

City of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
Bureau of Sanitation



Information Regarding The 2007 Proposed

**BULKY
ITEM
FEE**



BUREAU OF SANITATION Highlights and Accomplishments

- Collects 1,400,000 tons of household refuse annually from 750,000 customers
- Recycles 240,000 tons of materials annually
- Operates numerous [S.A.F.E.](#) Centers and mobile drop-off centers that accepts many recyclable materials.
- Operates [CLARTS](#) to reduce contractual costs to manage and transport materials to recycling and disposal facilities
- Composts 480,000 tons of household yard trimmings annually
- Safely treats 450 million gallons of wastewater daily
- Beneficially uses 300,000 tons of biosolids annually

Note: multiply tons above by 2000 to get pounds

Service Directory

Bureau of Sanitation - <http://www.lacitysan.org>

Solid Resources

1 800 773 CITY (1 800 773-2489)

Christmas Tree Recycling

1 800 773 CITY (1 800 773-2489)

Commercial and Office Recycling

213 485-2260

Hazardous Waste and Used Oil Disposal

1 800 98 TOXIC (1 800 988-6942)

Sewer Odor Hotline

1 866 44 SEWER (1 866 447-3937)

[Complaint Form](#)

Hyperion Treatment Plant

310 648-5126

Terminal Island Treatment Plant

310 732-4702

Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant

818 778-4125

Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant

213 972-1325

S.A.F.E.

1 800 98-TOXIC

Sewer or Storm Drain Customer Service

1 323 342-6006 or 6012 (business hours)

1 213 485-7575 (after hours)

Sewer Service Charge Hotline

1 800 540-0952 or 213 473-4181

Stormwater Pollution Hotline

1 800 974-9794

3-1-1 Any Service, One Call to City Hall or 213 978-3231 or

Callers within Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside counties can call

1 866 4LACITY (1 866 452-2489)

City, Board of Public Works, Public Affairs Office

The City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works will be proposing expansion of its existing Bulky Item Collection Program to include residents of apartments with five or more units per building which will include a proposed fee effective October 1, 2007. This fee is also known as the Bulky Item Fee (BIF) which will be included in your Department of Water and Power Bill.

How do I know if I am receiving this service?

If you are a Multi-Family (5 or more unit apartment complex) with private refuse collection, you will be receiving the service.

What is the effective date of the proposed fee?

The fee will be effective October 1, 2007.

Why do we need a new fee?

This proposed fee is meant to eliminate the cost subsidized by the City of Los Angeles' General Fund to provide the collection and disposal of bulky items for residents of apartment buildings with five or more units.

Aren't these fees included in my property taxes?

No. Property tax generally pays for other obligations such as public safety. The BIF is meant to provide a Bulky Items collection service for apartments of 5 or more units.

What if I am exempt, low-income or Lifeline user?

Low-income will receive a 31% discount, while those on Lifeline will be exempt from the charge. This discount only applies to the BIF.

Will the BIF be increased again?

The City will re-evaluate the need for a fee increase each year after 2008 to ensure full cost recovery of the program.

What can I do to lower my BIF?

The Bureau of Sanitation has programs for low-income and lifeline users. Because the fee is charged through your DWP bill, you would need to contact DWP at 1-800-Dial-DWP for information on those programs.

How much will I pay once the proposed fee become effective?

This service will be funded through the following proposed fees: Effective date: October 1, 2007		
Monthly fee for apartment	Per Month	Per Year
Owners-per units	\$0.64	\$7.68
Tenants/Residents	\$0.64	\$7.68
Owners-per unit Master Metered	\$1.11	\$13.32
Tenants-Qualifying Low Income	\$0.44	\$5.28
Tenants-DWP Lifeline Customers	Exempt	Exempt

What are Bulky Items?

Bulky items are large household items such as appliances, furniture, mattresses, e-waste (i.e. televisions, and computer monitors), and the annual collection of Christmas Trees.

PROPOSITION 218 – PUBLIC HEARING

What is Proposition 218?

Proposition 218 provides in part that no property related fee can be adopted without a properly noticed public hearing and, in many cases, voter approval.

Is voter approval required for the proposed BIF?

No. Charges for sewer, water and refuse collection are specifically exempt from the voter approval requirement under Proposition 218. The BIF is a charge for Bulky Items collection and disposal, and is therefore exempt from the voter approval requirement.

How do I, as a property owner/tenant, submit a written comment?

Written comments may be submitted by the property owner and tenant, by mail, no later than Monday July 16, 2007, to the City Clerk, 200 North Spring Street, Room 395, Los Angeles, California, 90012. Please write the words "Attn: Proposed Multi Family Bulky Items Pickup Fee" on your comment.

I am a tenant. Why am I receiving the notification?

The fee will be shared by the property owners and tenants. Proposition 218 requires that a written notice of the proposed BIF be mailed to the property owner and tenants on record of each identified residential complex.

How can I as a property owner be exempt from the fee?

The property owner or management needs to petition the Bureau of Sanitation for an exemption. Please have them contact the Bureau of Sanitation Hotline at 1-800-773-2489 for the guidelines and criteria required for exemption.

When and where is the Public Hearing?

The Public Hearing will be held
Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.
City Hall
200 North Spring Street ([MAP](#))
John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Will Parking be provided for the hearing?

Unfortunately, City Hall cannot provide public parking for the hearing. Parking is available in private lots surrounding City Hall. Los Angeles City Hall is also accessible by public transportation.