


**Adoption of a Resolution
Setting Rates for Overall
Solid Waste Services
and Annual Clean-up
Campaign in the
Exclusive Franchise
Area**

Public Hearing
Item #4 – 25-113
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Solid Waste Rates

- **Services**
 - Garbage
 - Yard Trimmings
 - Residential Recycling
 - Clean-up Campaign (CUC)
- **Rates for each service that a customer subscribes to get combined into a bundled rate**

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POST MEETING MATERIAL



Compensation Adjustments

- Effective July 1, 2025
 - MTWS increase @ 5.0% based on WST Index
 - GWR increase @ 2.4% based on Bay Area CPI
 - Recology increase @ 5.3%
 - Route growth increase
 - WST Index

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Bundled Solid Waste Rates



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Monthly Component Increases

% of Subscriptions	Service Type	FY 2024/25 Rate	FY 2025/26 Rate	Change in Rate
11%	20-gallon garbage cart	\$20.45	\$20.90	\$0.45
52%	32-gallon garbage cart	\$28.35	\$28.92	\$0.57
31%	64-gallon garbage cart	\$52.67	\$53.75	\$1.08
6%	96-gallon garbage cart	\$76.89	\$78.46	\$1.57
	Yard trimmings	\$15.14	\$16.37	\$1.23
	Recycling	\$8.02	\$8.39	\$0.37
	CUC	\$6.59	\$6.52	\$0.03

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Monthly Bundled Rate Changes

Garbage Cart Size	FY 24/25 Bundled Rate	FY 25/26 Bundled Rate	Change in Rate	% Change
20-gallon (SF)	\$50.20	\$52.28	\$2.08	4.1%
20-gallon (TH)	\$35.06	\$35.91	\$0.85	2.4%
32-gallon (SF)	\$58.10	\$60.30	\$2.20	3.8%
32-gallon (TH)	\$42.96	\$43.93	\$0.97	2.3%
64-gallon (SF)	\$82.42	\$85.13	\$2.71	3.3%
64-gallon (TH)	\$67.28	\$68.76	\$1.48	2.2%
96-gallon (SF)	\$106.64	\$109.84	\$3.20	3.0%
96-gallon (TH)	\$91.50	\$93.47	\$1.97	2.2%

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Bin Charges Increase Over Current Rates

	1/week	2/week	3/week	4/week	5/week	6/week
1 CY	5.41%	5.42%	5.42%	5.43%	5.43%	5.43%
1.5 CY	5.18%	5.18%	5.18%	5.18%	5.18%	5.18%
2 CY	5.04%	5.04%	5.04%	5.04%	5.04%	5.05%
3 CY	4.90%	4.90%	4.90%	4.89%	4.89%	4.89%
4 CY	4.82%	4.82%	4.82%	4.81%	4.81%	4.81%
6 CY	4.73%	4.73%	4.72%	4.72%	4.72%	4.72%
8 CY	4.68%	4.68%	4.68%	4.67%	4.67%	4.67%

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Countywide Rate Analysis



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Residential Cart Rate Comparison

	20-gallon	32-gallon	64-gallon	96-gallon
FY 2024/25 countywide average	\$40.56	\$48.99	\$85.46	\$126.90
FY 2025/26 Santa Clara single-family rate*	\$45.66	\$53.68	\$78.51	\$103.22
FY 2025/26 Santa Clara townhouse rate* ^	\$29.29	\$37.31	\$62.14	\$85.46

* Excludes CSC Cleanup Campaign Cost

^ No other city offers reduced townhouse rates

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Garbage Bin Rate Comparison

	1 CY Bin 1 time per week	1 CY Bin 3 times per week	1 CY Bin 5 times per week	3 CY Bin 1 time per week	3 CY Bin 3 times per week	3 CY Bin 5 times per week
FY 2024/25 countywide average	\$197.43	\$580.95	\$961.37	\$459.46	\$1,363.65	\$2,263.51
FY 2025/26 Santa Clara rate	\$183.73	\$542.09	\$891.44	\$466.70	\$1,363.41	\$2,231.76

- Most jurisdictions have a separate charge for organics collection service
- Most jurisdictions anticipate rate increases in FY 2025/26

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Public Hearing

- Solid waste customers may submit oral or written protests until the close of the Public Hearing
- At close of Public Hearing, protests are tabulated
 - 35,911 notices were sent on April 11, 2025
 - If protests tabulated are 50 percent plus one (17,956), the proposed fees cannot be imposed
- If there is not a majority protest, Council can make and act on a motion to increase fees

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Recommendation

1. Adopt a Resolution setting the overall rates to be charged to rate payers for the collection and disposal of garbage, refuse, yard trimmings, recycling, and annual Clean-up Campaign in the exclusive franchise area, effective for the utility bills issued for services rendered on and after July 1, 2025

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Questions



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