

CITY OF CARPINTERIA
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO SOLID WASTE RATES

Hearing Date & Time: March 24, 2025 at 5:30 pm
Hearing Location: City of Carpinteria, City Hall, City Council Chambers
5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013

Why are you receiving this notice?

The City of Carpinteria (City) mailed this notice to you because you are a solid waste customer and/or the owner of record of a property that receives solid waste disposal service within the City. This notice is being provided pursuant to California Constitution Article XIID (also known as “Proposition 218”) in an abundance of caution, in the interest of transparency, and without conceding the applicability of Proposition 218 to privately provided solid waste service. This notice describes proposed changes to the solid waste rates and gives information about a public hearing to be held on March 24, 2025 in City Council Chambers, located at 5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013. **If adopted, the proposed rates for solid waste service will be in effect beginning May 1, 2025.**

What do solid waste rates fund?

The City contracts with E.J. Harrison and Sons, Inc. (Harrison) to provide collection services for trash, recycling, green waste and other organic waste to residential and commercial customers. Harrison is a local, privately owned trash and recycling collection company. Harrison sets and collects solid waste rates in accordance with the City’s Franchise Agreement for Solid Waste Handling Services (Franchise Agreement), which is available on the City’s website at: <https://bit.ly/3Ex6u6i>.

The solid waste rates include a (i) service component, (ii) disposal component, (iii) City’s franchise fee and (iv) solid waste program fee (“AB 939 Fee”). The solid waste rates may be increased annually (on July 1 of each year) to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (“CPI”).¹

Why are rate changes needed?

State law requires the City to meet a variety of waste reduction targets and annually report on progress. The City achieves those targets via its Solid Waste Program, providing services and programs such as: street sweeping, composting, recycling, edible food recovery, household hazardous waste collection, pollution prevention, public and school education, and spill response. Historically the City has subsidized the costs associated with its Solid Waste Program and has not collected adequate funds. The proposed 5% increase in AB 939 Fees would cover the City’s costs to implement the Solid Waste Program.

Proposed changes to solid waste rates.

The City proposes to increase the AB 939 Fee by 5% in accordance with Public Resources Code section 41901. The AB 939 Fee increase has been negotiated with Harrison, and if approved will be memorialized with an amendment to the Franchise Agreement. The proposed AB 939 Fee is commensurate with neighboring jurisdictions and is used solely for the City’s implementation of its Solid Waste Program.

The following tables summarize the current solid waste rates and proposed maximum solid waste rates.² If adopted, the proposed rates for solid waste will be in effect beginning May 1, 2025.

Proposed Maximum Monthly RESIDENTIAL Solid Waste Rates

¹ The CPI used is for “All Urban Consumers” for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim Areas, published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the latest twelve-month period for which statistics are available. The formula used to calculate the percentage change is Current Year CPI minus Previous Year CPI equals Index Point Change divided by Previous Year CPI multiplied by 100 equals percent change. If that percentage exceeds 4%, the increase shall be limited to 4%.

² The following table does not reflect any potential annual CPI adjustment that may become effective July 1, 2025. Harrison will provide separate notice at least 30 days prior to the effective date for any CPI increase.

Types	Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rate (5% increase)	Notes
Minimum Service	32 gallon trash, 96 gallon recycle, 96 gallon organics	\$35.02	\$36.77	
Basic Service	64 gallon trash, 96 gallon recycle, 96 gallon organics	\$38.28	\$40.19	
High Volume	96 gallon trash, 96 gallon recycle, 96 gallon organics	\$58.70	\$61.64	
Bin Service	3 cubic yard bin, 96 gallon recycle, 96 gallon organics	\$277.22	\$291.08	
Additional Fees				
Types	Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rate (5% increase)	Notes
Returned check fee		\$26.90	\$28.25	Per occurrence
Recyclable Material Contamination Fee (3 or more per year)		\$53.81	\$56.50	Per occurrence
Organic Waste Contamination Fee (3 or more per year)		\$53.81	\$56.50	Per occurrence
Go Back Fee		\$26.90	\$28.25	Per occurrence
Cart Exchange (in excess of 1 per year)		\$40.96	\$43.01	Per occurrence
Account Cancellation Fee for Non-Payment		\$37.67	\$39.55	Per month
Start Fees		\$16.14	\$16.95	
Re-Start Fees for non payment		\$37.67	\$39.55	
Additional Trash cart		\$9.36	\$9.83	
Extra Recycle cart		\$0.00	\$0.00	1st additional barrel is free
2nd Additional Recycle cart		\$9.36	\$9.83	
Extra Organics cart		\$9.36	\$9.83	
Lost or damaged cart charge		\$64.57	\$67.80	
Cart replacement due to damage caused by the service recipient		\$64.57	\$67.80	Per Occurrence
Extra Collection fee (any cart)		\$26.90	\$28.25	
Extra Large Item Pickup		\$17.55	\$18.43	Per bag
On-Premise Collection (all carts)		\$34.55	\$36.28	Per Month
Residential Bin Rentals				
Type		Current Rate	Proposed Rate (5% increase)	Frequency
Dump		\$130.03	\$136.53	Per Dump
Rent after 7th day		\$5.76	\$6.05	Per Day
Extra Hauls				
Two free per year (bulky item pickups)		Current Rate	Proposed Rate (5% increase)	Frequency
After two free hauls	Car tires under 36"	\$15.64	\$16.42	
	Car tires between 36" and 60"	\$50.66	\$53.19	Each
	Car tires over 60"	\$318.44	\$334.36	Each
	Pallets	\$2.18	\$2.29	Each
	Washer/Dryer/TV/Couch, etc.	\$40.96	\$43.01	Each
	Freon Removal	\$52.66	\$55.29	Each
	Water Heaters	\$23.41	\$24.58	Each

