

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

# REGARDING PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE RATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of San Clemente (the "City") will hold a Public Hearing on November 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at City Hall at 910 Calle Negocio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Clemente, CA 92673 to consider adopting revised rates for collection, handling, and disposal of solid waste, including garbage, green waste, organics and recycling within the City (collectively, "solid waste services").

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at this hearing, the City Council will consider both the amount and the methodology used in establishing the proposed rates and will consider all protests from property owners and customers, whether written or oral received on or before the date of the Public Hearing. Only one protest per parcel can be counted and the protest must identify the Assessor's Parcel Number and/or the street address for the parcel. You may mail your protest in advance to the City Clerk at 910 Calle Negocio, City of San Clemente, CA 92673.

#### Why is there a proposed revision to rates?

The City must adjust services to comply with recent California law including Senate Bill 1383 which imposes significant obligations with regard to the collection and processing of organic materials. The City has been in the process of negotiating a revision of its current Agreement with CR&R Incorporated (CR&R) to comply with California law and to modernize and standardize collection rates. The revised Agreement will include continuing existing services consisting of automated curbside, bin collection, and roll-off box service. In addition, performance standards are updated, waste and recycling trucks will be replaced, liquidated damages for non-performance will be added, Street Sweeping Services will be added and continued use of CR&R's Anaerobic Digester in Perris to assist the City in meeting its recycling and diversion requirements by turning organics into compost and natural gas will be included. The new Agreement is proposed for an initial 10-year period.

#### **Proposed rates**

A copy of all the proposed rates is attached to this notice as Attachment "A". The proposed rates for the most common levels of solid waste collection service are shown in this notice in Table 1 below. The complete schedule of proposed solid waste rates is also available on the City's website at <a href="https://www.san-clemente.org">https://www.san-clemente.org</a>.

The initial rates are proposed to be adjusted in two steps on January 1, 2025 and July 1, 2025 based on the median (midpoint) of similar rates in other South Orange County cities,

including: Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, and San Juan Capistrano. The first proposed rate adjustment is based on the median rates in other South Orange County cities that were in effect as of July 1, 2024, plus a temporary amount of 3.38% to adjust for collection costs that were not captured due to the delay in the planned rate increase scheduled for July 1, 2024. The second adjustment, effective July 1, 2025, is proposed to be the lesser of: the median rates in other South Orange County cities in effect as of July 1, 2025 or the maximum rates as of July 1, 2025 shown in this notice and shown in the complete rate schedules on the City's website due to several cities currently finalizing contracts for solid waste service.

These proposed rate adjustments will result in modest increases for most residential customers. Due to a restructuring of commercial rates, the rates for commercial customers with once per week collection service will decrease, while rates for commercial customers with more than once per week service will increase. The proposed rates will not exceed the cost to provide service.

Because the City anticipates that there will be potential future increases in the costs of providing solid waste services due to continuing changes in the law and market, the City is proposing to annually, in each of the four years succeeding the initial year, adjust rates automatically for inflation in an amount equal to the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index, All Consumers (CPI-U), published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA and for changes in landfill tipping fees. These adjustments will impact the rates for the Solid Waste Service Fees set forth in Exhibit A. If approved, beginning July 1, 2026, and each July 1 thereafter for a four-year period, through and including adjustments effective on or after July 1, 2029, the rates for the solid waste service fees may be adjusted annually by an amount not to exceed the annual percentage increase, if any, in the CPI and for changes in landfill tipping fees.

If approved, rates would take effect January 1, 2025 and will be adjusted again on July 1, 2025 at or below the rates as described in Exhibit A. Rates adjusted on July 1, 2025 will be based on the South County cities median rates, but will not increase above the amount shown in Attachment A. Table 1 provides some of the most common rates for the City's customers.

