SAN MATEO COUNTY
Sustainability Department

North Fair Oaks
2027 Proposed Garbage Rates

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Garbage and Recycling Services

- **Weekly curbside collection**: for commercial and residential customers
- **“On-Call” bulky waste collection**: twice per year for residential customers
- **Collection of other items at curb**: used motor oil and oil filters, Christmas trees
- **Annual events**: confidential document shredding and compost giveaway
- **Free drop off at Shoreway Center**: recycling, latex paints, mattresses, cooking and motor oil, electronics, and small appliances

County’s Role

- Set rates annually
- Ensure contractor compliance with the franchise agreement
- Make program recommendations and conduct special events
- Manage customer feedback
- One member of 11 RethinkWaste member agencies





Rate-Setting Process

Recology application submitted

June 2026

Jul – Aug

Projections and draft report submitted

County review

Jul – Sep

Sep

Committee review and RethinkWaste approval

Outreach to owners and tenants

Nov – Dec

Jan 12, 2027

Board of Supervisors Meeting to adopt rates

2026

2027

Rate-Setting Process

RethinkWaste

- Annual audit of revenue and costs
- Apply indices such as Consumer Prices Index (CPI)
- RethinkWaste (SBWMA) allocates the costs to member agencies
- Review surplus or shortfalls in revenue

County

- The County and a consultant conduct an independent analysis of rate recommendations
- Final rate recommendation is considered by the Board of Supervisors for approval

2027 Rate Adjustment

Proposed Recommendation

A **4.7%** rate increase to cover an estimated $205,603 revenue shortfall for collection, disposal, and processing services in CY27

Process and Next Steps

Public Hearing to take place on Tuesday, January 12, 2027, at 9:30 AM

If adopted, rates take effect Jan. 1, 2027

Outreach: Prop 218 notices mailed out and public hearing information will be shared through various channels

Proposed Rates (Residential Cart Service Only)

Quantity	Size of the Garbage Container	Frequency	Previous Rate ($/month)	Proposed Rate ($/month)	Proposed Rate Increase Per Month
2	32- gallon cart	1 x per week	$46.02	$48.18	$2.16
1	64- gallon cart	1 x per week	$46.02	$48.18	$2.16









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Thank you.