



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & PROPOSED RATE INCREASES  
TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATES FOR 2022-2025  
PROPOSITION 218 NOTIFICATION**



**THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATES OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, BEGINNING JANUARY 2022.** Proposed rates will be considered by the City Council at a Public Hearing on October 19, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers at 110 East Cook Street, Santa Maria, California. The public is also invited to attend a Public Workshop on the proposed rates on September 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 110 East Cook Street, Santa Maria, California. The City's last solid waste collection rate adjustment went into effect in January 2017. Proposed adjustments to solid waste collection rates for 2022-2025 are necessary to meet revenue requirements for regulatory compliance, operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement costs of the City's municipal solid waste collection program. More information regarding the proposed rates is contained in this notice, which is also available online at [cityofsantamaria.org/utilities](http://cityofsantamaria.org/utilities). Questions may be directed to the Utilities Department at (805) 925-0951 ext. 7270.

**SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM**

The City provides mandatory solid waste collection services for Santa Maria residential and commercial customers six days a week. More than 19,000 residential customers receive weekly collection service for 60- and 90-gallon containers and more than 1,500 commercial customers receive variable collection services for bins or dumpsters ranging in size from 350-gallons to 6-cubic yards.

The City is also required to provide recycling collection and green waste/organics (food waste) collection services, which continue to expand based on mandates implemented and enforced by the State of California, including Assembly Bill 341, Assembly Bill 1826, and Senate Bill 1383.

**BASIS FOR PROPOSED RATES**

The City is committed to providing the safe and efficient collection of residential and commercial solid waste at the lowest possible costs while maintaining the resources to effectively facilitate such collection and disposal.

To operate its solid waste collection program, the City incurs costs to: (a) meet all State and Federal regulatory requirements; (b) fund renewal and replacement capital; (c) and fund operating and maintenance expenses for the collections fleet, inventory, tools, and personnel. Proposed rates are calculated to recover the costs of providing solid waste services. The cost-based rates proportionately allocate costs among ratepayers. The rates, as proposed, will help to ensure the solvency of the Solid Waste Collections Enterprise Fund to achieve the above objectives.

**HOW TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN PROTEST**

Written protests to proposed rates may be submitted by a property owner or tenant directly responsible for payment of solid waste collection fees. Only one protest per identified parcel will be counted.

Written protests must be delivered in person or by mail prior to the conclusion of the Public Hearing on October 19, 2021, to the City of Santa Maria, Attn: Chief Deputy City Clerk, 110 East Cook Street, Santa Maria, CA 93454. Protests submitted electronically will not be accepted as written protests. Regardless of mailing date, all written protests must be received by the Chief Deputy City Clerk prior to the close of the Public Hearing in order to be accepted.

Written protests must: (1) State that the identified property owner or tenant is opposed to the proposed solid waste collection rates; (2) Provide the location of the identified parcel by street address, assessor's parcel number, or utility account number; and (3) Include the name and signature of the property owner or tenant submitting the protest.

The City Council will hear and consider all written protests and oral comments to the proposed rates at the Public Hearing. Oral comments will qualify as a valid protest only when accompanied by a written protest.

Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider adoption of the proposed rates as described in this notice. If written protests for the proposed rates are not presented by a majority of the property owners or tenants of the identified parcels subject to the proposed rates, the City Council will be authorized to adopt the rates.

**UNDERSTANDING PROPOSED RATES**

The following pages demonstrate the proposed rates by effective date, customer type (residential or commercial), and service level. After the initial rate adjustment in January 2022, annual adjustments will occur each July through 2025.

**Residential customers** are charged based on the size (60- or 90-gallon) and quantity of trash containers requested. Residential rates include one equivalent-sized recycle container and green waste/organics container. The most common service level is one 90-gallon container. The existing rates for residential service are shown with the rates proposed for January 2022.

**Commercial customers** are charged based on the size (350-gallon, 2-, 3-, 4-, or 6-cubic yard) and quantity of trash bins or dumpsters requested, in addition to the frequency of service. Commercial rates include one equivalent-sized recycle bin or dumpster with the same frequency of service. Commercial services are extremely variable with not one "common" service level; therefore, proposed rates for January 2022 are not compared to current rates. However, current rates are posted on the City's website and will be available for viewing until such time as new rates are adopted.

Implementing the proposed rates incrementally provides certainty for ratepayers and funding at appropriate intervals. If approved, the proposed rates will take effect January 1 and July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025.



