



COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Issue Date

Owner Name
Owner Address
Owner City, State and Zip

Franchise Area (FA):
APN:
Service Address:
Site Address
Site City, State, Zip

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATES

(Hearing Date at 9:30 a.m.)

**County of Riverside Board Chambers
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92501**

In accordance with Section 6(a) of Article 13 of the California Constitution (Proposition 218) and Government Code Sections 53755 and 53756, you are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held before the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on (Hearing Date), at 9:30 a.m., at the Board chambers located at 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501.

You are receiving this notice because you are the owner or resident of real property in the unincorporated area of the County that is subject to a proposed rate adjustment for your solid waste collection service.

WHY RATE ADJUSTMENTS ARE NECESSARY

All jurisdictions in the State, including Riverside County, are subject to the most stringent solid waste legislation in California history. For County residents and businesses to remain in compliance with State Law, new services are necessary, none of which are funded by the State. Therefore, these services must be funded through the solid waste collection rates. This unfunded State mandate increases requirements for recyclables and organics to be diverted from disposal in landfills.

- State Senate Bill 1383 – mandates that California reduce organic waste by 75%, and increase edible food recovery by 20% by January 2025. As a result, green waste and food waste will no longer be able to be disposed of in the landfill. SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to allow food waste to be collected in residential green waste carts or cans, which is then subjected to mandatory processing that significantly increases the cost of handling that material.

This unfunded mandate will increase the cost of collection and processing of the waste stream in unincorporated areas of Riverside County. As a result, the County must increase the solid waste and recycling collection rates charged by the County’s franchised waste haulers.

PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATES

The proposed initial maximum rates (Rates) for solid waste and recycling collection services will services for your franchise area be considered by the County as part of a new solid waste franchise agreement between the Riverside County and (Franchise Hauler) for Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services (Agreement). This Agreement will ensure that the County will be in compliance with the new State mandates.

The Rates include charges for automated curbside collection and bin collection for single-family, multi-family, and commercial customers. The Rates represent the maximum amount that (Franchise Hauler) may charge ratepayers as the full, entire, and complete compensation due pursuant to the Agreement for all labor, equipment, materials and supplies, taxes, insurance, bonds, letters of credit, overhead, disposal, transfer, profit, and all other things necessary to perform all the services required by the Agreement.

Single family and multi-family dwellings with cart service are charged a monthly base rate (billed quarterly) for a three-container collection system. Customers may choose to take additional carts for an additional charge. Single family and Multi-family dwellings with bin service are charged a monthly rate based on the number and size of bins, and the number of weekly pickups.

The Agreement includes a clearly defined method for adjusting the rates for inflation and increases in disposal costs on an annual basis. The Rates are proposed to be automatically adjusted each year on July 1st over a term of not to exceed 10 (ten), with an option to extend the term for an additional 5 (five) years.

The County’s solid waste rates were last adjusted effective July 1, 2022. If the proposed Rates are approved, they will go into effect on (Effective Date), along with the new SB 1383-compliant services. These rates will not be adjusted again until July 2025, when they are scheduled for the annual inflation adjustment.

The table below compares the current rates for *typical* residential cart and bin services with those proposed to become effective (Effective Date).

PROPOSED MONTHLY SOLID WASTE SERVICE RATES

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Residential Cart Rate (96gallon)		
Commercial Rate		

*State compliant 3-cart service including refuse, recycling, and organics carts. Monthly rate based on size of refuse cart.

**Monthly rate for a single 3 cubic yard refuse bin serviced once per week. Organics carts and bins, and recycling carts and bins, are offered at an additional charge.

The entire proposed rate schedule can be viewed on the Department of Environmental Health's website at <https://rivcoeh.org/waste-hauler-franchise-agreements> (your Franchise Area can be found above the APN on the previous page).

For more information regarding the State unfunded mandates please visit CalRecycle's website at: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/>

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

In addition to the services that will be provided by the franchised waste hauler for compliance with SB1383, the new rates will also provide additional services such as:

- A container collection system compliant with State standards at residential and commercial sites.
- Container contamination monitoring program that may include sampling for organic residual in bins meant for the landfill.
- Periodic waste evaluations sampling for organic residual in containers meant for the landfill.
- Container system that incorporates labeling and/or color schemes matching the State standards.
- Outreach and education on proper separation of waste to recycle and minimize generation of organic waste.
- Increased collaboration/participation by haulers at community events.
- Dedicated hauler personnel for SB1383 program implementation.

PROPOSITION 218

Owners and tenants, as defined under Proposition 218, may respond to the proposed fees **in writing** prior to or during the public hearing. Consistent with the provisions of Proposition 218 and Government Code Section 53755, this notice has been mailed to the record owners of the property at the addresses as they appear on the latest equalized assessment roll. If you object to the proposed fees as described in this Notice you may file a written protest with the County at or before the time set for the public hearing. Protests must be mailed to:

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RIVERSIDE CA 92501

A valid protest **must** include:

1. The name of the person submitting the protest and their interest in the property (e.g. owner or tenant), and
2. Identification of the property by either assessor's parcel number or street address, and
3. A statement of protest ("I/we protest" will suffice), and

4. The original signature of the protesting owner or tenant (photocopies will not be accepted). Please note that pursuant to Government Code section 53755 (b) only one written protest will be counted per parcel. Multiple protests returned for a single property will be disallowed and the County Clerk will only accept one protest per property.

The County Clerk will determine the validity of all protests submitted and exclude any invalid protests from the final tabulation. The County Clerk may confer with the County Counsel in determining the validity of written protests. As part of this process, the County Counsel may view contested or suspect protest forms. The County Clerk's decision shall be final and binding.