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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASES TO GARBAGE COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL FEES AND CHARGES

This Notice provides information about proposed increases in garbage collection, recycling and disposal fees and charges for those services provided by Recology of the Coast to MWSD customers.

HEARING DATE: Thursday, December 3, 2026

HEARING TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Montara Water and Sanitary District
8888 Cabrillo Highway
Montara, CA 94037

(Adjacent to the Point Montara Lighthouse & Hostel)

Hearing may be viewed via Zoom teleconference, details at MWSD.NET

Montara Water & Sanitary District - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASES IN GARBAGE COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL FEES AND CHARGES

Montara Water and Sanitary District (MWSD) works every day to deliver water, garbage and sewer services for the residents of Montara, Moss Beach, and adjacent areas north of El Granada. Over 6,000 residents rely on our services for their homes and businesses. Under a franchise agreement with the District, garbage collection, recycling and disposal services are furnished by Recology of the Coast (Recology). The District is proposing to adopt a 6.00% increase in garbage collection, recycling and disposal fees and charges to maintain quality services in our area.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Call: (650) 728-3545
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Mon-Fri

Email: mwsd@coastside.net

Write: PO Box 370131,
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Attend: Public Hearing on
Thursday, December 3, 2026 at
7:30 PM at:

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CA 94037 (Adjacent to the Point
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Reasons for the Rate Increases:

Rate revisions are based on a comprehensive Rate Adjustment Schedule included in Recology's franchise that takes into consideration documented labor costs, workers compensation insurance premiums, vehicle-related costs, fuel costs, yard-waste processing costs, lease costs associated with vehicles and equipment, dump fees (also called tipping fees) charged at the Ox Mountain Landfill and South Bayside Waste Management Authority and all other costs of providing quality garbage, composting and recycling services. Though modest increases as well as some savings were seen in calculating 2027 costs, the proposed 2027 rates continue to recapture deferred cost increases from prior years.

The 2027 proposed increase is cost-based, however due to MWSD's contract with Recology, rate increases are limited to 6.00% per year. Rates in the Montara service area will remain below average in San Mateo County. The District will audit costs to ensure they are appropriate, and to maintain garbage service quality and keep customer bills low.

Dear Property Owner or Customer,

Montara Water and Sanitary District (MWSD) is proposing to adopt a 6.00% increase in garbage collection, recycling and disposal fees and charges for those services furnished by Recology of the Coast (Recology) under a franchise agreement with the District. The rates are proposed to go into effect on January 1, 2027.

The 2027 proposed increase is cost-based but limited by contract to no more than 6.00% per year.

What Do the Solid Waste Fees and Charges Pay for?

- On-going operating expenses to collect and dispose of all garbage and recyclable material, and to account for and bill customers.
- On-going expenses for equipment and supplies needed to operate.
- Capital expenditures to repair, replace, and upgrade garbage collection trucks and other equipment.
- Tipping fees (also called dump fees) at Ox Mountain Landfill in Half Moon Bay to dispose of all non-recycled waste.
- Transport to South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) in San Carlos for food waste and green material composting.

How Can Customers Reduce Garbage Collection Fees and Charges?

By switching from a 32-gallon garbage collection receptacle to a 20-gallon receptacle, your new monthly collection fee charge would be \$39.41 instead of \$48.29. Currently in the MWSD service area, only a small percentage of customers use 20-gallon cans.

Take Advantage of Free Bulky Goods Collection. Four times a year, Recology will pick up one item up to 200 pounds or five 30-gallon bags for no additional charge.

Increase Recycling + Reduce Garbage + Switch to a 20-Gallon Can = Save Money

Pursuant to Government Code §53759, any judicial action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, validate, or annul the District Board's adoption of the proposed water or sewer rates must be commenced within 120 days of the effective date or of the date of the final passage, adoption, or approval of the ordinance or resolution adopting the rates.

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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Proposed Garbage Collection, Recycling and Disposal Fees

The District is proposing an increase to garbage collection, recycling and disposal fees to cover costs of service and equipment replacement by Recology of the Coast beginning Jan. 1, 2027, as described on these pages.

Note: Although the rates are proposed to cover a one-year period, they will remain in effect after that year unless and until new rates are approved.

