



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SOLID WASTE SERVICE RATE ADJUSTMENT

City of Grass Valley Public Works Department
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **NOVEMBER 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, a public hearing will be held at the City of Grass Valley Council Chambers located at 125 E Main St Grass Valley, CA 95945 to consider proposed adjustments to the City's solid waste rates and charges in addition to amending the franchise agreement with USA Waste of California, Inc., dba Waste Management of Nevada County. If approved by the City Council, the proposed rate adjustments will go into effect on January 6, 2025, and will be subject to annual maximum adjustments.

WHY RATE ADJUSTMENTS ARE NECESSARY

All towns and cities in the State, including Grass Valley, face stringent solid waste legislation under State Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383). These regulations aim to reduce methane emissions in landfills which are the third largest source of methane in California. For City residents and businesses to remain in compliance with this State Law, new organic waste services are necessary, none of which are funded by the State. Therefore, these services must be funded through an increase in the solid waste rates charged by the City's franchised waste hauler.

SB 1383 mandates that California reduce organic waste disposal in landfills by 75% by January 1, 2025. Organic waste like food scraps, yard trimmings, paper, and cardboard make up half of what Californians dump in landfills. As a result, green/yard waste and food waste will be diverted from disposal in landfills and taken to a facility that can process mixed organics and produce recovered organic waste products such as compost, mulch, and renewable energy. SB 1383 also requires that by 2025, jurisdictions recover 20% of edible food that would otherwise be sent to landfills to feed people in need.

PROPOSED SOLID WASTE RATES

The proposed maximum rates (Rates) for solid waste collection services will be considered by the City as part of an amendment to the franchise agreement for solid waste services between the City of Grass Valley and Waste Management. The amended agreement will ensure the City will be in compliance with the State's SB 1383 requirements to implement organic waste recycling programs that includes a residential food waste recycling program.

While SB 1383 aims to enhance environmental sustainability, the upfront cost associated with its implementation lead to increased solid waste fees for consumers. The primary cost drivers being: 1) increased processing cost of mixed organic waste compared to clean green waste (e.g. approximately \$120 per ton vs \$70 per ton); and 2) increased collection frequency, which requires additional collection vehicles and associated costs such as maintenance, fuel, and additional staffing.

No later than January 6, 2025, Waste Management will begin the curbside collection of organic waste from residential and commercial customers at which time the rates shown in Table 1 on page 2 will be in effect. For more information regarding the State's SB 1383 unfunded mandate please visit CalRecycle's website at <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp>.



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Table 1. Proposed Monthly Rates Increases with Organics Collection Services

Proposed Monthly Bundled Rates: Bundled Rate includes Municipal Solid Waste (trash), Recycling, and Organics (green waste and food waste) containers.			
Residential Rates			
Container Size	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Total Increase
20/35 Gallon Senior Rate	\$23.15	\$27.52	\$4.82
35 Gallon	\$28.92	\$38.93	\$10.01
64 Gallon	\$38.65	\$48.79	\$10.14
96 Gallon	\$53.77	\$53.42	-\$0.33
Commercial Rates			
Container Size	Current Rates	Proposed Rate	Total Increase
64 Gallon Organics Rate	N/A	\$68.00	N/A

PUBLIC HEARING AND PROTEST PROCEEDINGS

Property owners, as defined under Proposition 218, or Waste Management customers may protest the proposed rate adjustment in writing prior to or during the public hearing. Consistent with the provisions of Proposition 218 and Government Code Section 53755, this notice has been mailed to all record owners of the affected properties at the addresses as they appear on the latest equalized assessment roll. If you are a property owner as defined under Proposition 218 and object to the proposed rates as described in this Notice, you may file a written protest with the City prior to close of the public hearing. Original written protests can be mailed or personally delivered to the City Clerk as follows:

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Attn: City Clerk
125 E Main St
Grass Valley, Ca 95945

A valid written protest must include:

1. The name of the person or entity filing the protest; and
2. Identification of the property by either assessor's parcel number or street address; and
3. A statement of protest to the proposed solid waste rate increase ("I/we protest to the proposed solid waste rates" will suffice); and
4. The original signature of the person or authorized representative filing the protest (photocopies, electronic mail, electronic copies, e-comments, or facsimiles will not be accepted).
5. Corporations, LLCs, Trusts, etc. should include proof of signatory authority.

Please note that only one protest per parcel will be counted, regardless of the number of owners or customers. If there are two record owners, both must sign the written protest. If there are more than two owners, the protest must be signed by a majority of the owners. Multiple protests returned for a single property will be disallowed and the City Clerk will only accept one protest per property. If you have any questions regarding this Notice or the proposed rate adjustments, please email Deputy Public Works Director Zac Quentmeyer at zacq@cityofgrassvalley.com.