Table 1. Proposed Rates for the Most Common Levels of Solid Waste Service

Service Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rate January 1, 2025	Maximum Rate July 1, 2025
Single-family Residential			
35 gal. refuse (3 - cart set; refuse, recycling, organics)	\$25.33	\$25.60	\$25.63
65 gal. refuse (3 - cart set; refuse, recycling, organics)	\$26.17	\$26.74	\$26.78
95 gal. refuse (3 - cart set; refuse, recycling, organics)	\$26.21	\$27.58	\$27.48
Commercial			
1 ea. 3-cubic yard bin collected once per week	\$184.06	\$179.79	\$178.90
1 ea. 3-cubic yard bin collected twice per week	\$224.70	\$277.26	\$296.45
1 ea. 3-cubic yard bin collected three times per week	\$293.51	\$374.79	\$408.13
1 ea. 3-cubic yard bin collected four times per week	\$361.87	\$512.16	\$529.55
1 ea. 4-cubic yard bin collected once per week	\$245.34	\$235.23	\$238.93
1 ea. 4-cubic yard bin collected twice per week	\$297.94	\$385.68	\$385.02
1 ea. 4-cubic yard bin collected three times per week	\$391.33	\$521.65	\$521.14
1 ea. 4-cubic yard bin collected four times per week	\$482.52	\$680.77	\$ 680.44

#### **Public Hearing and Protests**

The record owner of any parcel upon which the proposed fees or charges are proposed to be imposed or any tenant directly responsible for the payment of solid waste charges (i.e., the customer of record) may submit a written protest to the proposed rate adjustments; however, only one protest will be counted per identified parcel. Any written protest must: (1) state the protest is being submitted in opposition to the proposed rate adjustments; (2) provide the location of the identified parcel (by assessor's parcel number and/or street address); and, (3) include the name and signature of the property owner or tenant directly responsible for the payment of the solid waste charges submitting the protest.

Written protests may be submitted by mail or in person to the City Clerk at the City of San Clemente, 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, CA 92673. The City Clerk must receive written and signed protests delivered by mail no later than 4:00 p.m. on the date of the Public Hearing, or if delivered in person, prior to the close of the public comment portion of the

Public Hearing at the City Council Chambers located at 910 Calle Negocio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Clemente, CA 92673. Any protest submitted via e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted. Please identify on the front of the envelope for any protest, whether mailed or submitted in person to the City Clerk, Attn: Public Hearing on Rate Adjustments.

The City Council will consider all written protests and hear and consider all oral comments to the proposed methodology, rate adjustments and annual rate increases at the Public Hearing.

Oral comments at the Public Hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a timely written and signed protest. Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider adoption of the rate adjustments for the City's solid waste service fees as described herein. If written protests against the proposed rate adjustments are not presented by a majority of the property owners of the identified parcels upon which the rates are proposed to be imposed and tenants directly responsible for the payment of the solid waste service fees, the City Council will be authorized to impose the rates as outlined above and in Attachment A. If adopted, the proposed rate changes and increases will take effect beginning January 1, 2025.

If you have questions regarding this notice or how your rates will be affected, you may contact the Environmental Programs Division at 949-366-1553 or by email at recycling@sanclemente.org.

