



PROPOSED REFUSE AND RECYCLING ADJUSTMENTS PROPOSITION 218 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The City of Arcadia (the City) will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as practicable, in the City of Arcadia Council Chambers, located at 240 West Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007, to consider adopting increases and adjustments to refuse and recycling rates.

Q: What is Proposition 218?

Proposition 218 is a voter measure that passed in November 1996, to ensure that all taxes and certain user fees on property owners are subject to voter approval. This requires the City to notify property owners of record with Waste Management accounts of proposed refuse and recycling rate adjustments and their right to protest.

Q: What does this mean for the City of Arcadia?

To comply with Proposition 218, when imposing or adjusting refuse and recycling rates the City must:

- Identify the parcels upon which the fee will be imposed;
- Calculate the fee;
- Provide written notice by mail to the record owner or any tenant directly liable for the payment of fees, which includes the amount of the fee; basis upon which the fee was calculated; reason for the fee; and the date, time, and location of public hearing. To view the notice online, please visit www.ArcadiaCA.gov/RefuseRates.

Q: Why are my Refuse and Recycling Rates increasing?

The annual rate adjustment is in accordance with the City's Residential Refuse and Recycling Agreement with Waste Management which takes effect on July 1st of each year. The annual rate adjustment formula is based on two indices: the annual Consumer Price Index and Disposal/Diversion (fees charged at landfills and recycling processing facilities). The annual rate adjustment based on this formula for fiscal year 2026-27 will be 3.27%. Labor fees to cover the costs of operational maintenance will also be phased into Fiscal Year 2026-27 and Fiscal Year 2027-28; the labor fees will be split 50% into Single-Family rates, which represents a \$0.28 increase for standard services (one 96 gallon trash cart, one 64 gallon recycling cart, and one 96 gallon organics cart), and 50% into Multi-Family rates, which represent \$0.09/yard applied to trash service. Therefore, starting July 1, 2026, there will be a \$0.28 labor fee reflected in the Single-Family rates for standard services, a \$1.17 labor fee reflected in Multi-Family rates for standard services (one 3-yard trash dumpster, one 3-yard recycling dumpster, and one 96 gallon organics cart), and a \$0.58 labor fee reflected in Multi-Family rates for 3-yard split bin services. In Fiscal Year 2028-29 through Fiscal Year 2030-31, there will be no labor fees, and the rate adjustment

formula will go back to only using the two indices included in the rate adjustment formula: the annual Consumer Price Index and Disposal/Diversion.

The three charts below show proposed monthly rates for several of the most common services which include residential rates for standard Single-Family services, standard Multi-Family services, and 3-yard split bin services.

Single Family Rates – Standard Services

Effective Date <i>Includes AB 939 flat fee \$0.30</i>	MSW/Trash & Recycling One 96-gal cart & One 64-gal cart	Organics One 96-gal cart	Labor Fee	MONTHLY TOTAL
FY 2025-26 Jul 1, 2025 to Jun 30, 2026 <i>(current rates)</i>	\$26.75	\$12.08	\$0	\$38.83
FY 2026-27 Jul 1, 2026 to Jun 30, 2027 <i>(proposed rates)</i>	\$27.61	\$12.47	\$0.28	\$40.36 3.94% increase

