

PROPOSED GARBAGE, RECYCLABLES AND ORGANICS COLLECTION RATES FOR RATE YEARS 2024-2028

All proposed rates to be increased are listed below. A complete list of commercial and residential rates is available at www.fostercity.org.

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RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE COLLECTION RATES

Quantity	Container Size	Weekly Pick-Up Frequency	Current 2023 Monthly Rate	Proposed 2024 Monthly Rate	Proposed 2025 Monthly Rate	Proposed 2026 Monthly Rate	Proposed 2027 Monthly Rate	Proposed 2028 Monthly Rate
1	20 gallon	1 x	\$17.18	\$22.58	27.32	32.30	36.49	40.84
1	32 gallon	1 x	\$27.52	\$32.92	37.66	42.64	46.83	51.18
1	64 gallon	1 x	\$55.02	\$60.42	65.16	70.14	74.33	78.68
1	96 gallon	1 x	\$82.55	\$87.95	92.69	97.67	101.86	106.21

Residential customers are billed based on the size of their black Garbage Cart. The monthly rate includes one 64-gallon blue Recycling Cart and one 96-gallon green Organics Cart. Additional carts or placement of carts further than within 5 feet of the road right of way are subject to **Unscheduled Service Fees**.

Rates for Unscheduled Services

The franchise agreement allows for adjustments to Unscheduled Service charges, which are generally those optional services that are specifically requested and paid for by the requestor. During the five-year term, Unscheduled Services charges will be adjusted in 2024 by 5.465% over 2023 rates and annually thereafter based on actual indexed factors up to a maximum not to exceed 6.0% per year. The City is including information about charges for unscheduled services in this notice for the purpose of transparency although Unscheduled Service charges are not subject to Proposition 218’s noticing and public hearing requirements.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED INCREASE IN GARBAGE, RECYCLABLES AND ORGANICS COLLECTION SERVICE RATES

Effective January 1, 2024

This notice is to you that the Foster City, City Council will be holding a public hearing to consider approving updated rates for garbage, recyclables and organics collection services, and this notice is therefore given in accordance with Proposition 218 and Article XIID of the California Constitution.

City of Foster City
610 Foster City Boulevard, Foster City, CA 94404-2222



PUT TRASH IN ITS PLACE

Not everything belongs in the solid waste stream. Keep rates low, help ensure the continuing availability of landfill space, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the toxicity of the environment by handling wastes properly.

- Make an appointment to take **Hazardous Wastes**, like paints and pesticides, to the County's Hazardous Waste program.
- Keep **batteries** out of all carts. Place household batteries and **cell phones** in zipper bags on top of your black cart (single family) or ask your property manager to place a battery bucket in a common area for all residents. (multi-family).
- Place **food waste** in your green cart where it can be composted into useful products.
- Place used **automobile oil** in sealed one-gallon containers and **oil filters** in plastic zipper bags at your curb.
- Drop off **unwanted medications** at Health Department Safe Medication Disposal locations.
- Make an appointment for Recology to pick up **bulky items**.
- Take other items to the Shoreway Public Recycling Center for proper disposal or recycling.
- When in doubt, call Recology San Mateo County to ask if an item belongs in the cart.

ABOUT SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES IN FOSTER CITY

Garbage, recyclables and organics collection is provided under a franchise agreement between Recology San Mateo County and the City of Foster City. Foster City is a member of the South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA), also known as RethinkWaste, a collection of agencies that coordinate waste management services and manage the Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos. Make an appointment for a tour of the Shoreway facility at rethinkwaste.org.

WHAT DO PROPOSED BASE RATES PAY FOR?