Laura Campagnolo
City Clerk and Ex-Officio
Clerk of the Council

	Current Rates at October 1, 2024	Rates Effective January 1, 2025	Maximum Rates July 1, 2025
Residential with Organics (Anaerobic Digestion)		_	
(3) 35 Gallon	\$25.33	\$25.60	\$25.63
(3) 65 Gallon	\$26.17	\$26.74	\$26.78
(3) 95 Gallon	\$26.21	\$27.58	\$27.48
Each Additional 35 gallon Black (refuse) cart	\$5.53	\$6.74	\$6.54
Each Additional 65 gallon Black (refuse) cart	\$5.79	\$6.96	\$6.96
Each Additional 95 gallon Black (refuse) cart	\$6.05	\$7.17	\$7.39
Second Additional 35 gallon Blue/Brown (recycling) or Green (organics) cart	\$4.65	\$5.16	\$5.01
Second Additional 65 gallon Blue/Brown (recycling) or Green (organics) cart	\$4.86	\$5.40	\$5.40
Second Additional 95 gallon Blue/Brown (recycling) or Green (organics) cart	\$5.08	\$5.64	\$5.81
Multi-Family, Commercial Bin Service		_	
3 Yard x1/week	\$184.06	\$179.79	\$178.90
3 Yard x2/week	\$224.70	\$277.26	\$296.45
3 Yard x3/week	\$293.51	\$374.79	\$408.13
3 Yard x4/week	\$361.87	\$512.16	\$529.55
3 Yard x5/week	\$430.24	\$604.22	\$649.76
3 Yard x6/week	\$498.65	\$744.94	\$768.75
4 Yard x1/week	\$245.34	\$235.23	\$238.93
4 Yard x2/week	\$297.94	\$385.68	\$385.02
4 Yard x3/week	\$391.33	\$521.65	\$521.14
4 Yard x4/week	\$482.52	\$680.77	\$680.44
4 Yard x5/week	\$573.63	\$761.76	\$761.52
4 Yard x6/week	\$664.88	\$899.10	\$899.01
3 Yard Split (1.5 Trash) x 1/week	\$92.04	\$90.44	\$89.45
3 Yard Split (1.5 Trash) x 2/week	\$112.36	\$139.18	\$148.22
3 Yard Split (1.5 Trash) x 3/week	\$146.77	\$187.94	\$204.06
3 Yard Split (1.5 Trash) x 4/week	\$180.93	\$256.62	\$264.78
3 Yard Split (1.5 Trash) x 5/week	\$215.12	\$302.66	\$324.88
3 Yard Split (1.5 Trash) x 6/week	\$249.34	\$373.02	\$384.37
4 Yard Split (2 Trash) x 1/week	\$122.68	\$118.16	\$119.46
4 Yard Split (2 Trash) x 2/week	\$148.97	\$193.39	\$192.51
4 Yard Split (2 Trash) x 3/week	\$195.67	\$261.37	\$260.57
4 Yard Split (2 Trash) x 4/week	\$241.27	\$340.93	\$340.22
4 Yard Split (2 Trash) x 5/week	\$286.84	\$381.43	\$380.76
4 Yard Split (2 Trash) x 6/week	\$332.45	\$450.09	\$449.50
Multi-Family Cart Service (same as Residential)		_	
35 Gallon Set (1 Trash, 1 Recycling, 1 Organics)	\$33.29	\$25.60	\$25.63
65 Gallon Set (1 Trash, 1 Recycling, 1 Organics)	\$33.29	\$26.74	\$26.78
95 Gallon Set (1 Trash, 1 Recycling, 1 Organics)	\$37.31	\$27.58	\$27.48
Extra 35 Trash	\$5.53	\$6.74	\$6.54
Extra 65 Trash	\$5.79	\$6.96	\$6.96
Extra 95 Trash	\$6.05	\$7.17	\$7.39
Extra 35 Recycle or Organics	\$11.34	\$5.16	\$5.01
Extra 65 Recycle	\$11.63	\$5.40	\$5.40
Extra 95 Recycle	\$11.92	\$5.64	\$5.81

