



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:  
PROPOSED CHANGES TO CITY OF SANTA BARBARA TRASH & RECYCLING RATES

Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

Place: City of Santa Barbara Council Chambers, City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara  
Meeting details will be posted no less than 72 hours prior to the start of the Public Hearing on the City Council meeting agenda located at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CAP](https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/CAP)

## PROPOSED TRASH & RECYCLING RATE CHANGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

*You are receiving this Notice because our records indicate that you are a City of Santa Barbara utility customer. This Notice describes the proposed trash and recycling rate changes, and explains how you can file a protest and participate in the process. Some customers are billed by the City for some, but not all, services. This Notice applies only to the services that appear on your bill from the City.*

### **Trash & Recycling Revenue Requirement Increases**

The proposed July 2, 2024 rate schedule increase for all sectors is a total of 1.9%.

Santa Barbara Rate Increases Effective July 2, 2024	
Hauler (MarBorg) Compensation	0.0%
Tipping Fee Increase (County)	2.8%
Other City Programs	-0.9%
<b>TOTAL Change to Customer Charges</b>	<b>1.9%</b>

### **How can I lower my trash bill?**

In general, some customers may be able to lower their bills by “right-sizing” their service. Customers can make sure that they are diverting lower-cost recyclables from their higher-cost trash containers, increasing recycling service while decreasing trash service, if possible. Many Business and Large Residential (5+ unit) customers are also subscribed to more greenwaste service than they need, especially if they have landscapers that can self-haul trimmings instead of using greenwaste containers for disposal.

### **When do the new rates take effect?**

City Council will consider adopting these rates on July 2, 2024 (one week after the public hearing). The new rates will be effective starting July 2, 2024.

### **How do I stay informed?**

- **Watch** City Council meetings live online at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV](https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/CityTV) or tune in to City TV Channel 18.
- **Attend** City Council meetings; visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CAP](https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/CAP) for meeting participation details.
- **Explore** updated information on recycling, waste reduction, and program enhancements at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Recycling](https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Recycling).

CHECK OUT THE TRASH & RECYCLING RATE CALCULATOR AT:

[SantaBarbaraCA.gov/TrashRates](https://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/TrashRates)

**How will the proposed changes impact my monthly trash & recycling bill?**

Representative trash and recycling service levels are demonstrated in the table below. To preview your July 2024 estimated bill please visit our Trash & Recycling Bill Calculator at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/TrashRates](https://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/TrashRates) or call City Trash & Recycling at (805) 564-5631.

Customer Profile	Representative Service	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	% Change
<b>1 Unit Small Residential</b>	65 gal trash, 65 gal greenwaste, 65 gal recycle, 1x/week	\$59.82	\$60.60	1.30%
<b>2-4 Unit Small Residential (Cart/Can Service)</b>	3-65 gal trash, 95 gal greenwaste, 3-95 gal recycle, 1x/week	\$106.06	\$107.44	1.30%
<b>5+ Unit Large Residential (Cart/Can Service)</b>	5-95 gal trash, 95-gal greenwaste, 5-95 gal recycle, 1x/week	\$468.85	\$475.36	1.39%
<b>5+ Unit Large Residential (Small/Medium Dumpster Service)</b>	4 yard trash, 2 yard recycle, 1x/week	\$618.20	\$626.80	1.39%
<b>Business (Cart/Can Service)</b>	3-95 gal trash, 3-95 gal recycle, 2x/week	\$621.87	\$635.40	2.18%
<b>Business (Dumpster Service)</b>	4 yard trash, 4 yard recycle, 2x/week	\$1,749.26	\$1,787.31	2.18%

**How can I get more information and copies of the proposed rate schedules?**

Please visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/TrashRates](https://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/TrashRates) or call (805) 564-5631 for trash & recycling questions.

**How do I protest?** If you wish to submit a written protest of any of the above increases, your protest must be received by the City Clerk of the City of Santa Barbara at 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA, 93101, prior to the close of the public hearing on June 25, 2024. **Protests must include your name, service address, and whether you are protesting the amount of the fee increase, the basis for calculation of the fee, or both.** Written protests may be mailed to or delivered in-person at the address above, or deposited in the bill payment drop box slot located on the exterior of the City Hall building on the De La Guerra Plaza side. Only written protests received before the close of the public hearing on June 25, 2024, will be counted. During the hearing, City Council will consider all protests and public testimony. Protests are public records. One written protest per parcel or service address will be tabulated. If you later challenge the rates in court, you may be limited to the grounds stated in your protest. If you challenge the City's rate setting action in court, you may be limited to the issues and grounds raised in a written protest or in public testimony at the public hearing. There is a 120-day statute of limitation for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge (California Government Code Section 53759).