

**Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Changes to Rates for Refuse Services**  
**Monday, June 21, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**  
**CityofLaVerne.org/livestream**

An annual increase has been proposed to the monthly service charges associated with providing refuse, recycling and green waste/organics service by Waste Management to customers located in the City of La Verne. The proposed rate increases are calculated based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Garbage and Trash Collections US City Average. A provision for annual increases was included in the franchise agreement effective July 15, 2019 between the City of La Verne and Waste Management approved by the City Council. A copy of the agreement is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

A presentation on the Proposed Refuse Rate Increase will be given at the City Council Meeting on May 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. **Instructions on how to participate in the City Council Meetings are provided below.**

The refuse collection rates for all services are proposed to increase by CPI incrementally over the next five (5) years, on July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025.

In 2020, Assembly Bill 1594 became effective which no longer allows diversion credit for green waste that is used as Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) for landfills. Approximately one-third of all green waste in Southern California was used as ADC. As a result green waste disposal costs increased from \$46.96 per ton to \$81.37 per ton over the past year. The 42 percent increase results in a \$1.75 per month green waste rate increase.

Effective January 1, 2022, Senate Bill 1383 (SB1383) requires all cities to mandate residential and commercial organics (green waste and food waste) composting in order to reduce the disposal of organic waste by 75 percent by the year 2025.

With SB1383 affecting all California cities, the demand for food and green waste composting facilities will far outweigh the permitted capacity. Currently, 148 composting facilities process green waste and only 19 of those facilities are permitted for both green waste and food waste. In order to ensure Waste Management cities have an outlet for their organics, Waste Management acquired the South Valley Composting Facility in Tulare. This facility is fully permitted to accept all organic material from La Verne.

The cost to process, transport, and compost organics from La Verne at the South Valley Composting Facility is \$116.54 per ton. The cost to add a food waste program to residential services beginning January 1, 2022 when SB1383 goes into effect results in a \$1.77 per month green waste/food waste rate increase.

For Fiscal Year 2021-22 the proposed residential service rate and the rate for additional services reflect a CPI increase of 3.49% of the current published rates, in addition to the following green waste and food waste rate increases.

Proposed rates for July 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021 for Residential cart service are as follows:

Size of Container	Current Rate	Proposed CPI Increase	Proposed Green Waste Increase	Proposed New July - December Rate
35-gallon - Monthly	\$20.41	\$0.66	\$1.75	\$22.82
64-gallon - Monthly	\$22.54	\$0.74	\$1.75	\$25.03
96-gallon - Monthly	\$24.79	\$0.82	\$1.75	\$27.36
Additional Green Waste Cart (in excess of two)	\$8.66	\$0.30	\$1.75	\$10.71

Proposed rates for January 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2022 for Residential cart service are as follows:

Size of Container	New Proposed July - December Rate	Proposed Green/Food Waste Increase	Proposed New January - June Rate
35-gallon - Monthly	\$22.82	\$1.77	\$24.59
64-gallon - Monthly	\$25.03	\$1.77	\$26.80
96-gallon - Monthly	\$27.36	\$1.77	\$29.13
Additional Green Waste Cart (in excess of two)	\$10.71	\$1.77	\$12.48

The monthly cart service rate will remain a combined rate which includes weekly service of all three carts (trash, recycling, and green/food waste).

Proposed rates July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022 for additional residential services are as follows:

Additional Service	Current Rate	Proposed 3.49% CPI Increase	Proposed New Rate
Additional 96-gallon Trash Cart	\$9.11	\$0.32	\$9.43
Additional 64-gallon Recycle Cart (in excess of two)	\$8.66	\$0.30	\$8.96
Cart Size Exchange	\$17.07	\$0.60	\$17.67
Bulky Item Pick Up (over three cubic yards or in excess of four no charge collections)	\$28.45/cubic yd	\$0.99	\$29.44
Extra Pick Up	\$22.76/trip	\$0.79	\$23.55
Cart Replacement – Lost/Damaged	\$56.90	\$1.98	\$58.88

For Fiscal Year 2021-22 the proposed commercial service rate and the rate for additional services reflect a CPI increase of 3.49% over the current published rates. Effective January 1, 2022, when SB1383 goes into effect, the commercial and multi-family green waste/food waste service will increase by \$1.54 per yard and the green waste roll off rate will increase to \$116.15/per ton.

Council Meetings are closed to the public in compliance with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 Virus. However, the City encourages public participation and as such wants to make residents aware of the following opportunities on how to participate:

- 1) View the meeting through the City’s website at [www.cityoflaverne.org](http://www.cityoflaverne.org) and click on the green “Council Meeting Live Stream” button.
- 2) Individuals can email their comments to the Assistant City Clerk at [cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org) up to noon on the day of the meeting. Those comments will be shared with City Council in advance of the City Council meeting and included as part of the permanent record. Please be advised that public comments submitted by emails or any other format to the City are public records that will be made available for public viewing.
- 3) Individuals who wish to share their comments directly during the meeting may do so by emailing the Assistant City Clerk at [cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org) with their phone number and the item(s) they wish to speak on. Requests will be accepted before and throughout the meeting and staff will call you back at the appropriate time. Once items are considered by the City Council, no further public comment on that matter will be accepted. A time limit of 3-minutes is set for all public comments.
- 4) If you wish to participate via Zoom, you will need to register at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6-r0SZBtSiKH5LMUrTWHCg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6-r0SZBtSiKH5LMUrTWHCg)

before 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Please be aware that space is limited. You will have the ability to watch the meeting in real time and raise your hand to request to comment as appropriate on the current agenda item(s). Once it is your turn to speak, you will be brought into the meeting and have the ability to turn your video on when called upon.

If you have any questions on the proposed increase please call (909) 596-8744 between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Any adjustment shown, if enacted, will take effect on all bills prepared after July 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022 as noted above.

**If you oppose an increase to your refuse service charge and wish to protest this action you must do so in writing. Written protests regarding any of the proposed rate change(s) may be mailed to: City of La Verne, Assistant City Clerk, 3660 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750. Written protests may also be personally delivered to the Assistant City Clerk at this address. To be valid, a protest must be in writing and received by the Assistant City Clerk at or before the time of the public hearing.**