

PROPOSED MONTHLY SOLID RESOURCES FEE RATES **FAQs**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSED SOLID RESOURCES FEE RATES

The City is proposing to raise the Solid Resources Fee Rate for the first time in 17 years. This increase is necessary to operate trash and recycling services that are essential for the health and well-being of all Angelenos, and comply with regulatory mandates concerning food waste, recycling, and other materials. Assistance may be available for households in need. Read on for more information.



Q. What is the City proposing?

A. The City Council approved LA Sanitation and Environment to move forward with the Prop 218 process necessary to adopt rate adjustments for the Solid Resources Fee (trash fee for single family residential, duplex, and small multi-family dwellings).

Q. When was the last time the Solid Resources Fee rates were increased?

A. The Solid Resources Fee was enacted in 2008 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.

- Potential 30% discount for Low-Income customers
- Existing customers who are enrolled in the Lifeline or Low-Income Customer Assistance Program (EZ-SAVE Program) do NOT need to re-apply; these rate discounts will be automatically applied to the new rates
- Lifeline customers will receive a discount on their SRF fee, but for the purposes of that fee only they will be considered “Low-Income” customers, as SRF will no longer have a Lifeline program

- New customers who wish to apply for financial assistance should contact LADWP at ladwp.com/financialassistance to find out which program is the best fit for their needs, and maximizes discounts
- Customers may only be enrolled in one plan or the other - the Lifeline Program OR the Low-Income Customer Assistance Program (EZ-SAVE Program)



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

A. Rate adjustments are necessary to cover the cost of services provided by the City, and will help support public health and well-being, and critical services for ratepayers. While the fees haven't changed in 17 years, costs of the Solid Resources Program have increased significantly. The current fees no longer provide sufficient revenues to pay for solid waste operations, facilities, and debt. Meanwhile, due to numerous regulatory changes requiring separation of organics and additional processing, rising costs

for provision of service, and other economic considerations, costs have increased. As a result, LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) has been receiving increasing subsidies from the City's General Fund to cover these shortfalls.

Q. Do the increased rates impact renters?

A. Some home renters pay a Solid Resources Fee through their bill from LADWP, and others have trash and recycling services included in their rent. If they rent and pay the City for trash and recyclables collection, the new rates would impact them. If their trash and recycling services are included in their rent or Home-Owners' Association (HOA) dues for example, their landlord or property manager would pay LADWP directly for service to the property. Some - but not all - Los Angeles rental properties are subject to the City's Rate Stabilization Ordinance, which regulates rents and evictions. Renters' situations vary throughout Los Angeles including whether landlords could pass any or all rate increases on to their tenants.

For more information, go to: <https://housing.lacity.gov/residents/what-is-covered-under-the-rso>

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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 its fiscal health. Regular, incremental increases of ratepayer fees are critical to the ongoing financial wellbeing of the City.

Q. What capacity of trash, recycling, and organics is covered by my SRF, or trash fees?

- A. The base level of service includes:
- One (1) 60-gallon black trash container
 - One (1) 90-gallon blue recycling container
 - One (1) green container for yard clippings and food waste, up to 90 gallons

Please note that beginning in Winter/Spring 2026, any capacity beyond the base level of service will incur an extra charge.

Q. I have a question about my capacity level. Who can I contact?

A. To get more information or to adjust your level of service, please contact our Customer Care center at (800) 773-2489 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Q. When will higher rates come into effect?

A. If approved, fall 2025; additional increases effective July 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029



As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities.

Q. How much will the base rate go up?

Proposed Monthly Solid Resources Fee Rates

DWELLING TYPE	CURRENT	FALL 2025	JULY 2026	JULY 2027	JULY 2028	JULY 2029
Single Family Solid Resources Fee (per dwelling unit)	\$36.32	\$55.95	\$59.53	\$60.44	\$63.27	\$65.93
Duplex Solid Resources Fee (per dwelling unit)	\$36.32	\$55.95	\$59.53	\$60.44	\$63.27	\$65.93
Multi-Family (3-4 units*) Solid Resources Fee (per dwelling unit)	\$24.33	\$55.95	\$59.53	\$60.44	\$63.27	\$65.93

* Limited exceptions to the number of units are grandfathered in.