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**Monthly Residential Rates - Current vs. Proposed**

Number of Containers	Current Rates		Proposed Rates	
	60 Gallon	90 Gallon	60 Gallon	90 Gallon
1	\$ 30.69	\$ 34.81	\$ 32.70	\$ 38.07
Each Additional	25.16	29.30	26.57	31.96

**Monthly Commercial Rates - Proposed**

<b>Two Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 166.72	\$ 245.47	\$ 325.92	\$ 406.37	\$ 486.83	\$ 567.28
2	333.44	469.11	620.50	771.89	923.28	1,074.67
3	500.16	701.97	915.08	1,137.41	1,359.74	1,582.07
4	666.88	935.96	1,209.66	1,502.93	1,796.20	2,089.46
5	833.60	1,169.95	1,506.30	1,868.45	2,232.66	2,596.86
6	1,000.32	1,403.94	1,807.56	2,233.97	2,669.11	3,104.26
Each Additional	166.72	233.99	301.26	365.51	436.45	507.39

<b>Three Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 190.61	\$ 296.16	\$ 401.72	\$ 507.26	\$ 612.81	\$ 718.37
2	381.22	570.50	772.09	973.66	1,175.26	1,376.85
3	571.83	845.01	1,142.46	1,440.07	1,737.70	2,035.33
4	762.44	1,126.68	1,512.84	1,906.47	2,300.14	2,693.81
Each Additional	190.61	281.67	370.37	466.40	562.44	658.48

<b>Four Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 215.87	\$ 346.60	\$ 477.34	\$ 608.06	\$ 738.79	\$ 869.51
2	428.98	671.37	923.33	1,175.26	1,427.20	1,679.13
3	643.47	996.14	1,369.32	1,742.46	2,115.62	2,488.76
4	857.96	1,320.91	1,815.31	2,309.67	2,804.03	3,298.39
5	1,072.45	1,647.20	2,261.30	2,876.87	3,492.45	4,108.02
6	1,286.94	1,976.64	2,707.29	3,444.07	4,180.86	4,917.64
Each Additional	214.49	329.44	445.99	567.20	688.41	809.63

<b>Six Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 266.90	\$ 447.85	\$ 628.77	\$ 809.72	\$ 990.66	\$ 1,171.59
2	524.52	873.86	1,226.20	1,578.58	1,930.94	2,283.30
3	786.78	1,299.88	1,823.63	2,347.45	2,871.23	3,395.01
Each Additional	262.26	426.02	597.43	768.87	940.29	1,111.71

<b>350 Gallon Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 146.32	\$ 218.47	\$ 290.61	\$ 362.75	\$ 434.89	\$ 507.03
Each Additional	85.50	131.26	176.39	221.33	266.20	311.03



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**Monthly Residential Rates - Proposed**

Number of Containers	60 Gallon	90 Gallon
1	\$ 34.71	\$ 41.34
Each Additional	27.98	34.62

**Monthly Commercial Rates - Proposed**

<b>Two Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 166.72	\$ 256.95	\$ 350.59	\$ 444.22	\$ 537.85	\$ 631.49
2	333.44	470.24	638.49	806.72	974.97	1,143.21
3	500.16	701.97	926.39	1,169.23	1,412.08	1,654.93
4	666.88	935.96	1,214.29	1,531.74	1,849.20	2,166.65
5	833.60	1,169.95	1,506.30	1,894.25	2,286.32	2,678.38
6	1,000.32	1,403.94	1,807.56	2,256.75	2,723.42	3,190.09
Each Additional	166.72	233.99	301.26	362.50	437.11	511.71

<b>Three Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 190.61	\$ 310.66	\$ 430.71	\$ 550.75	\$ 670.79	\$ 790.83
2	381.22	577.66	798.72	1,019.77	1,240.83	1,461.90
3	571.83	845.01	1,166.74	1,488.80	1,810.88	2,132.96
4	762.44	1,126.68	1,534.75	1,957.82	2,380.93	2,804.02
Each Additional	190.61	281.67	368.02	469.02	570.05	671.06

<b>Four Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 217.24	\$ 363.76	\$ 510.29	\$ 656.79	\$ 803.30	\$ 949.81
2	428.98	683.87	957.87	1,231.86	1,505.86	1,779.85
3	643.47	1,003.97	1,405.47	1,806.94	2,208.42	2,609.89
4	857.96	1,324.06	1,853.05	2,382.02	2,910.98	3,439.94
5	1,072.45	1,647.20	2,300.65	2,957.10	3,613.54	4,269.99
6	1,286.94	1,976.64	2,748.24	3,532.16	4,316.10	5,100.03
Each Additional	214.49	329.44	447.58	575.07	702.55	830.04

