



CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

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**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICE RATE INCREASES**

On February 5, 2019, City Council awarded the City of Manhattan Beach’s current solid waste franchise agreement to Waste Management. The current contract began July 1, 2020. The Proposition 218 process that was performed in spring 2020 was valid for five fiscal years. We are currently finishing the fifth year. This mailing is a Proposition 218 notice of proposed rate increases in the City of Manhattan Beach’s solid waste service rates and charges for the next five fiscal years.

What is a Proposition 218 notice? Why am I receiving this notice?

Proposition 218 was passed by California voters in 1996 to limit methods by which local governments can create or increase taxes, fees and charges without taxpayer consent. As a result of the contract award (and depending upon the service you select), you may or may not see an increase to your solid waste bill.

Property Owner/Rate Payer: If you *own* a residential and/or commercial property in 90266 or you *are directly responsible for payment* of solid waste service rates (each, a “solid waste customer”), you received this notice by law. You have the legal right to submit a written protest to the proposed rate increase.

Tenant: If you *rent or lease* a residential and/or commercial property and you are *not directly responsible* for payment of solid waste service rates, you received this notice as a courtesy to answer some questions about possible changes in the solid waste rates.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will hold a public hearing on the solid waste service rate increase during their regular meeting on May 20, 2025, at 6:00 PM at 1400 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California in City Council Chambers.

At the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests to the proposed solid waste service rate increase.

Why are the solid waste rates changing?

Proposition 218 approval is in effect for five years. The City last performed the Proposition 218 process in spring 2020. Year five will be completed on June 30, 2025; therefore, the City is performing another Proposition 218 process, which covers solid waste rates for FY2025-2026, and the methodology for future rate adjustments for fiscal years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029 and 2029-2030. Also, at their December 3, 2024 meeting, the City Council approved a one-time special rate adjustment for Waste Management to become effective July 1, 2025. This special rate adjustment cannot be included in customer rates unless it is approved as part of the Proposition 218 process.

When and where will the Public Hearing be?

The proposed changes will be considered by the City Council at a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM**, during the City Council Meeting located at Manhattan Beach City Hall, City Council Chambers at 1400 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.

When would these rates go into effect?

If approved, the new rates and charges will become effective for all refuse services billed on or after July 1, 2025.

The attached rate sheets are for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2025 (Year 1 of 5). What will the rates be for Years 2-5 (FY2026-2027, FY2027-2028, FY2028-2029 and FY2029-2030)?

For the subsequent four years, Waste Management’s annual rate increases will be limited to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for Trash and Garbage Collection (CUUR0000SEHG02), U.S. City average, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, between the calendar year ended the December prior to the Rate Year anniversary date, and the calendar year ended the prior December. The CPI adjustment each year will not exceed 8%.

The City’s CRC (City Recovery Cost) may be adjusted annually and will be based on the actual cost to administer the solid waste program, but in no case will exceed a 5% increase. The rate adjustment is calculated administratively and is effective on July 1 each year.

I want to exercise my right to protest the rates. What do I do?

Any property owner or property tenant that is directly responsible for payment of solid waste service rates (each, a “solid waste customer”) may submit a written protest against the proposed solid waste service rate increase. For the protest to be counted, the protest letter must follow the following protocol:

1. Be in writing (physical or email);
2. Include a statement protesting the proposed changes to the solid waste rates;
3. Identify the parcel of property subject to the proposed solid waste service rate increase (by street address or assessor’s parcel number);
4. Identify the solid waste customer (property owner/rate payer’s name); and
5. Include the written or electronic signature of the solid waste customer.

How do I submit my protest to the City?

1. Deliver it to the City Clerk in the City Council Chambers (1400 Highland Avenue) on May 20, 2025, starting at 6:00 p.m., but prior to the end of the Proposition 218 public hearing.
2. Mail or personally deliver it to the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Protests that are mailed or delivered to City Hall must be received by the City Clerk by May 20, 2025 during normal business hours.
3. Email it no later than Tuesday, May 20, 2025 by 5:00 PM, to: cityclerk@manhattanbeach.gov.