Proposed Maximum Monthly COMMERCIAL Solid Waste Rates

		Current Rate	Proposed Rate (5% increase)	Current Rate	Proposed Rate (5% increase)	Current Rate	Proposed Rate (5% increase)	Current Rate	Proposed Rate (5% increase)	Current Rate	Proposed Rate (5% increase)	Current Rate	Proposed Rate (5% increase)
Times per week		1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
Type	Size	Price per Month											
Trash	3 yard	\$259.73	\$272.72	\$478.22	\$502.13	\$696.72	\$731.56	\$915.23	\$960.99	\$1,133.73	\$1,190.42	\$1,352.23	\$1,419.84
Trash	2 yard	\$186.98	\$196.33	\$335.80	\$352.59	\$484.64	\$508.87	\$633.48	\$665.15	\$782.32	\$821.44	NA	
Trash	1.5 yard	\$146.36	\$153.68	\$259.90	\$272.90	\$373.43	\$392.10	\$486.96	\$511.31	\$600.50	\$630.53		
Times per week		1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
Type	Size	Price per Month											
*Recycle	3 yard	\$184.60	\$193.83	\$358.65	\$376.58	\$535.96	\$562.76	\$711.67	\$747.25	\$887.35	\$931.72	\$1,063.06	\$1,116.21
*Recycle	2 yard	\$122.88	\$129.02	\$239.74	\$251.73	\$356.61	\$374.44	\$473.48	\$497.15	\$590.32	\$619.84	\$707.17	\$742.53
*Recycle	1.5 yard	\$98.72	\$103.66	\$186.24	\$195.55	\$273.77	\$287.46	\$361.30	\$379.37	\$448.81	\$471.25	\$536.32	\$563.14
Times per week		1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
Type	Size	Price per Month											
*Green Waste	3 yard	\$176.25	\$185.06	\$342.45	\$359.57	\$511.75	\$537.34	\$679.52	\$713.50	\$847.28	\$889.64	\$1,015.04	\$1,065.79
*Green Waste	1.5 yard	\$94.26	\$98.97	\$177.83	\$186.72	\$261.41	\$274.48	\$344.98	\$362.23	\$428.53	\$449.96	\$512.10	\$537.71
Multi Family Recycle[1]	3 yard	\$110.76	\$116.30	\$215.19	\$225.95	\$321.58	\$337.66	\$427.00	\$448.35	\$532.41	\$559.03	\$637.83	\$669.72
Multi Family Recycle	1.5 yard	\$59.23	\$62.19	\$111.74	\$117.33	\$164.26	\$172.47	\$216.78	\$227.62	\$269.28	\$282.74	\$321.79	\$337.88
Times per week		1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
Type	Size	Price per Month											
Organics Food Waste	32 gallon	\$44.20	\$46.41	\$88.40	\$92.82	\$132.59	\$139.22	\$176.79	\$185.63	\$220.99	\$232.04	NA	
Organics Food Waste	64 Gallon	\$44.20	\$46.41	\$88.40	\$92.82	\$132.59	\$139.22	\$176.79	\$185.63	\$220.99	\$232.04		
Organics Food Waste	1.5 cubic yard	\$146.36	\$153.68	\$259.90	\$272.90	\$373.43	\$392.10	\$486.96	\$511.31	\$600.50	\$630.53		

Extra Dumps	
Current Rate	Proposed Rate (5% increase)
Per Occurance	
\$54.84	\$57.58

How do you file a protest or participate in the public hearing?

The City will consider new solid waste rates at a Public Hearing on March 24, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the City of Carpinteria's City Council Chambers located at 5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013. You are invited to present oral or written testimony at the Public Hearing. **Any owner and/or customer of record of a parcel subject to the proposed solid waste rates, or tenant directly liable for payment of the proposed solid waste rates, may submit a written protest against the proposed rate revisions. If written protests are filed for a majority of the affected parcels, the proposed solid waste rates will not be adopted.**

In order for a written protest to be counted, it must include the following: a statement indicating that the identified property owner or customer of record is in opposition to the proposed solid waste rate changes; the street address or Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) for the parcel(s) with respect to which the protest is made; and the name and signature of the owner or customer. While both property owners and tenants or customers of record may submit written protests, only one protest will be counted for each parcel. Oral protests at the Public Hearing will not be counted unless accompanied by a written protest.

Protests may be mailed or hand delivered to the City Clerk at 5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013. To be counted, a signed written protest must be received by the City Clerk before the conclusion of the Public Hearing scheduled for March 24, 2025. Please identify on the front of the envelope for any written protest, whether mailed or submitted in person to the City Clerk, that the enclosed protest is for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Rate Changes – Solid Waste.

Please contact Erin Maker, Environmental Program Manager at 805.880.3415 or via email at Erinm@Carpinteriaca.gov with questions.