTILITY BILLS
ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2026

The City provides customers with dependable, efficient, safe, and cost-effective solid waste services for residents and businesses that call Santa Clara home.

The proposed solid waste rates were calculated using a rate study which was prepared by an independent, third-party consultant. The study provides a detailed review of the City's solid waste costs to ensure that each rate equitably captures the cost of each service. Each proposed solid waste rate was developed to include the sum of the following cost elements:

- 1) Collection costs
- 2) Processing and disposal or composting costs
- 3) City program costs

Rate increases are necessary to fund the contractually obligated compensation adjustments paid to the City's solid waste service providers.

The City will continue to implement appropriate and prudent cost-saving and cost-controlling measures to maintain the affordability of these basic services.

For more information about the City's
solid waste rates, visit
SantaClaraCA.gov/SolidWasteRates

PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

Residential, Commercial and Institutional Customers Only

The proposed rates shown below generate revenues to cover solid waste programs, which include garbage collection, processing and disposal, yard trimmings collection and processing, recyclables collection and processing, the Cleanup Campaign, street sweeping, and other solid waste program overhead and functions. The proposed rates also fund landfill post-closure maintenance and monitoring and financial system software Capital Improvement Projects. These rate increases do not apply to customers in areas zoned for industrial use.

Monthly Residential Rates: Total Monthly Rate is sum of Garbage Subscription (A1-4) plus Yard Trimmings (B), Cleanup Campaign (C), and Recycling (D).			Current Rate	FY 26-27 Proposed Rate
A1. 20-gallon Garbage Cart Charge			\$20.90	\$21.60
A2. 32-gallon Garbage Cart Charge			\$28.92	\$29.86
A3. 64-gallon Garbage Cart Charge			\$53.75	\$55.48
A4. 96-gallon Garbage Cart Charge			\$78.46	\$80.95
B. Yard Trimmings Per Unit Charge (not charged to townhomes)			\$16.37	\$17.09
C. Cleanup Campaign Charge			\$6.62	\$6.94
D. Recycling Charge/Unit Based on Once Weekly Pickup (also applied to each additional pickup)			\$8.39	\$8.65
E. Extra Garbage Bag Tags			\$7.91	\$8.31

FY 26-27 Proposed Monthly Commercial Business and Multi-Family <u>Loose</u> Garbage Bin Rate Billed by City						
Container Size	1/week	2/week	3/week	4/week	5/week	6/week
1 Cubic Yard	\$194.10	\$385.00	\$572.79	\$757.43	\$942.08	\$1,123.53
1.5 Cubic Yards	\$268.16	\$534.40	\$791.73	\$1,043.43	\$1,297.11	\$1,545.34
2 Cubic Yards	\$342.17	\$678.15	\$1,014.08	\$1,337.79	\$1,660.82	\$1,990.53
3 Cubic Yards	\$491.83	\$970.47	\$1,437.16	\$1,891.71	\$2,352.85	\$2,810.27
4 Cubic Yards	\$637.46	\$1,262.00	\$1,875.84	\$2,466.10	\$3,064.76	\$3,624.45
6 Cubic Yards	\$909.70	\$1,806.82	\$2,663.09	\$3,519.34	\$4,375.57	\$5,233.04
8 Cubic Yards	\$1,176.39	\$2,347.91	\$3,542.37	\$4,572.46	\$5,686.41	\$6,839.19

FY 26-27 Proposed Monthly <u>Compacted</u> Garbage Bin Rate Billed by City						
Container Size	1/week	2/week	3/week	4/week	5/week	6/week
1 Cubic Yard	\$299.30	\$595.42	\$888.39	\$1,178.25	\$1,468.10	\$1,754.77
1.5 Cubic Yards	\$425.98	\$850.00	\$1,265.15	\$1,674.67	\$2,086.15	\$2,492.18
2 Cubic Yards	\$552.59	\$1,098.97	\$1,645.32	\$2,179.43	\$2,712.88	\$3,252.99
3 Cubic Yards	\$807.43	\$1,601.71	\$2,384.00	\$3,154.17	\$3,930.91	\$4,703.95
4 Cubic Yards	\$1,058.28	\$2,103.64	\$3,138.30	\$4,149.38	\$5,168.84	\$6,149.35
6 Cubic Yards	\$1,540.94	\$3,069.28	\$4,556.77	\$6,044.24	\$7,531.71	\$9,020.40
8 Cubic Yards	\$2,018.03	\$4,031.19	\$6,049.27	\$7,939.00	\$9,894.59	\$11,889.01

FY 26-27 Proposed Monthly Commercial Business Garbage Cart Rate Billed by City						
Container Size	1/week	2/week	3/week	4/week	5/week	6/week
32-gallon	\$30.32	\$60.62	\$90.94	\$121.23	\$151.60	\$181.88
64-gallon	\$56.36	\$112.64	\$169.06	\$225.43	\$281.73	\$338.06
96-gallon	\$82.39	\$164.75	\$247.16	\$329.51	\$411.87	\$494.26
Each additional 32-gallon	\$30.02	\$60.05	\$90.05	\$120.09	\$150.16	\$180.14

Monthly Commercial Services Billed by Mission Trail Waste Systems		FY 26-27 Proposed Increase
A. Commercial Recycling ¹		4.5%
B. Voluntary Commercial Food Scraps and Organics		4.5%
C. Roll-off compactor and debris box per pull charges		4.5%
D. Roll-off debris box and compactor disposal charges		Up to \$252.38 per ton
E. Mission Trail Waste Systems special charges ²		4.5%

1. 96-gallons of recycling service included in base garbage rates, additional service available for an extra charge. All charges based on once weekly pickup.

2. All other charges including, but not limited to, push/pull, driver-time, lock installation, extra pickups, and Saturday service.