How many protest votes can be submitted per property?

No more than one (1) written protest per parcel of property will be counted in calculating a majority protest.

How many protest letters are needed to overturn the proposed rates?

Under the Proposition 218 law, 50% + 1 of the total users must protest. A majority protest exists if, at the end of the public hearing, there are written protests submitted by a majority of the solid waste customers subject to the proposed solid waste service rate increase. The City Council cannot adopt the proposed solid waste service rate increase if a majority protest exists.

Can I challenge the fees in court?

If you challenge the proposed fees in court, you may be limited to raising only the issues you or someone else raise at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in a written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk by the date and time above.

I'd like to learn a little more.

The City will hold a hybrid (Zoom and in-person) Proposition 218 community meeting to review the rates and answer questions the public may have regarding this process on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM; City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1400 Highland Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.

There are two ways to participate via Zoom:

1) Join Zoom Meeting via the internet:

Direct URL: <https://citymb-info.zoom.us/j/93376200363>, Meeting ID: 933 7620 0363

During the meeting you will need to use the “raise hand” button through Zoom at the time the Agenda Item is being presented for City Council consideration.

2) Join Zoom Meeting via Phone Conference (Voice Only):

Phone Number: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 933 7620 0363

During the meeting you will need to enter *9 on the phone’s dial pad at the time the Agenda Item is being presented for City Council consideration.

Please note, the City is not responsible for the public’s use of Zoom as it relates to the software, configuration, and setting on a personal device. The public is encouraged to visit the Zoom website for information on use of this software. The City’s use of Zoom is consistent with the platform features and functions as described on the Zoom website.

I can’t make the meetings. Who do I call or email my questions to?

Anna Luke-Jones, Public Works Solid Waste Administrator, at refuse@manhattanbeach.gov.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What makes up a solid waste customer rate?

The final customer rate is typically made up of two components – the contractor rate (WM) and the City Recovery Cost. Because of the one-time special rate adjustment approved by City Council on December 3, 2024 to be included in the Proposition 218 process, there is one additional factor affecting most rates.

The customer rates for FY2025-2026 reflected in the attached rate sheets are comprised of the following:

$$\text{Contractor Rate} + \text{FY2025-2026 Special Adjustment} + \text{City Recovery Cost} = \text{Customer Rate}$$

- **Contractor Rate**
 - What Waste Management charges to perform services included in the City’s franchise agreement.
- **One-Time Special Adjustment for FY2025-2026 only**
 - A one-time increase to the contractor rate
 - 2.51% for residential single-family and multi-family cart customers
 - 5.4% increase for multi-family bin customers, commercial businesses and extra services
 - Does not apply to temporary bin rentals, roll-off boxes and optional construction and demolition rates
- **City Recovery Cost (CRC)** – this is a fee that is adjusted annually by the City’s Finance Department and is based on the actual cost recovery of resources used to manage the City’s solid waste section. The CRC has an annual cap of 5% and is applicable to most, but not all rates in the attached rate sheets. WM collects the CRC during the billing process and makes quarterly CRC payments to the City. The accounting of CRC payments made to the City by WM is included as part of routine contract audits.

What can a typical Manhattan Beach single-family residential customer expect to pay?

Single-family residential customers pay based on the size and quantity of their gray trash (landfill) carts. There is no separately itemized charge for recycling and organics recycling. The average Manhattan Beach single-family customer utilizes a 65-gallon gray trash (landfill) cart. The FY2024-2025 rate for this service level is \$23.06 per month. The new proposed FY2025-2026 rate for this service level is \$24.65 per month, an increase of \$1.59 per month.

“I looked at my Waste Management bill and my 65-gallon landfill cart bill is \$46.12. Am I being overcharged?”

No, you are not being overcharged. Your residential single-family customer bill from WM reflects two months of service.

What can a typical business customer expect to pay?

