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Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Solid Waste Rate Increases

Date: Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
1017 Middlefield Road
Redwood City, California 94063

On Monday, November 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Redwood City will hold a public hearing to consider proposed increases for residential regular solid waste collection rates for (1) 20-gallon bins; (2) 32-gallon bins; (3) 64-gallon bins; and (4) 96-gallon bins, and unscheduled solid waste services. If authorized, these increases will be effective beginning January 1, 2026 and January 1, 2027. Members of the public may participate in the public hearing in person, in writing, or as otherwise provided on the agenda, published at least 72 hours in advance, here: <https://www.redwoodcity.org/city-hall/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas-and-minutes>. The purpose of this notice is to describe the proposed rate increases and to notify you of the public hearing.

THE PROPOSAL

The City Council will consider the following proposed monthly solid waste rate increases at the City Council meeting on November 10, 2025:

- Beginning January 1, 2026 and January 1, 2027, \$6.00 increases for regular, scheduled, basic collection of residential solid waste and recyclable materials for 20, 32, 64, and 96 gallon bins,
- Beginning January 1, 2026 and January 1, 2027, 2.439% increase for unscheduled solid waste services.

The proposed solid waste rates are calculated to recover the cost of providing solid waste services to each commercial and residential customer class. These services are provided by Recology San Mateo County. The proposed rate increases are designed to ensure that the revenue collected from the solid waste rates is sufficient to cover Recology's full costs of providing solid waste services. The South Bayside Waste Management Authority is a joint powers authority formed by eleven local government jurisdictions, which, among other duties, provides strategic oversight and thoroughly reviews Recology's revenue requests to ensure that the prescribed process as delineated in the franchise agreement is being followed and that proposed rates do not exceed Recology's approved costs of service.

REGULAR SERVICE

Recology's proposed increases are necessary to proportionately allocate increased collection costs, including, but not limited to disposal and processing fees, labor costs, fuel and power costs, and other associated operating and maintenance costs, to the rates paid by each customer class. For residential customers with 20-gallon, 32-gallon, 64-gallon, or 96-gallon carts, the increase amounts to six dollars more per month beginning January 1, 2026 and again on January 1, 2027.

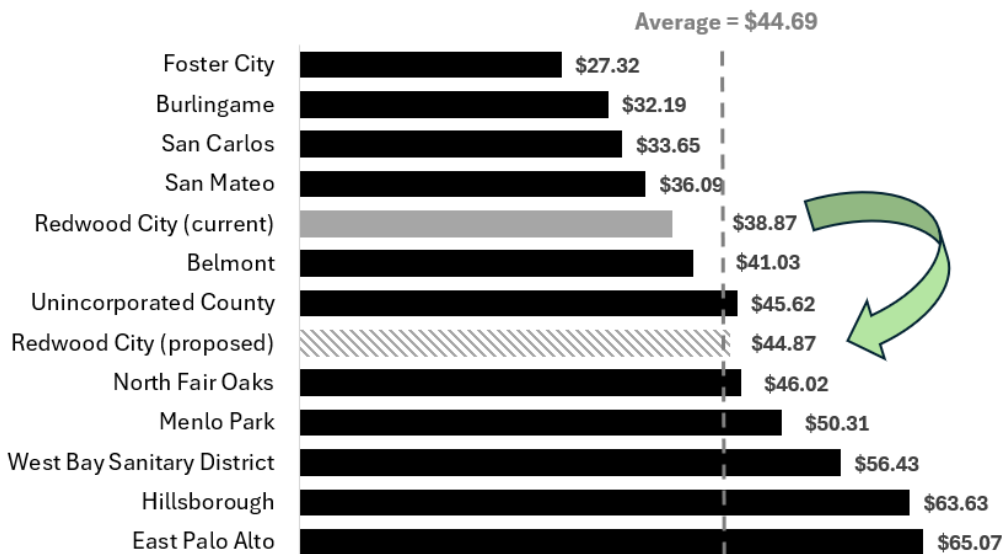
Current & Proposed Regular Solid Waste Rates			
Residential Monthly Rates			
Capacity	Current Rate (Per Cart)	Proposed Rate (Per Cart) Effective on 1/1/2026	Proposed Rate (Per Cart) Effective on 1/1/2027
20-gallon	\$38.87	\$44.87	\$50.87
32-gallon	\$52.86	\$58.86	\$64.86
64-gallon	\$80.20	\$86.20	\$92.20
96-gallon	\$107.31	\$113.31	\$119.31

Residential customers are billed every other month. Residential rates shown above reflect monthly charges.