Proposed Monthly Solid Resources Fee Rates with Low Income Customer Financial Assistance

DWELLING TYPE	CURRENT	FALL 2025	JULY 2026	JULY 2027	JULY 2028	JULY 2029
Single Family Solid Resources Fee (per dwelling unit) - Low Income (30% discount)	\$25.42	\$39.17	\$41.67	\$42.31	\$44.29	\$46.15
Duplex Solid Resources Fee (per dwelling unit) - Low Income (30% discount)	\$25.42	\$39.17	\$41.67	\$42.31	\$44.29	\$46.15
Multi-Family (3-4 units*) Solid Resources Fee (per dwelling unit) - Low Income (30% discount)	\$17.03	\$39.17	\$41.67	\$42.31	\$44.29	\$46.15

* Limited exceptions to the number of units are grandfathered in.

Q: What will the rates be for extra capacity beyond base level service?

A. Please see the fee charts below for extra capacity charges:

COMMODITY PER EXTRA CAPACITY	FALL 2025	JULY 2026	JULY 2027	JULY 2028	JULY 2029
Extra Black Refuse Capacity / 60 gallons	\$15.65	\$16.65	\$16.91	\$17.70	\$18.44
Extra Blue Recycling Capacity / 90 gallons	\$11.24	\$11.96	\$12.14	\$12.71	\$13.24
Extra Green Organics Capacity / 60 gallons	\$16.28	\$17.32	\$17.59	\$18.41	\$19.18
Each Brown Manure Capacity / 60 gallons	\$23.81	\$25.33	\$25.72	\$26.92	\$28.05

Q: Is financial assistance available for extra capacity?

A. Financial assistance is available to qualified customers. Please see the chart below:

COMMODITY PER EXTRA CAPACITY	FALL 2025	JULY 2026	JULY 2027	JULY 2028	JULY 2029
Extra Black Refuse Capacity / 60 gallons	\$7.83	\$8.33	\$8.46	\$8.85	\$9.22

Lifeline customers will receive a discount on their SRF fee, but for the purposes of that fee only they will be considered “Low-Income” customers, as SRF will no longer have a Lifeline program

Q: How can I apply for financial assistance for extra capacity?

A. Customers already enrolled in the “Lifeline” or “Low Income Customer Assistance (EZ-SAVE)” programs will automatically receive this discount. New customers who want to explore financial assistance should visit LADWP at the link: [LADWP.com/financialassistance](https://www.ladwp.com/financialassistance)

Q. Who received a Solid Resources Fee Proposition 218 notice?

A. The Notice was mailed to owners of parcels subject to the Solid Resources Fee and owners/renters/residents/customers affected by this rate adjustment. The SRF Proposition 218 notice is being mailed out to 929,497 owners/renters/residents/customers along with an additional 279 international recipients for a total of 929,776 Prop 218 Notices distributed.

Q. What is the last day to submit a protest?

A. All protests must be submitted in writing via mail or hand-delivery. No oral, emailed, or other electronic communications will be accepted as a valid protest. Only one written protest will be counted per identified parcel pursuant to Proposition 218's requirements.

Written or hand-delivered protests should be directed to:

City of Los Angeles
Office of the City Clerk,
Election Division
555 Ramirez St., Space 300
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Written protests submitted by mail must be received by the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the public hearing.

Written protests that are submitted in person must be received by the City Clerk prior to the close of the public hearing. Regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

There are several details that must be included in the written protest; please refer to the instructions in the Proposition 218 notice for the proposed fee rate increases.

The Los Angeles City Council will hold a public hearing to consider adopting the proposed rates. The public hearing is scheduled for:

PUBLIC HEARING:

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Los Angeles City Hall
John Ferraro Council Chamber,
Room 340
200 North Spring Street,
Los Angeles, 90012

Q. When will the decision be made?

A. At the time of the public hearing, or at the next practicable City Council meeting, the City Council will receive a final tabulation of all written protests received by the City Clerk. The City Council may approve the rate adjustment unless a majority of customers file valid written protests.

Q. If I have a question that is not included here, how can I get it answered?

A. For more information, visit our website at: www.lacitysan.org/srfrates2025



If you have questions, the quickest responses will be to emails sent to: sansrfrates2025@lacity.org.

You may also call (800) 773-2489 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Q. Will the City hold community meetings?

A. Yes, see below for the dates, times, and other information for virtual community meetings (Zoom webinars) that will be conducted by LASAN and the public hearing scheduled for the City Council to consider adoption of the proposed rates.

Please register in advance by going to the links or QR codes below. Meetings will start promptly. Presentations will be recorded and available for viewing at lacitysan.org/srfrates2025.



Wednesday, August 27, 2025
at 6:00 p.m.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GMvbWxR-R8ipZN6k9E6n1A



Saturday, September 13, 2025
at 10:00 a.m.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rOv1a6KtRRyB459TZd8Sbg