Business customers pay based on the size, quantity and frequency of collection of their landfill and recycling carts or bins. There is no separately itemized charge for organics recycling. The FY2024-2025 monthly rate for (1) 3-cubic yard landfill bin serviced once per week is \$231.04 per month, and the cost for (1) 2-cubic yard recycling bin serviced once per week is \$115.53 per month, for a total current monthly bill of \$346.57. The new proposed FY2025-2026 rate for these service levels are \$253.68 (landfill) and \$126.85 (recycling). The new proposed FY2025-2026 rates for these services total \$380.53 per month, an increase of are an increase of \$33.96 per month.

I'm a business owner. How can I save money on my solid waste bill with the proposed rate increase?

There are a couple of ways to save money.

1. Most importantly, *focus on waste prevention, reuse and donation* – the less waste your business generates (landfill, recycling, organics, etc.) the less there is to collect and process. This may allow you to reduce service levels by reducing bin/cart sizes, quantities and collection frequency. Smaller and fewer bins collected less frequently = savings.
2. Landfill service continues to be the most expensive service offered by WM. To save money, utilize recycling and organics recycling containers. The cost for commercial recycling is 50% less than landfill service for the same container type. There is no separately itemized cost for organics containers and recycling.

I'd like to learn more – what resources are available for my business?

Waste Management (WM) offers free commercial audits to help assess service levels, as well as certification as a MB Green Business through various waste prevention measures. WM can also provide free outreach materials of what's recyclable and help provide on-site training for staff. Call WM at (310) 830-7100 to request a free commercial audit. A WM rep will visit your business and help determine material that can be recycled and offer input on internal container placement and routines.

Proposition 218 Proposed Rate Sheets: FY2025-2026 Rates and FY2026-2027 – FY2029-2030 Rate Adjustment Methodology

The following proposed rate sheets include customer rates for FY2025-2026.

The four outlying years' (FY2026-2027, FY2027-2028, FY2028-2029 and FY2029-2030) rate fee increases are limited to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for Garbage and Trash Collection (CUUR0000SEHG02), U.S. City average, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, between the calendar year ended the December prior to the Rate Year anniversary date, and the calendar year ended the prior December. The CPI adjustment each year will not exceed 8%.

Per Amendment #2 dated December 3, 2024, in addition to the above-mentioned Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase, the City has approved a one-time special rate adjustment for FY2025-2026 only. This special rate adjustment includes a one-time rate increase of 2.51% for Residential Single-Family and Multi-Family Cart Customers, and a one-time 5.4% rate increase for Commercial Cart and Bin customers, including Multi-Family customers who utilize commercial bin services, and rates for Other Services. The one-time special rate adjustment excludes Temporary Bin, Optional C & D Rates and Roll-Off Bin services.

The City's City Recovery Cost (CRC) is also adjusted annually and is based on actual cost for administration of the solid waste program but will not exceed 5% annually.

The rate adjustment is calculated administratively and is effective on July 1 each year.

**Proposition 218 FY2025-2026 Proposed Manhattan Beach Rates:
Residential Single-Family and Multi-Family Cart**

The FY2025-2026 rates are comprised of the following:

Contractor Rate + FY2025-2026 Special Adjustment + City Recovery Cost = Customer Rate

Single-family residents are charged a Standard Service rate for their FIRST (1st) gray trash cart. Additional trash carts will utilize the "additional SFD trash cart" rate. Optional Backyard Service is available by request for an additional surcharge per dwelling unit (hauler retrieves carts from owner's private property, services carts and returns to original location - helpful for seniors, physically impaired, frequent travelers, etc.).

