



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

The City Council of 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 these rate increases at a public hearing on February 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Redwood City City Hall.

**WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED RATES?**

While a 2.2% increase in overall rates is proposed, not all subscribers will experience a 2.2% increase as it is proposed that the rate structure for the residential rate structure is being adjusted to equalize the per volume cost of disposing of solid waste so that all residential subscribers pay approximately the same amount (on a per gallon basis) to dispose of solid waste. This proposal is being made to address inequities in the existing residential rate structure.

A summary of the existing proposed rates are presented below.

**SUMMARY of RATE INCREASE**

**Monthly Garbage Rates for 2009 (effective February 10, 2009)**

**Residential**

<b>Container Size</b>	<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>New Rate</b>
20 gallons (one container only)	\$7.79	\$8.00
20 gallons (two or more containers of any size)	\$9.85	\$12.00
32 gallons	\$18.96	\$19.20
40 gallons	\$19.71	\$24.00
45 gallons	\$28.17	\$27.00
50 gallons	\$28.17	\$30.00
60 gallons	\$30.42	\$36.00
64 gallons	\$32.46	\$38.40
90 gallons	\$45.72	\$54.00
95 gallons	\$51.27	\$57.00
100 gallons	\$51.27	\$60.00
120 gallons	\$64.76	\$72.00

**NECESSITY FOR NEW RATES**

Solid waste collection rates are adopted annually by the City of Redwood City. The proposed rates are developed by the South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) Board of Directors based on a financial evaluation of Allied's operating costs and projected revenues, as prepared by SBWMA financial consultant HF&H Consultants LLC (HF&H).

In November of each year, HF&H presents their review of Allied's Refuse, Recyclable and Plant Materials Collection Rate Application to the SBWMA Board. Among the findings, HF&H recommends that the City adjust rates as needed to bring the projected revenue requirement and cost of service into balance. City staff reviews the report and provides additional data and direction as necessary.

## **PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDED RATES**

The City Council of the City of Redwood City hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held at its meeting on February 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Redwood City 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 against the proposed increase in solid waste fees. If written protests are presented by a majority of affected property owners prior to close of the public hearing, the City Council will not increase the rates as a matter of law.

If you are not the property owner of record, please forward this notice to such party.

If you would like additional information on the proposed rates, please visit the Redwood City City Hall or call 650-780-7217.

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 by street address and assessor's parcel number. Your letter must be legibly signed by any one of the current property owners on record.

The City of Redwood City must receive your letter at City Hall by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2009 or it must be presented at the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 9, 2009 prior to the close of the public hearing on the matter.

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.