



Notice of Public Hearing

Proposed Increase for Maximum Allowable Charge for Solid Waste/Recycling/Organics Collection for Rate Year 2018/2019

County of San Benito, Board Chambers

County Administration Building, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister

October 9, 2018 9:00 A.M.

On October 9, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing to accept public input and testimony on a proposed increase on the maximum allowable charge for solid waste collection, to be effective November 1, 2018 and thru June 30, 2019, and thereafter until modified by formal action. Any interested person may present verbal or written input to the Board of Supervisors. Although the Board of Supervisors will consider all input, State law provides that only the written protests of property owners may be counted to determine whether a majority protest to the proposed maximum rates exists. If, at the conclusion of the public hearing, a majority protest of property owners does not exist, the Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of the proposed maximum allowable charges.

The current Franchise Agreement and rates expire on October 31, 2018. Your current solid waste rates were last adjusted on July 1, 2016. Through a competitive procurement process a new Franchise Agreement was awarded to Recology San Benito County that includes significant changes to recycling and organics collection programs for residents and businesses to start effective November 1, 2018. These changes are required to meet state mandates AB 939, AB 341, AB 1826 and SB 1383. New services for residents include a new cart for the collection of yard waste and food scraps; and new free collection events for electronics recycling, shredding/recycling and free compost giveaways. Residents also receive new curbside bulky item collection for items such as mattress, appliance, furniture, etc. collected from curbside twice a year at no additional cost. New services for businesses include free on-site technical assistance and training to increase recycling and new organics collection. Businesses will also receive free resources and educational materials to support new or expanded recycling and organics/ food scrap collection services.

The proposed new rates will pay for the collection and disposal of garbage; collection and processing of all recyclable items, yard waste, and food scraps; seasonal recycling programs; and public education activities to meet state regulatory requirements. These services are available to County residents and commercial businesses. The rates are established to increase recycling and composting to meet state mandates and divert materials from disposal in the landfill.

If the Board of Supervisors approves the maximum allowable rates at its October 9, 2018 meeting, new rates will begin on November 1, 2018, and will be included in the billing statement beginning in November 2018. The proposed schedule of maximum rates is included in this notice. Please note that the listed rates are the maximum rates. Therefore, your monthly rate may ultimately be lower than what is listed on the schedule.

The following charts gives the monthly rate for the four offered residential services; and the most common service levels for commercial customers if the containers are serviced one time a week. The full rate schedule, including all commercial services, is available for review at the Integrated Waste Management Department, 2301 Technology Parkway, Hollister. Recology will provide additional services upon request for a set fee that is not included in the maximum solid waste collection rate. These optional services will appear on the customer's Recology San Benito County bill as a separate line item in addition to the standard cost of collection. Backyard or distance service, additional carts, and extra on call pickups of bulky items are a few of the services offered. A complete list of all the additional services and their 2018 rate is also available at the IWM Department.

Residential Collection Rate including all County Fees
For weekly collection of garbage, recyclables and organics
Single family homes are billed bi-monthly

<u>Cart Size</u>	<u>2016 Monthly Rate*</u>	<u>Maximum Proposed 2018/19 Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Monthly Difference</u>
20-Gallon Cart	\$25.91	\$25.75	(\$0.16)
32-Gallon Cart	\$28.67	\$31.00	\$2.33
64-Gallon Cart	\$43.81	\$51.00	\$7.19
96 Gallon Cart	\$60.83	\$78.00	\$17.17
*Includes monthly yard waste collection service charge. Proposed new rates include organics (yard waste and food scraps) collection service at no additional charge.			

Commercial and Multi-Family Collection Rate including all County Fees
For the most common bin and cart sizes, collected weekly
Commercial customers are billed monthly

<u>Bin Size</u>	<u>2016 Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Maximum Proposed 2018/19 Monthly Rate*</u>	<u>Monthly Difference</u>
1-1 Yard	\$111.71	\$160.00	\$48.29
1-2 Yard	\$128.51	\$200.00	\$71.49
1-3 Yard	\$186.67	\$275.00	\$88.33
1-4 Yard	\$250.08	\$370.00	\$119.92
<u>Cart Size</u>	<u>2016 Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Maximum Proposed 2018/19 Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Monthly Difference</u>
64-Gallon Cart	\$34.66	\$51.00	\$16.34
96 Gallon Cart	\$51.68	\$78.00	\$26.32
* Includes collection of recyclables at no additional charge. Separate charges apply for organics collection.			

Commercial and Multi-Family Organics Collection Rate including all County Fees
For available bin and cart sizes, collected weekly
Commercial customers are billed monthly

<u>Bin Size</u>	<u>2016 Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Maximum Proposed 2018/19</u>
1-1 Yard	No current service and rates	\$96.00
1-2 Yard		\$150.00
64-Gallon Cart		\$30.60
96 Gallon Cart		\$46.80

If you wish to protest the proposed rate changes noted above, the Clerk of the Board must receive your written protest, see form to complete below, (mailed or delivered) to:

County of San Benito, Clerk of the Board
481 Fourth St.
Hollister, CA 95023

no later than 5 p.m. on October 8, 2018. Protests that are incomplete or are not received by the deadline cannot be counted. No more than one protest per parcel may be submitted. A written protest may also be hand delivered to the Board Clerk, at any time before the end of the public hearing.

Comments and Approval Procedures

A majority protest exists if written protests are received by the County with respect to 50% plus one of the parcels affected by the proposed Property-Related Fee.

A property owner (or customer if allowed by law to submit a protest (hereafter "property owner") may file a written protest as provided above. All protests must be received prior to the end of the public hearing. The written protest must contain the property owner's name, property address and property owner's signature. Only one protest per parcel may be counted.

The new maximum fees are based on the cost of providing services. Please refer to the complete fee packet, for further details and explanation of how each fee is calculated, located in the Clerk of the Board's office, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023-3840.

If you have any questions, call the IWM Department at (831) 636-4110

(Please cut along the dotted line and include with your protest letter)

OFFICIAL PROTEST FROM:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Assessor's parcel number (the nine-digit number that appears on your property tax statement):

Signature: _____ Date: _____