

City of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
Bureau of Sanitation



Information Regarding The Proposed Increase of 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
Service Requests**
1 800 773 CITY (1 800 773-2489)

Bulky Item Collection
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)

S.A.F.E.
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

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 toll-free
1 866 4LACITY (1 866 452-2489)

City of LA, Board of Public Works, Public Affairs Office

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

Due to rising costs, the Department of Public Works has been requested to propose an increase in the SRF to cover the full cost of providing refuse service to the residents of the City of Los Angeles.

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," then you are receiving the service. See [sample bill](#).

What is the effective date of the new increase?

Approximately September 1, 2008.

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 \$36.32. The current fee of \$26 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.

Aren't the fees already too high?

After the fee increase, the SRF will still be comparable with the refuse collection and disposal fees of other major metropolitan cities.

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 all the City's cost for providing refuse collection and disposal services.

Will extra capacity container fees also be increased?

No. The actual costs are currently being reviewed by the City Council.

Does the City offer low income discounts on the SRF?

No, not unless you are also a Lifeline user.

What if I am an exempt or Lifeline user?

Your exempt 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 below.

<u>Effective Date:</u>	<u>September 1, 2008</u>
Single-Family (each duplex unit) per month	\$36. ³²
Multi-Family (3 or more units) per month	\$24. ³³

For more information regarding your SRF, please contact us at 1 800 773-2489 or visit us on-line at <http://www.lacitysan.org/noticesrf.htm> and our SRF page at <http://www.lacitysan.org/fmd/srfinfo.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:

- [24/7 Service Request form on-line](#)
- [Container Repair & Replacement](#)
- [Dead Animal Collection](#)
- [Missed Collection/Missed Service](#)
- [Move-In, Move-Out Services](#)
- [Unlimited Bulky Item Pick-up](#)
- [Annual Brush Collection](#)
- [Household Hazardous Waste Collection at S.A.F.E. Centers](#)
- [Battery recycling](#)
- [Christmas Tree Collection and Drop-Off Sites](#)
- [Free mulch](#)
- [Free Composting Workshops](#)
- [Free recycling publications](#)
- [Public education programs](#)
- [Recycling services](#)

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, July 28, 2008 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 because they will be affected by the proposed SRF increase.

When and where is the Public hearing?

The Public Hearing will be held:
*Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at 10:00 a. m.
City Hall, 200 North Spring Street
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. 05/08)