Residential:

- Weekly curbside collection of garbage, recyclables and organics
- Curbside collection of used motor oil, oil filters, cell phone and household batteries
- Two annual "On Call" bulky item pick-ups (by appointment)
- Holiday tree recycling
- No cost public recycling at Shoreway Environmental Center, including mattresses, electronics, batteries, and small appliances
- One annual confidential document shredding event and one annual compost give-away event (additional events in Foster City are funded by other sources)

Commercial

- Subscribed level of collection for garbage, recycling, and organics
- Customized waste management assistance by Waste Zero Specialists

All Customers

- Energy-efficient, cleaner emissions collection vehicles
- Operation of the Shoreway Environmental Center for waste and recycling
- Education and information related to Federal, State and Local solid waste requirements

RECOLOGY SAN MATEO COUNTY

Garbage, Recyclables and Organics Collection
www.Recology.com/Recology-san-mateo-county
(650) 595-3900

RETHINKWASTE

*Governing Board, Shoreway Tours,
Waste Reduction Information*
www.RethinkWaste.org
(650) 802-3500

SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.

Hazardous Waste Disposal
www.smchealth.org/safe-waste-disposal
Medical Waste Disposal
www.smchealth.org/rxdisposal

PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

Foster City's Solid Waste rates are calculated to collect the revenue required to run the Solid Waste program. Approximately 94% of the revenue requirement is based on the cost of collection, processing, and disposal from Foster City's residents and businesses.. The remainder is composed of city-specific service levels. Revenue from commodity sales of recovered recyclables is used to offset revenue requirements. City fees were reviewed in 2023 and were validated to be less than the actual cost of service. A rate analysis conducted in 2023 demonstrated that an increase is needed in residential rates based on the cost to provide the services while commercial rates are currently sufficient to recover their cost of service. Based on this analysis, residential base rates for the five-year period from 2024 through 2028 are proposed to increase by \$5.40 per account in Rate Year 2024, \$4.74 in Rate Year 2025, \$4.98 in Rate Year 2026, \$4.19 in Rate Year 2027 and \$4.35 in Rate Year 2028. These rates will provide for adequate revenue for the Solid Waste program after taking into account offsetting revenues and utilizing excess fund balance that has been generated for this purpose.

The rate analysis performed in 2023 sets forth the basis upon which the rates were calculated. Some significant reasons for the rate increase include a fuel index increase of 14.9%, an increase to processing and disposal costs of 25.1% and increases related to the implementation of SB 1383 regulations.

MULTI-YEAR RATE SETTING

Setting rates for multiple years allows for the rates to recover costs of service while taking into account the anticipated revenue requirements for the five-year period including known future increases associated with anticipated compliance with new service and enforcement requirements associated with stormwater regulations and California State Senate Bill 1383 regulations.

PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, November 20, 2023, at 6:30 PM

The City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing to consider adopting garbage, recyclables and organics collection service rates for Foster City for Calendar Year 2024.

Unless prohibited by public health orders, the public hearing will be held in the Foster City Council Chambers, 620 Foster City Boulevard, Foster City, CA. The public may participate by providing live verbal public comment in person, by joining the meeting via video or teleconference, or by submitting comments to publiccomment@fostercity.org. Instructions on how to join the meeting will be included in the agenda that will be posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at www.fostercity.org/agendasandminutes.

The Public Hearing is open to the public, and anyone may appear and be heard or submit a written statement on this matter. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider taking official action to set garbage, recyclables and organics collection rates for Foster City for Rate Year 2024.

Any owner or customer associated with a property receiving solid waste services in Foster City may file a written protest against the proposed rate increases. The City Council will consider all input, but State law provides that only written protests may be counted to determine whether a majority protest to the proposed increases exists. The City Clerk must receive a written protest not later than the close of the Public Hearing to be counted. If a majority protest exists, then the City Council cannot impose the increased rates. If, at the conclusion of the Public Hearing, a majority protest does not exist, the City Council will consider adoption of the proposed rates.

Written protests must include the protestor's name, property service address or tax assessor's parcel number, and the protestor's original signature. Written protests may be hand delivered or mailed to: **City Clerk, 610 Foster City Boulevard, Foster City, CA 94404**. No more than one protest per parcel will be counted.