RESIDENTIAL	2026	2027
1. Basic, weekly collection of a single container placed in front of premises, wet and dry garbage (“first can service”) in wheeled carts:		
One 20-gallon can collected once per week	\$37.18	\$39.41
One 32-gallon can collected once per week	\$45.56	\$48.29
One 64-gallon can collected once per week	\$149.68	\$158.66
2. Special Services (charges added to above, basic charges)		
Container placed at side or rear of dwelling - per container	\$11.38	\$12.06
Container not placed at specified collection point and return call required – per container	\$23.78	\$25.21
Extra 30-gallon bag with collection (excludes 20-gallon cart service) – per bag	\$12.29	\$13.03
Special collections combined with regular service, including collections for brush, yard clippings, boxes, etc.	Estimate	Estimate
3. Bulky goods dropoff service four times a year within Montara District limits, including greenwaste and motor oil in Recology provided bottles only	Included w/service	Included w/service
4. Weekly commingled recyclable materials collection (64-gallon wheeled cart)	Included w/service	Included w/service
5. Weekly food waste and green material collection, limited to one 96 gallon container provided by Recology	Included w/service	Included w/service
6. Bulky goods curbside collection service, limited to four (4) times a year One item up to 200 lbs or five, 30-gallon bags	Included w/service	Included w/service
7. Drop-off at Recycling Yard in Pacifica of motor oil, latex and oil paint, unpainted lumber, large pieces of metal, styrofoam, e-waste, large white goods, furniture, mattresses, large amounts of recyclable materials	Included w/service	Included w/service
8. Christmas trees free of charge thru January 31st	Included w/service	Included w/service
After January 31st charge is \$20 per tree for removal	\$20.00	\$20.00

To Estimate Your Monthly Bill Add Up the Services You Use.

Most residential customers only use weekly collection for a 32-gallon can, which would be \$48.29 per month starting January 1, 2027.

Please take advantage of the many services included with your garbage fees.

MULTI-FAMILY, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICE	2026	2027
1. Service to restaurants, hotels, cafes, apartment houses, stores and similar places of business, factories, schools and institutions, wet and dry garbage-container limits: volume – 30-gal. cans (1/4 cu. Yd.), weight - 75 lbs.		
One 64-gallon can collected once per week	\$179.73	\$190.51
One 96-gallon can collected once per week	\$294.12	\$311.77
Additional 64- or 96-gallon commercial carts picked up more than once a week will be original charge times the number of pickups	Will Vary	Will Vary
2. Commercial Container Rental		
1 cubic yard box per month	\$81.78	\$86.69
2 cubic yard box per month	\$106.00	\$112.36
3. Commercial Container Collections		
1 cubic yard box per collection	\$69.09	\$73.24
2 cubic yard box per collection	\$137.48	\$145.73
4. Compacted Commercial Container Service		
1 cubic yard box per collection	\$134.86	\$142.95
2 cubic yard box per collection	\$272.43	\$288.78
5. Recycled materials collection up to five times a week	Included w/service	Included w/service

DEBRIS BOX SERVICE	2026	2027
1. Containers of 7, 14, 20 and 30 yard sizes		
Container rental and delivery and pickup charge	\$543.15	\$575.74
Additional \$87 per ton confirmed by disposal site weight slip	Tonnage Based	Tonnage Based
Additional \$223 per ton confirmed by C&D processing site weight slip	Tonnage Based	Tonnage Based

SPECIAL PROVISIONS (PGE CARE PROGRAM)	2026	2027
1. Financial hardship rate for weekly collection for single container placed in front of premises, wet and dry garbage		
15% reduction 20-gallon can	\$31.60	\$33.50
15% reduction 32-gallon can	\$37.48	\$39.73

How to Protest the Proposed Rate Increases

Property owners or customers may file written protests against the proposed rate increases. Pursuant to California law, protests must be submitted in writing and must a) identify the affected property or properties, such as by address, Assessor’s Parcel Number, or customer account number; b) include the name and signature of the customer or property owner submitting the protest; and c) indicate opposition to the proposed garbage collection, recycling, and disposal fees and charges. Protests submitted by e-mail, facsimile, or other electronic means will not be accepted. The proposed rates will not be adopted if written protests are received from the owners or customers representing a majority of affected parcels. Only one protest accepted per parcel.

Written protests may be mailed to: District Clerk, Montara Water and Sanitary District, P.O. Box 370131, Montara, CA 94037-0131. Written protests may also be delivered to the District’s headquarters at 8888 Cabrillo Highway. All written protests must be submitted prior to the close of the Public Hearing on **December 3, 2026.**