Volume-Based Automated Three-Cart Collection Service for Single Family Dwelling (SFD)	2025-26 Customer City Rate
20 gal SFD gray trash cart	\$18.98
35 gal SFD gray trash cart	\$18.98
65 gal SFD gray trash cart	\$24.65
95 gal SFD gray trash cart	\$30.31
20 gal additional SFD gray trash cart	\$5.66
35 gal additional SFD gray trash cart	\$5.66
65 gal additional SFD gray trash cart	\$8.51
95 gal additional SFD gray trash cart	\$11.35
SFD backyard service surcharge	\$18.50
Blue Recycling Cart for paper, metal, glass & select plastics (any size)	NO CHARGE
Green Organics Recycling Cart for yard and food waste (any size)	NO CHARGE

Automated Three-Cart Collection Service for Residential Cart Customers with 2 to 9 Units	2025-26 Customer City Rate	OPTIONAL Backyard Service Surcharge Rate
Multi-Family Dwelling - 2 units	\$44.37	\$36.99
Multi-Family Dwelling - 3 units	\$66.57	\$55.47
Multi-Family Dwelling - 4 units	\$88.75	\$73.97
Multi-Family Dwelling - 5 units	\$110.95	\$92.46
Multi-Family Dwelling - 6 units	\$133.15	\$110.95
Multi-Family Dwelling - 7 units	\$155.33	\$129.45
Multi-Family Dwelling - 8 units	\$177.54	\$147.95
Multi-Family Dwelling - 9 units	\$199.72	\$166.45
Blue Recycling Cart for paper, metal, glass & select plastics (any size)	NO CHARGE	
Green Organics Recycling Cart for yard and food waste (any size)	NO CHARGE	
Cart Exchange (above one per year)	\$23.23	
Trash Cart Overage (applies to both residential and multi-family cart customers)	\$7.78	
Additional Residential Bulky Item Pick-up (once 18 items exceeded per unit)	\$33.46	
Residential Gravity Cart Lock Installation (per cart)	\$141.71	
Residential Contamination Fee (per occurrence)	\$28.33	

**Proposition 218 FY2025-2026 Proposed Manhattan Beach Rates:
Commercial Carts**

The FY2025-2026 rates are comprised of the following:

Contractor Rate + FY2025-2026 Special Adjustment + City Recovery Cost = Customer Rate

Commercial businesses determine rates through a tiered-rate structure. Commercial customers choose the size and quantity of cart and frequency of collection.

Commercial Trash Cart 2025-26 Customer City Rate								
Service	Frequency							Extra Pickup
	1x	2x	3x	4x	5x	6x	7x	
35 Gallon Trash Cart	\$35.60	\$71.22	\$106.81	\$142.39	\$177.98	\$213.57	\$249.21	\$5.68
65 Gallon Trash Cart	\$69.76	\$139.45	\$209.20	\$278.94	\$348.65	\$418.40	\$488.13	\$11.16
95 Gallon Trash Cart	\$104.61	\$209.20	\$313.83	\$418.40	\$522.97	\$627.62	\$732.20	\$15.89

Commercial Recycling Cart 2025-26 Customer City Rate								
Service	Frequency							Extra Pickup
	1x	2x	3x	4x	5x	6x	7x	
35 Gallon Recycling Cart	\$17.79	\$35.61	\$53.40	\$71.22	\$89.01	\$106.80	\$124.60	\$2.84
65 Gallon Recycling Cart	\$34.89	\$69.72	\$104.60	\$139.48	\$174.33	\$209.21	\$244.08	\$5.57
95 Gallon Recycling Cart	\$52.31	\$104.60	\$156.91	\$209.21	\$261.49	\$313.80	\$366.10	\$7.95

**Proposition 218 FY2025-2026 Proposed Manhattan Beach Rates:
Commercial Bins**

The FY2025-2026 rates are comprised of the following:

Contractor Rate + FY2025-2026 Special Adjustment + City Recovery Cost = Customer Rate

Commercial businesses determine rates through a tiered-rate structure for both trash and recycling bins. Commercial customers choose the size and quantity of bins and frequency of collection. Commercial businesses began paying for recycling services on July 1, 2020. Commercial customers choose the size and quantity of cart and frequency of collection. Public and private schools (pre-school through 12th grade) receive recycling services at no additional charge. Organics carts and services are provided at no additional charge.