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Commercial Cart Service-Trash			
65 Gallon x1/week	\$33.29	\$43.16	\$79.43
65 Gallon x2/week	\$40.64	\$66.70	\$131.62
65 Gallon x3/week	\$53.09	\$90.26	\$181.21
65 Gallon x4/week	\$65.45	\$123.44	\$235.13
65 Gallon x5/week	\$77.82	\$145.67	\$288.50
65 Gallon x6/week	\$90.19	\$179.66	\$341.33
Extra Cart {75% of Standard Rate)			
95 Gallon x1/week	\$37.31	\$47.88	\$102.80
95 Gallon x2/week	\$45.55	\$74.00	\$170.34
95 Gallon x3/week	\$59.50	\$100.14	\$234.52
95 Gallon x4/week	\$73.35	\$136.94	\$304.29
95 Gallon x5/week	\$87.21	\$161.61	\$373.37
95 Gallon x6/week	\$101.08	\$199.32	\$441.74
Extra Cart (75% of Standard Rate)			
Multi-Family. Commercial Recycling Bin Service			
3 Yard x1/week	\$81.89	\$98.29	\$98.39
3 Yard x2/week	\$131.06	\$151.89	\$163.05
3 Yard x3/week	\$196.59	\$205.53	\$224.47
3 Yard x4/week	\$262.10	\$281.08	\$291.25
3 Yard x5/week	\$327.63	\$331.72	\$357.37
3 Yard x6/week	\$393.17	\$409.12	\$422.81
4 Yard x1/week	\$106.48	\$128.77	\$131.41
4 Yard x2/week	\$170.38	\$211.52	\$211.76
4 Yard x3/week	\$255.55	\$286.30	\$286.63
4 Yard x4/week	\$340.76	\$373.82	\$374.24
4 Yard x5/week	\$425.93	\$418.37	\$418.84
4 Yard x6/week	\$511.12	\$493.90	\$494.45
3 Yard Split (1.5 Trash) x 1/week	\$40.96	\$49.14	\$49.20
3 Yard Split {1.5 Trash) x 2/week	\$65.54	\$75.95	\$81.52
3 Yard Split (1.5 Trash) x 3/week	\$98.30	\$102.77	\$112.23
3 Yard Split (1.5 Trash) x 4/week	\$131.05	\$140.54	\$145.63
3 Yard Split {1.5 Trash) x 5/week	\$163.82	\$165.86	\$178.68
3 Yard Split (1.5 Trash) x 6/week	\$196.59	\$204.56	\$211.41
4 Yard Split (2 Trash) x 1/week	\$53.25	\$64.39	\$65.71
4 Yard Split (2 Trash) x 2/week	\$85.20	\$105.76	\$105.88
4 Yard Split (2 Trash) x 3/week	\$127.79	\$143.15	\$143.31
4 Yard Split (2 Trash) x 4/week	\$170.39	\$186.91	\$187.12
4 Yard Split (2 Trash) x 5/week	\$212.97	\$209.18	\$209.42
4 Yard Split (2 Trash) x 6/week	\$255.55	\$246.95	\$247.23

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Multi-Family, Commercial Recycling Cart Service			
65 Gallon x1/week	\$24.56	\$23.74	\$43.69
65 Gallon x2/week	\$49.17	\$36.69	\$72.39
65 Gallon x3/week	\$73.70	\$49.64	\$99.67
65 Gallon x4/week	\$98.30	\$67.89	\$129.32
65 Gallon x5/week	\$122.85	\$80.12	\$158.67
65 Gallon x6/week	\$147.44	\$98.81	\$187.73
Extra Cart (75% of Standard Rate)			
95 Gallon x1/week	\$24.56	\$26.34	\$56.54
95 Gallon x2/week	\$49.17	\$40.70	\$93.69
95 Gallon x3/week	\$73.70	\$55.07	\$128.99
95 Gallon x4/week	\$98.30	\$75.32	\$167.36
95 Gallon x5/week	\$122.85	\$88.89	\$205.35
95 Gallon x6/week	\$147.44	\$109.63	\$242.96
Extra Cart (75% of Standard Rate)			
Multi-Family, Commercial Bin-Green Waste Service			
3 Yard x1/week	\$307.18	\$151.90	\$152.06
3 Yard x2/week	\$471.02	\$234.75	\$251.98
3 Yard x3/week	\$663.01	\$317.64	\$346.91
3 Yard x4/week	\$854.55	\$434.40	\$450.12
3 Yard x5/week	\$1,046.05	\$512.66	\$552.29
3 Yard x6/week	\$1,237.62	\$632.27	\$653.44
Commercial Cart Service-Green Waste			
95 Gallon x1/week	\$51.32	\$55.09	\$55.15
95 Gallon x2/week	\$102.60	\$110.13	\$110.25
95 Gallon x3/week	\$153.91	\$165.20	\$165.39
95 Gallon x4/week	\$205.20	\$220.26	\$220.51
95 Gallon x5/week	\$256.51	\$275.33	\$275.64
95 Gallon x6/week	\$307.81	\$330.40	\$330.77
Multi-Family, Commercial Bin Service - Organics	ф220.7F	¢200.20	<b>\$200.00</b>
2 Yard x1week	\$330.75	\$269.36	\$269.66
2 Yard x2/week	\$518.12 \$733.66	\$416.28	\$416.74
2 Yard x3/week 2 Yard x4/week	\$948.72	\$563.28	\$563.92 \$771.20
2 Yard x5/week	\$1,163.81	\$770.33 \$909.10	\$771.20 \$910.12
2 Yard x6/week	\$1,378.92	\$1,121.21	\$1,122.47
Commercial Cart Service - Organics			
35 or 65 Gallon x1/week	\$56.98	\$38.66	\$38.70
35 or 65 Gallon x2/week	\$113.91	\$59.75	\$59.81
35 or 65 Gallon x3/week	\$170.87	\$80.85	\$80.94
35 or 65 Gallon x4/week	\$232.98	\$110.56	\$110.69
35 or 65 Gallon x5/week	\$284.78	\$130.48	\$130.63
35 or 65 Gallon x6/week	\$341.71	\$160.92	\$161.10
Roll-off Service			
Drop off Box - haul	\$225.28	\$250.23	\$250.51

