



NOTICE of INTENT TO INCREASE SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING RATES IN THE CITY of REDWOOD CITY

The City Council for the City of Redwood City hereby gives public notice of its intent to increase the existing residential and commercial customer rates in the City of Redwood City for the collection of solid waste and recyclable materials. The City Council plans to consider this rate increase at a public hearing on **January 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, California**. If the City Council approves the rate increase, the rate increase will be effective on January 10, 2012 and will apply to services rendered on or after that date.

NECESSITY FOR NEW RATES

Solid waste collection rates are adopted annually by the City of Redwood City. These proposed rates are based on a financial evaluation of 2011 operating costs and revenues for Recology San Mateo County, which include costs for providing collection services beginning January 1, 2012. Customers should be aware that a portion of the rates includes costs for disposal at the landfill, and processing charges for the recycling and organics handled by a contractor other than Recology. Further, some of the proposed cost increase is due to revenue shortfalls resulting from residents subscribing to small, lower-rate garbage carts. The contractor also has other increasing costs in labor agreements and fuel. A new Door to Door Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service is proposed to begin in 2012, with a small increase in cost.

Costs for Unscheduled Services including but not limited to extra pickups and return trips, cart cleaning / rental / purchase / replacement, key and lock service and overage fees/overage tags will increase by 1.67%. The following is a summary of the factors behind this proposed rate increase:

2.3%	Costs for providing collection services in 2012
2.9%	Costs for collection services provided in 2011
.61%	Revenue Requirement for New Door to Door Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service
2.0%	Additional revenue shortfall due to projected 2012 can size reductions
7.81%	(Total rate increase)

PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDED RATES

The City Council for the City of Redwood City hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held at its meeting on **January 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, California**. At this hearing, the City Council will consider public comment as well as written protests by property owners or customers responsible for payment of the charges against the proposed increase in solid waste fees. If written protests represent a majority of affected parcels, the City Council will not increase the rates as a matter of law.

If you would like additional information on the proposed rates, please visit City Hall, call 650-780-7210, or visit the City's website at www.redwoodcity.org/finance/utility/utilityrates.html. Any person interested, including all solid waste and recycling collection customers of the City of Redwood City may appear at the public hearing and be heard on any matter related to the proposed increase in rates.

If you wish to file a written protest, please send a letter in a sealed envelope addressed to Solid Waste Rates, City Clerk, City of Redwood City, 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, CA 94063. Your letter must identify the real property you own or occupy by service address or assessor's parcel number. Your letter must be legibly signed by any one of the current property owners or rate-paying customers on record. Only one protest per parcel will be counted. **The City of Redwood City must receive your letter at City Hall by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2012 or it must be presented at the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 9, 2012 prior to the close of the public hearing on the matter.**

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 2012 (Proposed)

Residential Monthly		Commercial Monthly	
Capacity	Each Can	Subscription Level (yards per week)	New Monthly Rate \$/Yard
20 gallons	\$11.11	1-10	\$124.62
32 gallons	\$26.66	11-20	\$128.36
64 gallons	\$53.32	21-30	\$132.20
95 gallons	\$79.15	31-50	\$136.18
		51+	\$140.26

Residential customers are billed every other month.

Residential rates shown reflect monthly charges.

Residential and Commercial charges include a recycling surcharge.

	One 1 Yard	One 2 Yard	One 3 Yard	Two 3 yard One 6 Yard	Three 3 Yard
Special Pick Up	\$78.26	\$106.69	\$136.93	\$225.85	\$309.42
Compacted Rate	\$55.12	per yard per pick-up (includes recycling charge)			

Pullout Charges for Commercial, Refuse and Recycling Containers	
5-10 feet	\$3.43
11-20 feet	\$6.84
21-30 feet	\$10.28
31-40 feet	\$13.71
41-50 feet	\$17.12
51-60 feet	\$20.23
Each additional 10 feet	\$3.43

Backyard Collection Service Distance Costs for Single-Family Dwellings Residential Pullout Charges				
Distance from Curbside	Number of Solid Waste Carts			
	One (1)	Two (2)	Three (3)	Four (4)
0 – 50 feet	\$18.30	\$29.20	\$58.40	\$87.60
51-100 feet	\$21.35	\$32.25	\$61.45	\$90.65
101-150 feet	\$24.40	\$35.30	\$64.50	\$93.70
151 – 200 feet	\$27.45	\$38.35	\$67.55	\$96.75
201 – 250 feet	\$30.50	\$41.40	\$70.60	\$99.80
251 – 300 feet	\$33.55	\$44.45	\$73.65	\$102.84
301 feet or more	\$36.60	\$47.50	\$76.70	\$105.90

The above charges will be in addition to all other applicable service charges.

For special pick-ups, call Recology San Mateo County (650) 595-3900.

Proposed Solid Waste Rate Increase

November 17, 2011



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