Commercial 2-Yard Bin 2025-26 Customer City Rate								
Service	Frequency							Extra Pickup
	1x	2x	3x	4x	5x	6x	7x	
2-Yard Trash Bin	\$197.52	\$308.65	\$411.44	\$514.36	\$617.23	\$823.00	\$1,028.67	\$35.71
2-Yard Trash Compactor Bin	\$330.14	\$515.78	\$687.67	\$868.76	\$1,031.58	\$1,375.64	\$1,719.80	\$59.69
2-Yard Split Bin	\$187.30	\$299.66	\$399.44	\$499.30	\$599.20	\$796.95	\$996.16	\$35.71
2-Yard Recycling	\$98.77	\$154.33	\$205.74	\$257.20	\$308.63	\$411.48	\$514.34	\$17.85

Commercial 3-Yard Bin 2025-26 Customer City Rate								
Service	Frequency							Extra Pickup
	1x	2x	3x	4x	5x	6x	7x	
3-Yard Trash Bin	\$253.68	\$391.56	\$522.06	\$652.53	\$783.03	\$1,044.05	\$1,305.11	\$53.53
3-Yard Trash Compactor Bin	\$421.00	\$657.98	\$883.47	\$1,096.39	\$1,315.57	\$1,754.19	\$2,192.78	\$88.80
3-Yard Split Bin	\$192.41	\$303.96	\$405.23	\$506.54	\$602.54	\$808.43	\$1,010.56	\$53.53
3-Yard Recycling Bin	\$126.85	\$195.76	\$261.02	\$326.26	\$391.50	\$522.05	\$652.55	\$26.75

Commercial 4-Yard Bin 2025-26 Customer City Rate								
Service	Frequency							Extra Pickup
	1x	2x	3x	4x	5x	6x	7x	
4-Yard Trash Bin	\$303.89	\$475.03	\$633.34	\$791.69	\$950.01	\$1,266.68	\$1,583.37	\$71.37
4-Yard Trash Compactor Bin	\$512.53	\$800.82	\$1,067.81	\$1,334.59	\$1,601.67	\$2,135.45	\$2,669.65	\$120.37
4-Yard Split Bin	\$197.52	\$308.65	\$411.44	\$514.36	\$617.23	\$823.00	\$1,028.67	\$71.37
4-Yard Recycling Bin	\$151.96	\$237.51	\$316.66	\$395.84	\$475.00	\$633.37	\$791.69	\$35.69

Commercial 6-Yard Bin 2025-26 Customer City Rate								
Service	Frequency							Extra Pickup
	1x	2x	3x	4x	5x	6x	7x	
6-Yard Trash Bin	\$390.73	\$610.67	\$814.25	\$1,017.78	\$1,221.33	\$1,628.49	\$2,035.61	\$107.04
6-Yard Trash Compactor Bin	\$661.21	\$1,033.36	\$1,377.86	\$1,722.25	\$2,066.67	\$2,755.63	\$3,444.54	\$181.16
6-Yard Recycling Bin	\$195.38	\$305.33	\$407.12	\$508.88	\$610.68	\$814.23	\$1,017.82	\$53.53

**Proposition 218 FY2025-2026 Proposed Manhattan Beach Rates:
Temporary Rental Bins**

The FY2025-2026 rates are comprised of the following:
Contractor Rate ONLY (no special adjustment, no CRC) = Customer Rate

All customers may rent a temporary trash bin for up to ten days per rental. Temporary bins are useful when performing a garage clean-out, a large move-out, etc. Temporary bin rentals are not subject to the City Recovery Cost (CRC).

