



# Notice of Public Hearing

## Regarding Proposed Maximum Allowable Rates for Solid Waste / Recycling / Organics Collection

### County of San Benito, Board Chambers

County Administration Building, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister

**August 11, 2026 9:30 A.M.**

On August 11, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. the San Benito County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing to accept public input and testimony on a proposed increase to the maximum allowable rates for solid waste collection, to be effective July 1, 2026. Any interested person may present verbal or written input to the Board of Supervisors and the Board will consider all input. Though 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, the Board will also consider and include protests from tenants responsible for solid waste costs. The solid waste rates cover costs to meet state regulatory requirements for solid waste, recycling and organics collection and processing. At the conclusion of the public hearing, if a majority protest of property owners and tenants does not exist, the Board of Supervisors will consider and may adopt the proposed maximum allowable rates. The solid waste rates were established through a competitive procurement process for a Franchise Agreement that was awarded to Recology San Benito County. The Franchise Agreement includes several program improvements to recycling and organics collection programs to meet state mandates AB 939, AB 341, AB 1826 and SB 1383 and other mandates. The Franchise Agreement includes a contractually obligated annual rate adjustment for Recology San Benito County. The solid waste rates are adjusted on an annual basis using an index-based methodology that includes year over year changes in a consumer price index (CPI), fuel index and disposal and processing costs. The new solid waste rates pay for the collection and disposal of garbage; collection and processing of all recyclable materials, collection and processing of organics, seasonal recycling programs; free curbside bulky item collection for residents, free compost giveaways, Environmental Days with free electronic recycling and on-site security shredding services, free quarterly collection events at the landfill, and outreach and education programs. The solid waste collection rates cover program costs to enable the County to meet state regulatory requirements.

The proposed maximum rates are included in this notice and actual rates charged to ratepayers may be lower. The rate setting process for the annual rate adjustment is defined in **Article 9: Contractor's Compensation and Rate Setting** in the Franchise Agreement and calculations are performed in conformance with the procedures set forth in Attachment E of the Franchise Agreement. This Notice of Public Hearing includes rates for FY 2026/2027 and provides maximum solid waste rates for five subsequent years from fiscal years 2027/2028 through 2030/2031 following the methodology in **Article 9: Contractor's Compensation and Rate Setting** in the Franchise Agreement. These are the maximum rates allowable, and per the Franchise Agreement, the annual rate adjustment cannot exceed 5% annually; the actual rates charged to customers may be lower. The rates stated in this notice will not be increased above the rates stated without further written notice to the County and a further notice of public hearing pursuant to Proposition 218. Pursuant to the Franchise Agreement, the new rates will become effective July 1st annually and a courtesy notice will be sent to ratepayers each year on or before June 1st. and rate information will be on the County's IWM webpage and Recology San Benito County webpage. The rate tables show rates for the most common residential and commercial service levels; the full rate schedule is on the Recology website and hard copy is at the County's RMA/IWM division at 2301 Technology Parkway, Hollister.

## Proposed Maximum Solid Waste Rates for FY 2026/2027 through FY 2030/2031

*The rates in the following tables are the proposed maximum monthly cost for the service levels listed.*

*The actual costs to ratepayers may be lower.*

*Per the Franchise Agreement, the annual rate adjustment cannot exceed 5%*

Resident Garbage bin size collected weekly includes recycling & organics collection at no additional cost.	FY 26/27 max. rate	FY 27/28 max. rate	FY 28/29 max. rate	FY 29/30 max. rate	FY 30/31 max. rate
20 gallon	<b>\$35.32</b>	\$37.09	\$38.94	\$40.89	\$42.93
32 gallon	<b>\$42.50</b>	\$44.63	\$46.86	\$49.20	\$51.66
64 gallon	<b>\$69.97</b>	\$73.47	\$77.14	\$81.00	\$85.05
96 gallon	<b>\$107.02</b>	\$112.37	\$117.99	\$123.89	\$130.08

Commercial/Multi-family Garbage bin size collected weekly includes recycling at no additional cost.	FY 26/27 max. rate	FY 27/28 max. rate	FY 28/29 max. rate	FY 29/30 max. rate	FY 30/31 max. rate
64 gallon	<b>\$69.97</b>	\$73.47	\$77.14	\$81.00	\$85.05
96 gallon	<b>\$107.02</b>	\$112.37	\$117.99	\$123.89	\$130.08
1-1 yard	<b>\$219.50</b>	\$230.48	\$242.00	\$254.10	\$266.80
1-2 yard	<b>\$274.39</b>	\$288.11	\$302.51	\$317.64	\$333.52
1-3 yard	<b>\$377.22</b>	\$396.08	\$415.89	\$436.68	\$458.51
1-4 yard	<b>\$507.52</b>	\$532.90	\$559.54	\$587.52	\$616.89

Commercial/Multi-family Organics binsize collected weekly.	FY 26/27 max. rate	FY 27/28 max. rate	FY 28/29 max. rate	FY 29/30 max. rate	FY 30/31 max. rate
64 gallon	<b>\$41.99</b>	\$44.09	\$46.29	\$48.61	\$51.04
96 gallon	<b>\$64.20</b>	\$67.41	\$70.78	\$74.32	\$78.04
1-1 yard	<b>\$131.73</b>	\$138.32	\$145.23	\$152.49	\$160.12
1-2 yard	<b>\$205.75</b>	\$216.04	\$226.84	\$238.18	\$250.09

If you wish to protest, the Clerk of the Board must receive your written protest by mail or personal delivery at: County of San Benito, Clerk of the Board, 481 Fourth St. Hollister, CA 95023 no later than 5 p.m. on August 10, 2026 or hand delivered to the Clerk of the Board before the end of the public hearing. Incomplete protest forms or those not received by the deadline cannot be counted. One protest per parcel may be submitted.

**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 rate adjustment. A property owner or tenant may file a written protest and written protests must contain property owner/s name or tenants' name and signature and property address.



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

**OFFICIAL PROTEST FROM:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's parcel number (9-digit number that appears on property tax statement, if available):

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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