Multi-Family Rates – Standard Services

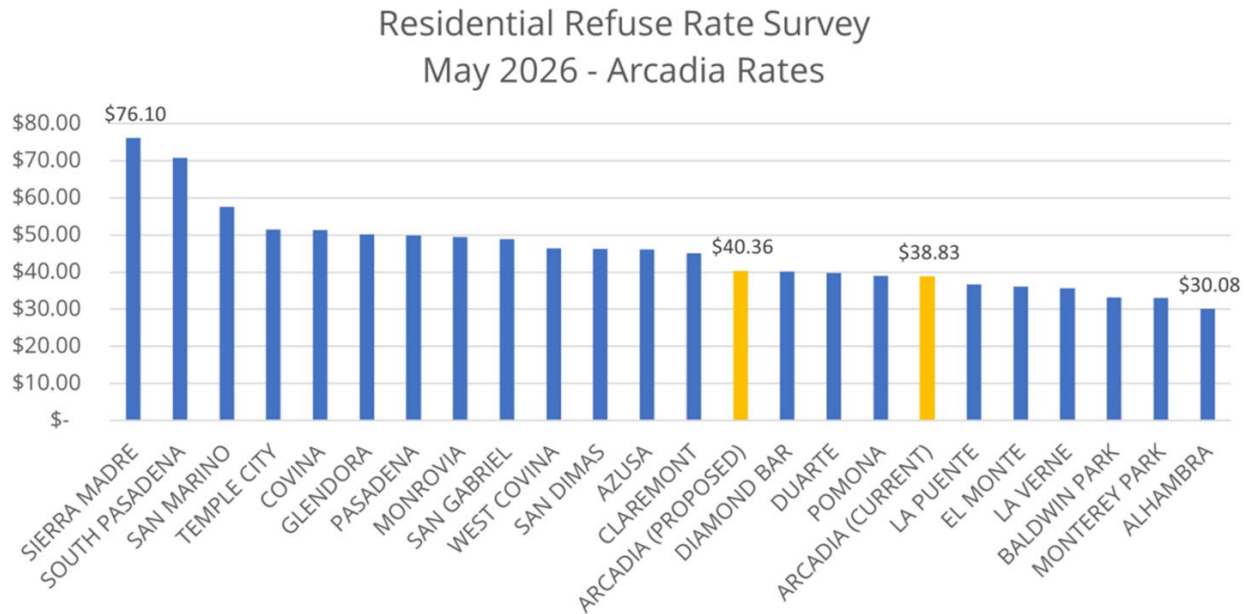
Effective Date <i>Includes AB 939 flat fee \$0.30</i>	MSW/Trash One 3-yard dumpster	Recycling One 3-yard dumpster	Organics One 96-gal cart	Labor Fee \$.09 per yard	MONTHLY TOTAL
FY 2025-26 Jul 1, 2025 to Jun 30, 2026 <i>(current rates)</i>	\$159.02	\$67.81	\$18.57	\$0	\$245.40
FY 2026-27 Jul 1, 2026 to Jun 30, 2027 <i>(proposed rates)</i>	\$164.21	\$70.02	\$19.17	\$1.17*	\$254.57 3.73% increase

Multi-Family Rates – Split Bin Services

Effective Date <i>Includes AB 939 flat fee \$0.30</i>	Split dumpster (Trash & Recycling) One 3-yard dumpster	Organics One 96-gal cart	Labor Fee \$.09 per yard	MONTHLY TOTAL
FY 2025-26 Jul 1, 2025 to Jun 30, 2026 <i>(current rates)</i>	\$184.36	\$18.57	\$0	\$202.93
FY 2026-27 Jul 1, 2026 to Jun 30, 2027 <i>(proposed rates)</i>	\$190.37	\$19.17	\$0.58*	\$210.12 3.54% increase

Q: How does the City's refuse and recycling rates compare to other neighboring cities' rates?

The City's refuse and recycling rates are among the lowest in the area, and will remain so, even with the proposed rate adjustment.



Q: Can I protest the proposed Refuse and Recycling Rate adjustments?

Yes, the proposed recycling and refuse rate adjustments are subject to a majority protest process under Proposition 218. Any record owner of a property that receives refuse/recycling service from the City or occupant who is directly liable for payment of the City's recycling and refuse service charges (Customer of Record) may submit a written Protest against the proposed refuse and recycling rate adjustments.

Q: What must a written Protest include?

A written Protest must include all the following to be counted in determining whether there is a majority protest:

1. Clearly stated opposition to the proposed rate adjustments for the refuse and recycling service charges;
2. Name of the record property owner or account holder who is submitting the Protest;
3. Identification of the property for which the Protest is made (street address, assessor's parcel number, or customer account number); and
4. Signature and legibly printed name of the record of the property owner or customer who is submitting the Protest.

Q: Where do I submit my written Protest?

Written Protests may be delivered to the City Clerk during the Public Hearing. In advance of the Public Hearing, written Protests may be mailed or personally delivered to the City Clerk at **240 West Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007 by 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2026**. Please indicate on the outside of any envelope mailed to the City, **Attention: Office of the City Clerk-**

Solid Waste Rate Adjustment Hearing. No e-mailed or faxed Protests will be accepted nor late postmarked Protests.

Q: Can I call, email, or fax in my protest?

No, Proposition 218 requires a written protest with a signature from any record owner of a parcel or any tenant directly liable for the payment of refuse and recycling fees.

Q: How many protests can be counted per parcel?

Only one protest will be counted per identified parcel.

Q: How many protests are required to stop the proposed rate adjustments from taking effect?

Proposition 218 requires a majority of 50 percent plus one of the affected customers.

Q: When will the new rates be implemented?

If adopted by the City Council, the proposed rate adjustments will become effective on July 1, 2026, with annual rate adjustments on July 1 of each year from 2027 through 2031.

Q: When was the last time the City adjusted refuse and recycling rates?

In 2021, the annual rate adjustment was approved for five years through a Proposition 218 process and Public Hearing. In accordance with the City's Residential Refuse and Recycling Agreement with Waste Management, we adjust the rates annually on July 1st as approved per the previous five year rate adjustment.

More information for the proposed rate adjustments may be found at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/RefuseRates, or by contacting the Public Works Services Department at (626) 254-2700.