2 Cubic Yard Temporary Bin	<u>2025-26</u> Customer City Rate
2 CY Temp Bin, 10 days, 1 dump	\$192.80
2 CY Temp Bin, additonal dump	\$116.11
2 CY Temp Bin, daily rental > 10days	\$2.64

3 Cubic Yard Temporary Bin	<u>2025-26</u> Customer City Rate
3 CY Temp Bin, 10 days, 1 dump	\$216.64
3 CY Temp Bin, additonal dump	\$173.30
3 CY Temp Bin, daily rental > 10days	\$3.96

4 Cubic Yard Temporary Bin	<u>2025-26</u> Customer City Rate
4 CY Temp Bin, 10 days, 1 dump	\$240.46
4 CY Temp Bin, additonal dump	\$230.50
4 CY Temp Bin, daily rental > 10days	\$5.25

6 Cubic Yard Temporary Bin	<u>2025-26</u> Customer City Rate
6 CY Temp Bin, 10 days, 1 dump	\$288.13
6 CY Temp Bin, additonal dump	\$346.61
6 CY Temp Bin, daily rental > 10days	\$7.91

**Proposition 218 FY2025-2026 Proposed Manhattan Beach Rates:
Optional C & D Rates (if City chooses to activate) and Commercial Roll-Off Box Rates**

The FY2025-2026 rates are comprised of the following:
Contractor Rate ONLY (no special adjustment, no CRC) = Customer Rate

Optional C & D Rates do not include the City Recovery Cost (CRC) and would be utilized and effective only if City Council voted to franchise Construction and Demolition (C&D) hauling and recycling with Waste Management.

Commercial Roll-Off Boxes are generally utilized by large businesses. The rates are not subject to the one-time special adjustment and the City Recovery Cost (CRC).

Optional Construction & Demolition(C&D) Rates (if City chooses to activate)	<u>2025-26</u> Customer City Rate
25 - 40cy C&D Roll Off Box, per pull	\$346.92
10cy Low Boy C&D Roll Off Box, per pull	\$346.92
Temporary Bin Service, first dump	\$248.55
Temporary Bin service, additional dump	\$248.55
Tonnage Charge - Mixed Loads of C&D Debris	\$110.83

Commerical Roll-Off Box Rates	<u>2025-26</u> Customer City Rate
Standard Box, any size	\$346.92
Compactor Box, any size	\$469.22
Standard or Compactor Box Rental, per week	\$43.49
Trash Disposal Per Ton Charge	\$83.78
Mixed Recyclables Per Ton Charge	\$60.46
Organics Waste Per Ton Charge	\$148.26

**Proposition 218 FY2025-2026 Proposed Manhattan Beach Rates:
Other Services**

The FY2025-2026 rates are comprised of the following:
Contractor Rate + FY2025-2026 Special Adjustment + CRC = Customer Rate

Other Services are services and costs that fall outside standard service. For example, commercial bin customers can opt for a hasp and lock service to reduce illegal dumping issues. Commercial customers may utilize the bulky pick-up program for a fee. In the event of a major emergency, the City can hire the hauler at the emergency collection and disposal rate listed below to assist with clean up. Businesses can purchase in-house use Slim-Jim containers and lids through the hauler for break rooms, kitchen prep areas or bussing stations to assist with capturing food waste. The bin overage charge is part of the hauler's Snapshot program which helps businesses right-size their service levels; the charge is assessed by the hauler after the businesses third consecutive bin overage in the same calendar year (WM will send written warnings for the first two incidents).

Other Services	2025-26 Customer City Rate
Hasp & Lock Charge (per bin per pick up per week)	\$12.34
Commercial Bulky Pick Up per Item, White Goods with CFCs	\$25.78
Commercial Bulky Pick Up per Item, All Other Items	\$17.18
Commercial Contamination Fee	\$72.78
Emergency Collection & Disposal per hour	\$120.25
Bin Cleaning or Exchange (above one per year)	\$50.95
Bin Overage Charge, per overage	\$55.67
Slim-Jim Organics Containers - 16-gal body	\$40.81
Slim-Jim Organics Containers - 20-gal body	\$41.64
Slim-Jim Organics Containers - 23-gal body	\$42.47
Slim-Jim Organics Containers - 32-gal body	\$60.81
Slim-Jim Solid Lid (16, 20, or 23-gal)	\$41.64
Slim-Jim Solid Lid (32-gal)	\$48.31
Slim-Jim Vented Lift Lid (16, 20, or 23-gal)	\$43.30
Slim-Jim Vented Lift Lid (32-gal)	\$49.97