



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED CHANGES IN CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WASTEWATER, TRASH & RECYCLING RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
Place: City of Santa Barbara Council Chambers, City Hall
 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara

PARA INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL, LLAME AL (805) 564-5343.

PROPOSED RATE CHANGES

You are receiving this Notice because our records indicate that you are a City of Santa Barbara utility customer. This Notice describes the proposed wastewater (sewer), and trash & recycling rate changes and explains how you can 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.

Wastewater Rate Changes

The proposed wastewater rate change is a 5.5% percent increase to the City's current charges for all customer classes. The maximum monthly charge for a single family residential customer would increase by \$2.36 under the proposed rates. The proposed increase will fund improvements, and replacement of, the critical facilities used to clean the wastewater and repair of the City's aging sewer system, and will fund system operations. This includes replacement of critical facilities at the wastewater treatment plant.

How will the proposed changes impact my wastewater bill?

Some common service levels are represented in the table below.

Customer Class	Example	Assumed Monthly Usage (hcf/mth)*	Total Monthly Wastewater Charges		
			Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Proposed Increase
Single Family Residential	Low User 5/8" meter	6	\$32.08	\$33.84	\$1.76
	Average User 5/8" meter	12	\$43.00	\$45.36	\$2.36
Multi-Family Residential Building	12 dwelling units 2" meter	60	\$352.20	\$371.52	\$19.32
Commercial Classes 1, 2, & 3	2" meter	60	\$185.40	\$195.60	\$10.20
Commercial Class 4	2" meter	100	\$375.00	\$396.00	\$21.00

*Regardless of the amount of water used, the volumetric sewer charge is capped at 10 HCF per month for single family residential customers, 8 HCF per month per unit for multi-family residential (MFR) customers with 1-4 dwelling units and 7 HCF per month per unit for MFR customers with 5 or more dwelling units.

Trash & Recycling Rate Changes

According to the contract terms with the City's waste hauler, the City must increase rates to pay MarBorg for increases in inflation of 0.2% as measured by the Consumer Price Index, plus 0.6% for an increase in trash disposal fees. The proposed rate schedule includes an increase for Single Family Residential and Business of up to 0.8%.

As part of the City's long term plan to bring Multi-Unit Residential dumpster and cart/can rates to an equivalent price per gallon, rates for Multi-Unit Residential carts and cans will increase by up to 2.8%, and Multi Unit dumpsters will decrease by up to .8%. The impact of this change on actual bills will vary depending upon each Multi-Unit Residential customer's specific mix of cans/carts and dumpster service. Please see billing comparisons on the reverse for impact to typical customers.

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

Some common trash & recycling service levels are represented in the table below.

Service Level	Current Rates*	Proposed Rates*	% Change
Common Single Family Residential Service (65-gal trash, 65-gal greenwaste, 65-gal recycle) 1x/week	\$35.27	\$35.54	0.8%
Multi-Unit Residential (Cart/Can Service) (5-95 gal trash, 95-gal greenwaste, 5-95 gal recycle) 1x/week	\$229.22	\$234.78	2.4%
Multi-Unit Residential (Small/Medium Dumpster Service) (4 yard trash, 2 yard recycle) 1x/week	\$366.55	\$363.76	-0.8%
Business (Cart/Can Service) (3-95 gal trash, 3-95 gal recycle) 2x/week	\$383.34	\$386.23	0.8%
Business Dumpster Service (4yd trash, 4yd recycle) 2x/week	\$1006.34	\$1014.00	0.8%

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

How do I protest?

If you wish to protest any of the above increases, please deliver your protest **signed and in writing**, including your name and service address, to the City Clerk of the City of Santa Barbara at 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA, 93101, prior to or during the City Council's consideration of this item on June 16, 2015. (If you wish to submit your protest during the public hearing, please deliver it to City Staff in the Council Chambers). Protests are public records.

When do the new rates take effect?

City Council will consider adopting these rates on June 23, 2015 (one week after the public hearing). The new rates will be effective starting July 1, 2015.

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

See www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/UtilityBilling or call (805) 564-5460 for wastewater and (805) 564-5631 for trash/recycling.