<b>Six Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 271.54	\$ 470.89	\$ 670.23	\$ 869.57	\$ 1,068.91	\$ 1,268.26
2	524.52	898.12	1,277.77	1,657.43	2,037.09	2,416.74
3	786.78	1,325.36	1,885.31	2,445.30	3,005.27	3,565.23
Each Additional	262.26	427.24	607.54	787.87	968.18	1,148.50

<b>350 Gallon Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 146.77	\$ 232.20	\$ 317.63	\$ 403.06	\$ 488.49	\$ 573.92
Each Additional	85.76	139.51	192.79	245.93	299.01	352.07



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**Monthly Residential Rates - Proposed**

Number of Containers	60 Gallon	90 Gallon
1	\$ 36.73	\$ 44.60
Each Additional	29.39	37.27

**Monthly Commercial Rates - Proposed**

<b>Two Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 166.72	\$ 268.43	\$ 375.25	\$ 482.06	\$ 588.88	\$ 695.70
2	333.44	471.38	656.47	841.55	1,026.65	1,211.74
3	500.16	701.97	937.69	1,201.05	1,464.43	1,727.80
4	666.88	935.96	1,218.91	1,560.55	1,902.20	2,243.83
5	833.60	1,169.95	1,506.30	1,920.05	2,339.97	2,759.89
6	1,000.32	1,403.94	1,807.56	2,279.54	2,777.74	3,275.93
Each Additional	166.72	233.99	301.26	359.48	437.76	516.04

<b>Three Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 190.61	\$ 325.15	\$ 459.69	\$ 594.23	\$ 728.76	\$ 863.30
2	381.22	584.82	825.35	1,065.87	1,306.41	1,546.95
3	571.83	845.01	1,191.01	1,537.53	1,884.06	2,230.59
4	762.44	1,126.68	1,556.67	2,009.17	2,461.71	2,914.23
Each Additional	190.61	281.67	365.66	471.64	577.65	683.64

<b>Four Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 218.62	\$ 380.92	\$ 543.24	\$ 705.52	\$ 867.82	\$ 1,030.11
2	428.98	696.36	992.42	1,288.45	1,584.52	1,880.56
3	643.47	1,011.79	1,441.62	1,871.41	2,301.23	2,731.03
4	857.96	1,327.22	1,890.80	2,454.36	3,017.93	3,581.48
5	1,072.45	1,647.20	2,340.01	3,037.32	3,734.64	4,431.95
6	1,286.94	1,976.64	2,789.19	3,620.25	4,451.34	5,282.41
Each Additional	214.49	329.44	449.18	582.94	716.70	850.46

<b>Six Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 276.18	\$ 493.94	\$ 711.68	\$ 929.43	\$ 1,147.17	\$ 1,364.92
2	524.52	922.39	1,329.33	1,736.27	2,143.23	2,550.17
3	786.78	1,350.85	1,946.98	2,543.14	3,139.30	3,735.45
Each Additional	262.26	428.46	617.65	806.87	996.07	1,185.28

<b>350 Gallon Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 147.22	\$ 245.94	\$ 344.66	\$ 443.37	\$ 542.09	\$ 640.81
Each Additional	86.02	147.77	209.19	270.52	331.82	393.10



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**Monthly Residential Rates - Proposed**

Number of Containers	60 Gallon	90 Gallon
1	\$ 38.74	\$ 47.87
Each Additional	30.80	39.93

**Monthly Commercial Rates - Proposed**

<b>Two Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 166.72	\$ 279.91	\$ 399.92	\$ 519.91	\$ 639.91	\$ 759.92
2	333.44	472.51	674.46	876.38	1,078.33	1,280.28
3	500.16	701.97	949.00	1,232.87	1,516.77	1,800.66
4	666.88	935.96	1,223.54	1,589.36	1,955.20	2,321.02
5	833.60	1,169.95	1,506.30	1,945.86	2,393.63	2,841.40
6	1,000.32	1,403.94	1,807.56	2,302.32	2,832.05	3,361.76
Each Additional	166.72	233.99	301.26	356.47	438.42	520.36

