

PROPOSED MONTHLY MULTI-FAMILY BULKY ITEM FEE RATES

FAQs

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSED MULTI-FAMILY BULKY ITEM FEE RATES

The City is proposing to raise the Multi-Family Bulky Item Fee Rate for the first time in 18 years. This fee provides funding for all costs related to the collection, transfer, recycling and/or disposal of bulky items like furniture, mattresses, and appliances collected from multi-family dwellings in the City of Los Angeles.

Assistance may be available for households in need. Read on for more information.



Q. What is the City proposing?

A. The City Council will consider adopting rate adjustments for the Multi-Family Bulky Item Fee (for multi-family dwellings with more than four dwelling units and not serviced by the City).

Q. When was the last time the Multi-Family Bulky Item Fee rates were increased?

A. The Multi-Family Bulky Item Fee was enacted in October 2007, and has never been increased.

Q. Will low income households be subject to the rate increase?

A. Yes, rates will increase for low income households. Households may be eligible for financial assistance to offset the impacts of the proposed rate increase. A 31.25% discount on the Multi-Family Bulky Item Fee is available to low income customers who qualify for assistance. A 100% exemption to the fee is available for qualified Lifeline customers. This financial assistance program will continue with the adoption of the proposed rates. For more information, visit lacitysan.org/mbifrates2025

Q. Why does the City need to raise these rates?

A. This increase is necessary to cover the costs of operating this on-call bulky item collection service that helps ensure the benefits of clean communities and reduced blight. While the fees haven't changed

in nearly two decades, costs of the Multi-Family Bulky Item Collection Program have increased significantly. The current fees no longer provide sufficient revenues to pay for the costs of the service. As a result, LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN) has been receiving increasing subsidies from the City's General Fund to cover these shortfalls, which in turn lessens the funds available for public safety, street paving, and other community needs.

Q. Will this impact the City's budget shortfall?

A. Using ratepayer special funds that are backed by the appropriate fee studies is one way that the City can promote fiscal health. Regular, incremental increases of ratepayer fees are critical to the ongoing financial wellbeing of the City.

Q. Do the increased rates impact renters?

A. The Multi-Family Bulky Item Fee is based on the type of electric meter that serves the dwelling unit. For a dwelling unit connected to a master electric meter (an electric meter that measures electricity usage for more than one dwelling unit), the owner of the dwelling unit is responsible for the full Multi-Family Bulky Item fee for that unit.

For a dwelling unit connected to a separate electric meter (an electric meter that measures electricity usage for only that dwelling unit), the Multi-Family Bulky Item fee is split equally between the owner of the dwelling unit and the resident/tenant of the unit.

Where a dwelling unit is not owned separately from the multi-family dwelling, the "owner of the dwelling unit" means the owner of the multi-family dwelling.

Q. How much will the base rate go up?

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ELECTRIC METER TYPE	CURRENT	FALL 2025	JULY 2026	JULY 2027	JULY 2028	JULY 2029
Multi-Family Bulky Item Fee - Resident/Tenant of Separately Metered Dwelling Unit (per dwelling unit)	\$0.64	\$1.52	\$1.57	\$1.60	\$1.64	\$1.67
Multi-Family Bulky Item Fee - Owner of Separately Metered Dwelling Unit (per dwelling unit)	\$0.64	\$1.52	\$1.57	\$1.60	\$1.64	\$1.67
Multi-Family Bulky Item Fee - Owner of Master-Metered Dwelling Unit (per dwelling unit)	\$1.11	\$3.04	\$3.13	\$3.20	\$3.27	\$3.34
Multi-Family Bulky Item Fee for Qualifying Low Income Residents/Tenants of a Separately Metered Dwelling Unit (31.25% Discount) (per dwelling unit)	\$0.44	\$1.05	\$1.08	\$1.10	\$1.13	\$1.15

