

ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATES



NEW SOLID WASTE RATE EFFECTIVE JULY 1

A solid waste rate study to evaluate the cost of landfill, recycling and organics collection, processing and disposal services was completed. The City Council adopted five-year solid waste rates on June 9 and the new rates will be in effect beginning on July 1 through June 30, 2031.

The table below shows the monthly rates being considered for commercial and multi-family residential customers by container size for once-weekly collection of landfilled, recyclable and compostable materials. The base rates for these services are determined not only by the type of service, but also the service frequency.

Complete rate sheets and a detailed listing of the monthly base rates, including all rates for multi-family residential and commercial customers for each year and all supplemental services can be viewed on the city website at menlopark.gov/solidwasterates.

APPROVED RATES FOR COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES AND MULTI-FAMILY						
Current rates (effective January 1, 2025) and new rates (effective July 1, 2026) for once a week collection services. Visit menlopark.gov/solidwasterates for details on the annual adjustments through July 1, 2030.						
Service Description	Landfill		Recycling		Compost	
	Current 2025 Rate	Approved 2026 Rate	Current 2025 Rate	Approved 2026 Rate	Current 2025 Rate	Approved 2026 Rate
20-gallon	\$80.61	\$83.99	n/a	n/a	\$115.94	\$115.94
32-gallon	\$83.75	\$87.27	\$30.34	\$31.51	\$120.49	\$120.49
64-gallon	\$93.20	\$96.06	\$30.34	\$31.51	\$133.18	\$133.18
96 gallon	\$104.80	\$104.84	\$30.34	\$31.51	\$145.60	\$145.60
1 cubic yard	\$127.68	\$133.38	\$30.34	\$31.51	\$182.69	\$183.03
2 cubic yards	\$249.39	\$249.39	\$30.34	\$31.51	\$257.15	\$271.78
3 cubic yards	\$374.08	\$374.08	\$30.34	\$31.51	\$331.61	\$351.51
4 cubic yards	\$498.78	\$498.78	\$30.34	\$31.51	\$406.41	\$430.79
6 cubic yards	\$781.40	\$781.40	\$30.34	\$31.51	\$557.92	\$591.40
8 cubic yards	\$1,041.88	\$1,041.88	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

SOLID WASTE AND WATER DISCOUNT PROGRAM

The City of Menlo Park offers a rate assistance program that provides eligible households with a 20% monthly discount on solid waste service from Recology San Mateo County and a monthly discount on the fixed meter charge for water service from Menlo Park Municipal Water. Current participants do not need to reapply.

To be eligible for this program, households must be enrolled in the PG&E CARE program, which is another discount program that offers a monthly minimum of 20% on gas and electricity. Visit the City's webpage at menlopark.gov/rateassistance for more details about the program.

For households who live in the California Water (Cal Water) service area, its Customer Assistance Program provides financial assistance for qualified households. Visit calwater.com/cap or email cap@calwater.com.

La Ciudad de Menlo Park ofrece un programa de asistencia de tarifa. Los hogares calificados pueden recibir un descuento mensual del 20% en el servicio de residuos sólidos de Recology San Mateo County y un descuento mensual en el cargo del medidor fijo del servicio de agua de Menlo Park Municipal Water. Los hogares ya inscritos no necesitan presentar otra solicitud.

Para ser elegible para este programa, los hogares deben estar inscritos en el programa PG&E CARE, este es otro programa de descuento que ofrece un mínimo mensual del 20% en gas y electricidad. Visite la página web de la Ciudad en menlopark.gov/rateassistance para obtener más detalles sobre el programa.

Para los hogares ubicados en el área de servicio de California Water (Cal Water), el programa de Asistencia Tarifaria para Hogares de Bajos Ingresos (CAP, por su sigla en inglés), ofrece asistencia financiera para hogares calificados. Visite calwater.com/cap o envíe un correo electrónico a cap@calwater.com.

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APPLY NOW FOR A MENLO PARK ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) REBATE

The City of Menlo Park is offering eligible residents rebates for EVs for a limited time. Residents may receive a \$2,000 rebate toward the purchase of a new or used EV. Find out if you qualify and apply today at menlopark.gov/evrebate.

POPULAR DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT IS BACK

Saturday, Aug. 1 | 9 a.m. – noon
City Corporation Yard (333 Burgess Ave., Menlo Park)

Residents can prevent identity theft by shredding sensitive documents at the City's popular free shredding event. Confidential document destruction includes items such as receipts, checks, pre-approved credit applications, credit card statements, outdated tax returns, pre-printed envelopes, return address labels and business cards.

Participants are limited to three boxes (10" x 12" x 15") per vehicle and materials will be shredded on-site. Documents with paper clips and staples are acceptable.

This event is first come, first served. Please do not bring any e-waste or household hazardous waste materials.

Please follow these guidelines for smoother drop-off service:

- Please label "Shred only" on any shredding materials and leave them in the trunk.
- Remove all other personal items from the trunk to avoid any accidents.
- Open your trunk prior to driving up to the vendors and remain in your vehicle. Vendors will pick up the shredding materials from the trunk.

For more information, please email jpchen@menlopark.gov or visit the citywide calendar at menlopark.gov/calendar.



UPCOMING ELECTRONIC WASTE EVENT

Saturday, Sept. 5 | 9 a.m. – noon
City Corporation Yard (333 Burgess Ave., Menlo Park)

RethinkWaste and Recology San Mateo County are teaming up with the City of Menlo Park to encourage residents to properly recycle old electronics. Accepted items include TVs, computers, printers, monitors, cables/cords, cell phones, MP3 players, DVD players, laptops (working or not) and more. Items that will not be accepted include household appliances, such as fans, floor heaters, smoke detectors, vacuum cleaners, cooktops, dishwashers, microwaves, ovens, stoves, refrigerators, freezers or household hazardous waste.

Proof of residency may be required. This event is first come, first served, and will only be available until the end time, until the trucks are full or while supplies last.

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NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1

Following City Council approval of the updated Master Fee Schedule on April 28, updated EV charging fees will take effect July 1, at City-operated charging stations:

- Level 2 chargers: \$0.41 per kWh
- Level 3 chargers: \$0.51 per kWh
- The \$5 per hour overstay fee after three hours will remain in effect
- The \$0.50 charging access fee will be removed

For more information visit menlopark.gov/ev.

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GARBAGE/RECYCLING SERVICE QUESTIONS

Recology San Mateo County

- Visit recology.com
- Call 650-595-3900