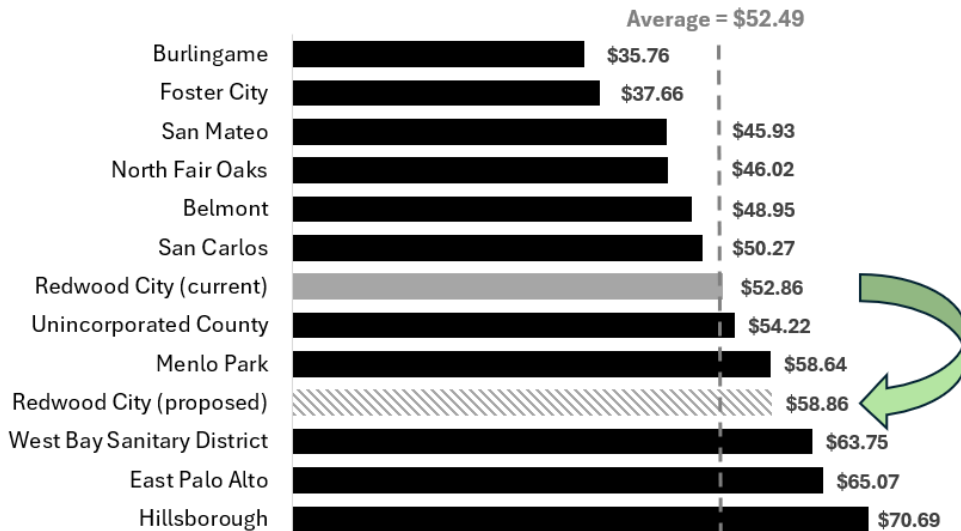
Comparison of Residential Solid Waste Rates for Surrounding Agencies' 2025 Rate and Redwood City's Current and Proposed 2026 Rates*