<b>Three Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 190.61	\$ 339.64	\$ 488.68	\$ 637.71	\$ 786.73	\$ 935.77
2	381.22	591.98	851.98	1,111.97	1,371.99	1,632.00
3	571.83	845.01	1,215.29	1,586.26	1,957.24	2,328.23
4	762.44	1,126.68	1,578.59	2,060.52	2,542.49	3,024.44
Each Additional	190.61	281.67	363.30	474.26	585.26	696.22

<b>Four Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 220.00	\$ 398.08	\$ 576.18	\$ 754.25	\$ 932.33	\$ 1,110.41
2	428.98	708.85	1,026.96	1,345.05	1,663.18	1,981.28
3	643.47	1,019.62	1,477.77	1,935.88	2,394.03	2,852.16
4	857.96	1,330.37	1,928.54	2,526.71	3,124.88	3,723.03
5	1,072.45	1,647.20	2,379.36	3,117.54	3,855.74	4,593.92
6	1,286.94	1,976.64	2,830.14	3,708.35	4,586.57	5,464.79
Each Additional	214.49	329.44	450.78	590.80	730.84	870.87

<b>Six Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 280.83	\$ 516.99	\$ 753.13	\$ 989.28	\$ 1,225.43	\$ 1,461.59
2	524.52	946.65	1,380.89	1,815.12	2,249.38	2,683.61
3	786.78	1,376.33	2,008.66	2,640.99	3,273.34	3,905.67
Each Additional	262.26	429.68	627.76	825.87	1,023.96	1,222.06

<b>350 Gallon Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 147.67	\$ 259.68	\$ 371.68	\$ 483.68	\$ 595.69	\$ 707.70
Each Additional	86.29	156.02	225.59	295.12	364.63	434.13



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**Monthly Residential Rates - Proposed**

Number of Containers	60 Gallon	90 Gallon
1	\$ 40.75	\$ 51.13
Each Additional	32.21	42.59

**Monthly Commercial Rates - Proposed**

<b>Two Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 166.72	\$ 291.39	\$ 424.58	\$ 557.75	\$ 690.94	\$ 824.13
2	333.44	473.64	692.44	911.21	1,130.02	1,348.81
3	500.16	701.97	960.30	1,264.70	1,569.11	1,873.52
4	666.88	935.96	1,228.16	1,618.17	2,008.20	2,398.20
5	833.60	1,169.95	1,506.30	1,971.66	2,447.29	2,922.92
6	1,000.32	1,403.94	1,807.56	2,325.11	2,886.36	3,447.60
Each Additional	166.72	233.99	301.26	353.45	439.07	524.68

<b>Three Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 190.61	\$ 354.13	\$ 517.67	\$ 681.19	\$ 844.71	\$ 1,008.23
2	381.22	599.14	878.60	1,158.07	1,437.56	1,717.05
3	571.83	845.01	1,239.56	1,634.99	2,030.41	2,425.86
4	762.44	1,126.68	1,600.51	2,111.87	2,623.28	3,134.65
Each Additional	190.61	281.67	360.95	476.88	592.86	708.80

<b>Four Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 221.37	\$ 415.24	\$ 609.13	\$ 802.98	\$ 996.85	\$ 1,190.71
2	428.98	721.34	1,061.51	1,401.65	1,741.84	2,081.99
3	643.47	1,027.44	1,513.93	2,000.36	2,486.84	2,973.29
4	857.96	1,333.52	1,966.29	2,599.06	3,231.83	3,864.58
5	1,072.45	1,647.20	2,418.71	3,197.77	3,976.83	4,755.89
6	1,286.94	1,976.64	2,871.08	3,796.44	4,721.81	5,647.18
Each Additional	214.49	329.44	452.38	598.67	744.98	891.29

<b>Six Cubic Yard Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 285.47	\$ 540.03	\$ 794.59	\$ 1,049.13	\$ 1,303.68	\$ 1,558.25
2	524.52	970.91	1,432.46	1,893.96	2,355.52	2,817.05
3	786.78	1,401.81	2,070.33	2,738.83	3,407.37	4,075.90
Each Additional	262.26	430.90	637.87	844.87	1,051.85	1,258.84

<b>350 Gallon Bin</b>						
Number of Bins	Pickups per Week					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	\$ 148.12	\$ 273.42	\$ 398.71	\$ 524.00	\$ 649.29	\$ 774.59
Each Additional	86.55	164.27	242.00	319.72	397.44	475.17