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Compactor - haul	\$264.46	\$293.75	\$294.08
Dirt/Asphalt/Concrete (10 yd) - Flat	\$454.63	\$504.98	\$505.54
Wood, Metal, Cardboard (40 yd) - Flat	\$365.02	\$405.44	\$405.90
Greenwaste (40 yd Drop Off Box) - Haul	\$225.28	\$250.23	\$250.51
Organics Processing - AD	\$118.94	\$132.11	\$132.26
Greenwaste Processing	\$67.92	\$75.44	\$75.53
Processing	\$67.92	\$75.44	\$75.53
Landfill	\$43.89	\$48.75	\$48.81
Roll-off Temp COD Rates			
10 yard Processed 7 tons avg		\$778.30	\$779.17
10 yard Landfilled 7 tons avg	•	\$591.44	\$592.10
40 yard <i>Processed</i> 5 tons avg	\$564.86	\$627.41	\$628.12
40 yard Landfilled 5 tons avg	\$444.72	\$493.97	\$494.52
Bulky Item Collection			
Residential	\$19.31	\$21.45	\$21.47
Commercial	\$67.56	\$75.04	\$75.13
Additional Bulky Commercial	\$26.11	\$29.00	\$29.03
Processing (Construction)			
Cleanup Bin Weekly	\$125.59	\$139.50	\$139.65
Cleanup Bin Weekly Construction	\$178.21	\$191.29	\$191.51
Service Fees			
Walk-out Residential Service (in addition to monthly service rate	e) \$29.92	\$33.23	\$33.27
Additional Residential Pick Up	\$23.89	\$26.54	\$26.57
Bin Cleaning Fee (in excess of one time per year)	\$42.35	\$47.04	\$47.09
Convert Standard Bin to Locking	\$33.60	\$37.32	\$37.36
Bin Roll-out Charges (25' - 50')	\$13.30	\$14.77	\$14.79
Bin Roll-out Charges (50' - 75')	\$26.48	\$29.41	\$29.45
Locking Bin Monthly Charge (Recycle or Refuse Bin)	\$19.57	\$21.74	\$21.76
Bin Overflow Charge	\$52.23	\$58.01	\$58.08
Additional Bin Pickup	\$103.92	\$115.43	\$115.56
Additional Cart Pickup	\$62.23	\$69.12	\$69.20
<u>Delinguency</u> Fees			
Residential After 90 da	ays		
Commercial After 60 da	ays		
Temporary Service After 60 da	ays		
Administrative Fees			
Stop Service	\$16.73	\$18.58	\$18.60
Refund Processing <i>Fee</i>	\$1.50	\$1.67	\$1.67
Container Replacement Charge (per Container)	\$55.78	\$61.96	\$62.03
Account Set-up Fee	•	\$25.00	\$25.88