Based on 20-Gallon, 32-Gallon, 64-Gallon, and 96-Gallon Carts for Redwood City

20 Gallon

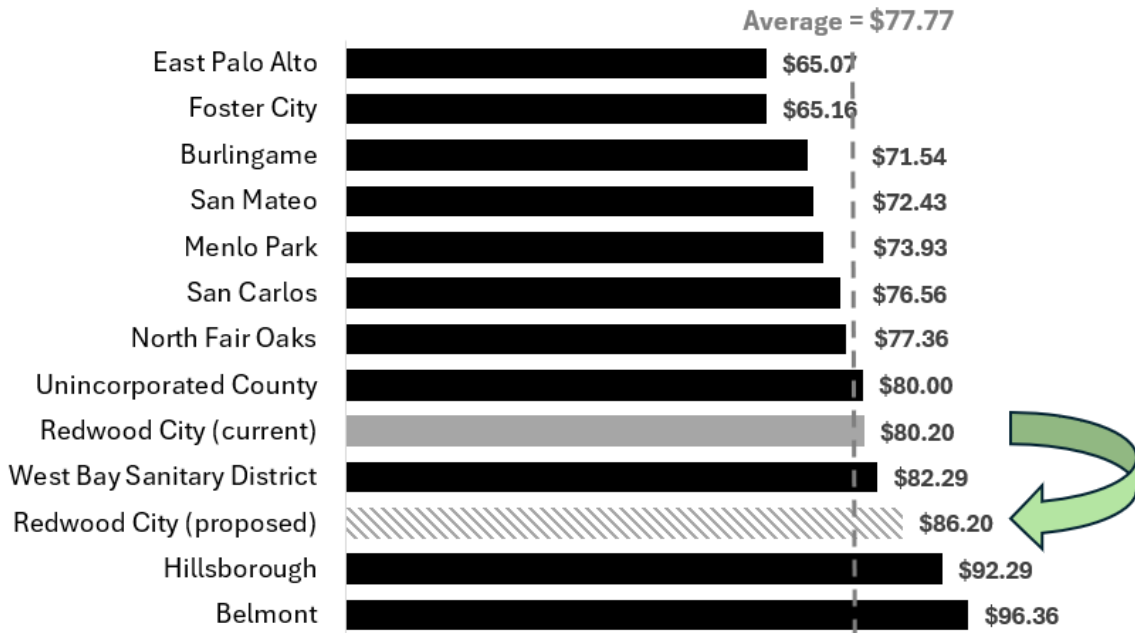


32 Gallon

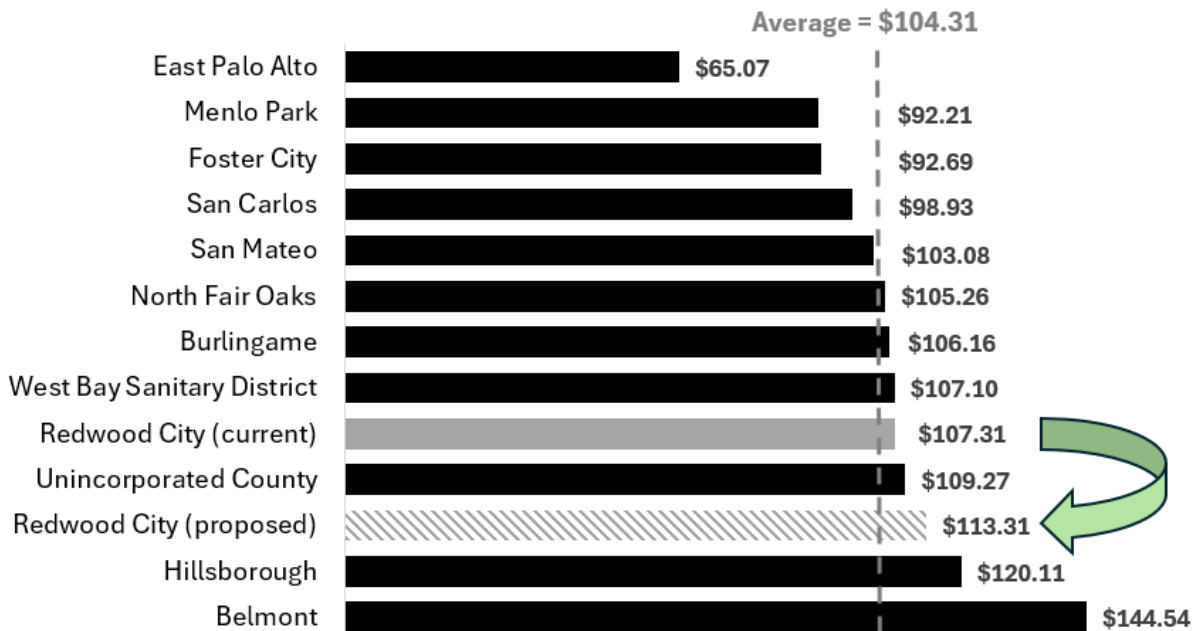


*North Fair Oaks and East Palo Alto do not offer all four cart sizes, and some rates are shown for the next smallest available cart size for comparison.

60-65 Gallon



96 Gallon



UNSCHEDULED SERVICES

Unscheduled Services include miscellaneous services that are above and beyond routine garbage collection, such as backyard collection, key service, or additional carts. The proposed increase in the rates is 2.439% beginning January 1, 2026 and again on January 1, 2027 for unscheduled solid waste services. Below are the proposed fees effective beginning January 1, 2026. Effective beginning January 1, 2027, the proposed fees below would be increased by the proposed 2.439%.

RESIDENTIAL (PROPOSED FOR UNSCHEDULED SERVICES RATES)

The services offered and the proposed rates are listed below.

- Container Relocation Service:
 - Distance between greater than 50 feet and less than or equal to 100 feet – 12% of base monthly rate of the collection rate for each container requiring relocation service.

- Distance greater than 100 feet – 27% of base monthly rate of the collection rate for each container requiring relocation service.
- On-Call Pick-up – 25% of the monthly rate for the size of container collected once per week.
- Return Trip Cost \$21.24 (per collection event) for collection service provided after the regularly scheduled collection day.
- Additional Targeted Recyclable Materials or Organic Materials Cart – \$4.25 per cart per month (six month minimum charge required).
- Additional On-Call Bulky Item Collection – \$115.47 for each collection after the first two per year.
- Fee to Collect Contaminated Targeted Recyclable Materials or Organic Materials Container – 25% of the base monthly rate for the size of the container collected once per week plus Return Trip Fee if applicable.
- Lock Service (Key Service) – \$12.03 (per usage), Lock Purchase \$24.06 (per lock).
- Overage Service – 100% of the base monthly rate per collection event (after first two events)
- Overage Bag Cost – 50% of the base monthly rate or a minimum of \$11.32 (whichever is greater) – per bag.
- Container Cleaning Service – \$70.80 per cart, \$120.35 per Bin or Drop Box.
- Dirty Cart Replacement (Exchange) Service – \$92.02 per 32-gallon cart, \$106.19 per 64-gallon cart, \$120.35 per 96-gallon cart.

