

City of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Works  
Bureau of Sanitation



## Information Regarding The Proposed Revised Date For Increasing Your

# SOLID RESOURCES FEE



### BUREAU OF SANITATION Highlights and Accomplishments

- Collects 1,020,000 tons of household refuse annually from 750,000 customers.
- Operates numerous [S.A.F.E.](#) Centers to collect household hazardous waste, as well as mobile collections.
- Operates [CLARTS](#), a transfer station, to reduce the cost of hauling refuse to the disposal facilities.
- Recycles 440,000 tons of household yard trimmings annually.
- Recycles 240,000 tons of other materials annually.
- Safely transports and treats 425 million gallons of wastewater daily.
- Beneficially uses 300,000 tons of biosolids annually.

### *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*

On August 1, 2006, the City of Los Angeles adopted a series of increases to the Solid Waste Collection, Transfer, Recycling, Recovery of Waste Resources and Disposal Fee over a four (4) year period. The first increase to \$18 occurred in September 2006. The second to \$22 is scheduled for July 1, 2007.

This fee is also known as the Solid Resources Fee or SRF, and was previously identified as the Sanitation Equipment Charge or SEC in your Department of Water and Power bill. The SRF provides solid waste collection, transfer, recycling, and disposal services for approximately 750,000 households.

The City is proposing that the third fee increase, currently scheduled for July 1, 2008, be moved up to September 1, 2007.

**How do I know if I am receiving this service?**

If your household has the black, blue and/or green solid waste containers provided by the City, and Page 2 of your Department of Water and Power bill shows a dollar amount under “Solid Resources Fee,” or “Sanitation Equipment Charge” then you are receiving the service. See [sample bill](#).

**What is the effective date of the new increase?**

Approximately September 1, 2007.

**Why do we need a fee increase?**

The current monthly cost for the City of Los Angeles to collect and dispose of refuse for a single-family dwelling is approximately \$38. The current fee of \$22 per month for a single-family dwelling (including each unit in a duplex) requires that much of the cost is paid from general City revenue. The proposed earlier date of the next SRF increase will be used to reduce the amount that is paid from general revenue.

**Aren't the fees already too high?**

After the fee increase, the SRF will still be comparable with the refuse collection and disposal fees in other cities in Los Angeles County.

**Aren't these fees included in my property taxes?**

No. Property tax revenue generally pays for other obligations such as public safety. The SRF will recover most of the City's cost for providing refuse collection and disposal services.

Effective Date	9/1/07	7/1/09
<b>Single-Family</b> (each duplex unit) per month	\$26. <sup>00</sup>	\$28. <sup>00</sup>
Increase	\$4. <sup>00</sup>	\$2. <sup>00</sup>
<b>Multi-Family</b> (3 or more units) per month	\$17. <sup>16</sup>	\$18. <sup>48</sup>
Increase	\$2. <sup>64</sup>	\$1. <sup>32</sup>

**Will extra capacity container fees also be increased?**

No.

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

Your status will remain unchanged.

**Will the SRF be increased again?**

The City will re-evaluate the need for a fee increase each year after 2009 to ensure cost recovery.

**What can I do to lower my SRF?**

The SRF is a flat fee, so you won't be able to reduce the amount you pay. However, by increasing your amount of recycling, you will help to keep the City's costs down, and in turn, defer the need for future fee increases.

**How much will I pay once the increase is in effect?**

See the table above.

For more information regarding your SRF, please contact us at (800) 773-2489 or visit us on-line at <http://www.lacitysan.org/notice07srf.htm>.

**In addition to refuse collection and disposal, does the SRF provide any other services?**

Yes. You currently receive the following services at no additional charge:

- Container Repair & Replacement
- Dead Animal Collection
- Move-In, Move-Out Services
- Unlimited Bulky Item Pick-up
- Annual Brush Collection
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection at SAFE Centers

Christmas Tree Collection and Drop-Off Sites

**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 revised date of the SRF increase?**

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

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

Written comments can be submitted no later than 5:00 p. m. on Monday, August 6, 2007 to:

City Clerk  
200 North Spring Street, Room 395  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Include in your written comments the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN), if available, your property address, located on the front of the Public Hearing Notice, and the words “Proposed Solid Resources Fee.”

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

Proposition 218 requires that a written notice of the proposed SRF increase be mailed to the property owner of record. The City also notifies tenants that are receiving and paying for the City's refuse collection and disposal services, as they will be affected by the proposed SRF increase.

**When and where is the Public hearing?**

The Public Hearing will be held:  
Tuesday, August 7, 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. (Rev. 06/07)