

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING DATE

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

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.

SOLID WASTE LIFELINE RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Detailed instructions for commenting are available at the Board of Supervisors Public Meetings webpage. Refer to the published meeting agenda posted 72-hours prior to each meeting to view current meeting procedures.

Board Chambers
Sacramento County Administration Center,
700 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
January 25, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

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, email a written comment to BoardClerk@saccounty.net. You may also call 916-875-2500 or make a public comment in-person during the hearing on:

PARTICIPATING IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

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.

County of Sacramento
P.O. Box 277490
Sacramento, CA 95827-9420

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 January 25th public hearing.

HOW TO PROTEST THIS RATE INCREASE

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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 or after July 1, 2022
- Weekly curbside collection of used motor oil, used oil filters, and used cooking oil
- Once every 12 months pickup of bulky waste by appointment
- Household Hazardous Waste drop-off service

HOW YOUR RATES COMPARE

CITY OF SACRAMENTO (PROPOSED: 4/1/2022) **\$44.90**

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO (PROPOSED: 7/1/2022) **\$35.77**

CITY OF FOLSOM (PROPOSED: 7/1/2022) **\$49.75**

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

On January 12, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted rate increases that were significantly less than the recommended rates noticed to ratepayers in October 2020. Therefore, the current rates (including the upcoming adopted rate increase effective January 1, 2022) do not meet the County's revenue requirement to fund its residential solid waste operations and capital spending obligations. The recommended rate increases are necessary to provide sufficient revenues for the County to continue providing residential solid waste services in a cost-effective manner and to achieve regulatory compliance with new State regulations.

HOW RATES WERE CALCULATED

An independent third party expert, HF&H Consultants, LLC, 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 2021 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 customer units 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.

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	Jan. 1 2022 ¹	July 1, 2022 ²	July 1, 2023 ²	July 1, 2024 ²	July 1, 2025 ²
30-gallon	\$24.95	\$29.95	\$31.93	\$33.56	\$35.18	\$36.63
60-gallon	\$28.55	\$33.55	\$35.77	\$37.59	\$39.41	\$41.03
90-gallon	\$35.76	\$40.76	\$43.46	\$45.67	\$47.88	\$49.85

Additional Carts (up to 90-gallon)

Recycle	\$5.50**	\$5.86**	\$6.16**	\$6.46**	\$6.73**
Green Waste	\$8.40*	\$8.96**	\$9.41**	\$9.87**	\$10.27**

¹adopted ²proposed *after the first 2 carts ** after the first cart

IF APPROVED, THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE WILL:

- Cover costs to collect residential food waste with green waste weekly, beginning July 1, 2022, as mandated by State law (SB 1383).
- Provide sufficient revenue to meet the County's rising costs for ongoing capital and operating obligations (labor, services and supplies, and equipment maintenance).
- Stabilize the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund's financial position and improve its borrowing capacity to debt finance new residential collection equipment and facility improvements needed for SB 1383 compliance.



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