



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED CHANGES TO CITY OF SANTA BARBARA TRASH & RECYCLING RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

Place: Electronic Meeting Format—notice of meeting details will be posted no less than 72 hours prior to the start of the Public Hearing at SantaBarbaraCA.gov

PROPOSED TRASH & RECYCLING RATE CHANGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

You are receiving this Notice because our records indicate that you are a City of Santa Barbara utility customer. This Notice describes the proposed trash and recycling rate changes, and explains how you can file a protest and participate in the process. Some customers are billed by the City for some, but not all services. This notice applies only to the services that appear on your bill from the City.

Trash & Recycling Revenue Requirement Increases

According to the contract terms with the City's waste hauler, the City must increase rates to pay MarBorg for increases in inflation of 1.0% as measured by the Consumer Price Index, plus 4.6% for an increase in processing and disposal fees. Clean SB programs and system improvements require a 1.9% increase. The resulting proposed rate schedule increase for all sectors is 7.5%.

ReSource Center

In order to meet the State of California's 2020 recycling and climate legislative requirements, the City is working with the County of Santa Barbara and other regional cities to construct the ReSource Center, a regional waste processing plant designed to divert at least 60% of our brown bin waste from landfill disposal. To do this, the project includes a facility that will pull out recyclables mistakenly sent to the landfill and an anaerobic digester to process organic material. The facility is currently being constructed at the Tajiguas landfill and is expected to begin processing our waste in the summer of 2021. To fund the construction of the ReSource Center, the fee for receiving trash and recycling from the City of Santa Barbara is increasing from \$158 per ton to \$164 per ton on July 1st, 2021. Furthermore, a pandemic-related reduction in material generation is triggering additional fees to ensure the financial viability of the facility, as per the terms of the contract with the County. These cost increases result in a 4.6% increase in disposal fees. For more information about the ReSource Center, please visit the County of Santa Barbara's website, www.lessismore.org.

Clean SB and System Improvements

Clean SB is a City program that maintains public spaces for the health and beauty of the community. SB 1383 is a new state regulation enacted to reduce short-lived climate pollutants by keeping organic materials out of landfills and requiring edible food recovery; the City is launching programs to comply with this law. With changes to the nature of and demands on the City's waste system, funding a system evaluation is also necessary.

How Can I Lower My Trash Bill?

In general, some customers may be able to lower their bills by "right-sizing" their service. Customers can make sure that they are diverting lower-cost recyclables from their higher-cost trash containers, increasing recycling service while decreasing trash service, if possible. Many Business and Large Residential (5+ unit) customers are also subscribed to more greenwaste service than they need, especially if they have landscapers that can self-haul trimmings instead of using greenwaste containers for disposal.

When do the new rates take effect?

City Council will consider adopting these rates on June 22, 2021 (one week after the public hearing). The new rates will be effective starting July 1, 2021.

CHECK OUT THE TRASH & RECYCLING RATE CALCULATOR AT:
WWW.SANTABARBARACA.GOV/RECYCLING

How will the proposed changes impact my monthly trash & recycling bill?

Representative trash & recycling service levels are demonstrated in the table below.

To preview your July 2021 estimated bill, please visit our Trash & Recycling Bill Calculator at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Recycling or call City Trash & Recycling at (805) 564-5631.

Customer Profile	Representative Service	Current Rates*	Proposed Rates*	% Change
1 Unit Small Residential	65 gal trash, 65 gal greenwaste, 65 gal recycle, 1x/week	\$52.37	\$56.15	7.22%
2-4 Unit Small Residential (Cart/Can Service)	3-65 gal trash, 95 gal greenwaste, 3-95 gal recycle, 1x/week	\$92.85	\$99.55	7.22%
5+ Unit Large Residential (Cart/Can Service)	5-95 gal trash, 95-gal greenwaste, 5-95 gal recycle, 1x/week	\$368.53	\$397.07	7.74%
5+ Unit Large Residential (Small/Medium Dumpster Service)	4 yard trash, 2 yard recycle, 1x/week	\$485.94	\$523.58	7.75%
Business (Cart/Can Service)	3-95 gal trash, 3-95 gal recycle, 2x/week	\$520.50	\$557.19	7.05%
Business (Dumpster Service)	4 yard trash, 4 yard recycle, 2x/week	\$1464.24	\$1567.38	7.04%

* Not including 6% utility tax on trash/recycling collection, as applicable

How do I protest?

If you wish to submit a written protest of any of the above increases, your protest must be received by the City Clerk of the City of Santa Barbara at 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA, 93101, prior to the City Council's consideration of this item on June 15, 2021. **Protests must include your name, service address, and whether you are protesting the amount of the fee increase, the basis for calculation of the fee, or both.** In the event that social distancing practices remain in place, mailed protests are encouraged. Written protests may be delivered in-person at the address above, deposited in the bill payment drop box slot located on the exterior of the building on the De La Guerra Plaza side. Only written protests received before the close of the public hearing on June 15, 2021, will be counted. During the hearing, the City Council will consider all written protests received before the hearing, as well as public testimony. Protests are public records. The public hearing may be conducted via teleconference or other electronic meeting format, and the Council Chambers may not be open to the general public. Submission of written protests by personal delivery during the meeting may not be permitted. One written protest per parcel or service address will be tabulated. If you later challenge the rates in court, you may be limited to the grounds stated in your protest.

How can I get more information and copies of the proposed rate schedules?

See www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/UtilityBilling or call (805) 564-5631 for trash & recycling questions. Para información en Español, llame al (805) 564-5343.

How do I stay informed?

- **Watch** City Council meetings live online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV or tune in to City TV Channel 18.
- **Attend** City Council meetings electronically; Visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov for meeting participation details.
- **Explore** updated information on recycling, waste reduction, and program enhancements at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Recycling