Backyard Collection Service Distance Fee for Single-Family Dwellings				
Proposed Rate Effective on 1/1/2026				
Distance from Curbside	One (1) Solid Waste Cart	Two (2) Solid Waste Carts	Three (3) Solid Waste Carts	Four (4) Solid Waste Carts
	Base monthly Solid Waste Rate plus	Base monthly Solid Waste Rate plus	Base monthly Solid Waste Rate plus	Base monthly Solid Waste Rate plus
0 – 50 feet	\$25.48	\$40.66	\$81.33	\$121.99
51-100 feet	\$29.72	\$44.91	\$85.57	\$126.24
101-150 feet	\$33.98	\$49.16	\$89.83	\$130.49
151 – 200 feet	\$38.23	\$53.41	\$94.08	\$134.73
201 – 250 feet	\$42.47	\$57.65	\$98.31	\$138.98
251 – 300 feet	\$46.72	\$61.90	\$102.56	\$143.22
301 – 350 feet	\$50.97	\$66.15	\$106.81	\$147.47
Each additional 50 ft. increment over 350 ft.	Amount equals the difference between charge for 251 – 300 feet and 301 – 350 feet			

COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (PROPOSED UNSCHEDULED SERVICES RATES)

The services offered and the proposed rates are listed below.

- Long Distance Service Charges for MFD, Mixed Use, and Commercial accounts:
 - For containers located distance between greater than 50 feet and less than or equal to 100 feet from access point for contractor’s collection vehicle – 10% of the monthly base rate.
 - For containers located distance greater than 100 feet from access point for contractor’s collection vehicle – 25% of the monthly base rate.
- Container Relocation Service:
 - Distance between greater than 50 feet and less than or equal to 100 feet – 12% of base monthly rate of the collection rate for each container requiring relocation service.
 - Distance greater than 100 feet – 27% of base monthly rate of the collection rate for each container requiring relocation service.

- On-Call Pick-up for MFD, Mixed Use, and Commercial accounts – 25% of the monthly rate for the size of container collected once per week.
- Return Trip Cost for MFD, Mixed Use, or Commercial accounts – \$21.24 (per collection event) for collection service provided after the regularly scheduled collection day.
- Additional Targeted Recyclable Materials or Organic Materials Cart – \$4.25 per cart per month (six month minimum charge required).
- Additional On-Call Bulky Item Collection – \$115.47 for each collection after the first two per year.
- Fee to Collect Contaminated Targeted Recyclable Materials or Organic Materials Container – 25% of the base monthly rate for the size of the container collected once per week plus Return Trip Fee if applicable.
- Lock Service (Key Service) – \$13.45 (per usage), Lock Purchase \$24.06 (per lock).
- Overage Service – 100% of the base monthly rate per collection event (after first two events)
- Overage Bag Cost - 50% of the base monthly rate or a minimum of \$11.32 (whichever is greater) – per bag.
- Container Cleaning Service – \$70.80 per cart, \$120.35 per Bin or Drop Box.
- Dirty Cart Replacement (Exchange) Service – \$92.02 per 32-gallon cart, \$106.19 per 64-gallon cart, \$120.35 per 96-gallon cart

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED RATES

At the November 10, 2025 public hearing, the City Council will consider oral and written testimony, as well as written protests by property owners and customers of record against the proposed solid waste service rate increases. If, prior to the close of the public input portion of the public hearing, written protests are presented by a majority of parcels that receive solid waste services, the City Council will not approve rates that exceed existing levels. While oral and written testimony will be considered, only written protests will be counted toward the majority protest threshold, and only one written protest per parcel will be counted in calculating a majority protest.

If you would like additional information on the proposed rates, please visit Public Works Services at 1400 Broadway Street, Redwood City, CA 94063, call 650-780-7464, or email alee@redwoodcity.org. 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 submit a letter addressed to Solid Waste Rates, City Clerk, City of Redwood City, 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, CA 94063 or email council@redwoodcity.org. Your written protest must: (i) Include a statement that it is a protest against the proposed change in rates; (ii) Provide the name of the record owner or customer of record; (iii) Identify the affected parcel by assessor's parcel number or service address; and (iv) Include the signature of the record owner or customer of record with respect to the identified parcel. Protests will not be counted if any of the required elements (i through iv) are omitted. Written protests must be received by the City Clerk at City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 2025 if delivered by U.S. Mail or email. Written protests may also be hand delivered to the City Clerk up until the close of the public input portion of the November 10, 2025 public hearing on the matter.