



May 2009
NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE TO SOLID WASTE SERVICE RATES
and PUBLIC HEARING

The Elk Grove City Council will consider an adjustment to the solid waste service rates on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall (8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove). This notice describes how to file a protest against the proposed rate increase.

Explanation of the Proposed Rate Increase

The City proposed to increase its solid waste collection and disposal rates in order to fund:

1. Increased payments owed to Allied Waste Services of North America, LLC (Allied) under its current contract with the City;
2. An extension of the Allied Franchise Agreement for seven years;
3. An increased Utility Billing Administrative Fee to cover additional billing-related costs; and
4. Costs identified in the Full-Cost Budget Allocation Plan.

Proposed Increase			
Size of Trash Cart Used by Resident	Current Rate 2008/09 (/mo)	Proposed Rate Adjustment (/mo)	Total Proposed Increase (/mo)
32 gallon	\$17.58	\$18.72	\$1.14
64 gallon	\$20.34	\$21.59	\$1.25
96 gallon	\$25.88	\$27.35	\$1.47

For a detailed description of the individual components that contribute to the proposed rate adjustment, the April 8, 2009, Staff Report can be viewed at www.elkgrovecity.org/council/city-council-agendas.asp. For a complete list of all service rates and miscellaneous service rates that will be impacted by this adjustment, please go to www.egtrashrecycleservices.org

Comments On and Protests to the Proposed Rate Increases

The City invites you to comment on the proposed increases to the City’s solid waste service rates. Please submit your comments in writing, even if you plan to attend the public hearing.

Under Proposition 218, an owner of a parcel that is subject to the proposed rate increase may protest them by filing a **written protest** with the City Clerk at or before the close of the public hearing on June 24, 2009. If you submit a protest, please include an identification of the affected parcel by street address or assessor’s parcel number (APN). If written protests are filed by a majority of the affected parcel owners, the proposed rate increase will not be imposed.

Comments and protests regarding the proposed rate increase may be mailed or delivered to:

**City of Elk Grove, City Clerk, Re: Rates Proposal
 8380 Laguna Palms Way, Ste. 200, Elk Grove, CA 95758**

Service Summary

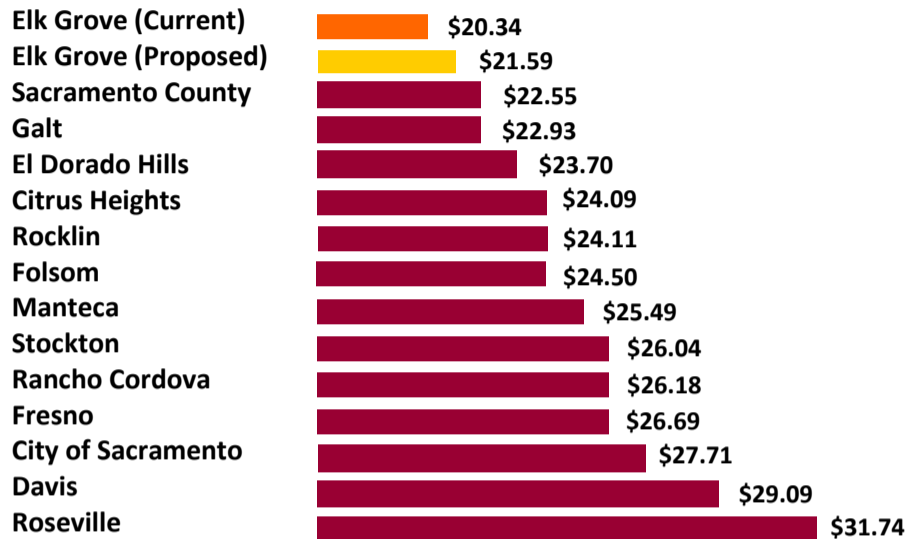
Elk Grove receives the MOST programs at the lowest rates in the region! The City of Elk Grove continues to offer you the following outstanding solid waste, greenwaste and recycling services listed below:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Up to two Recycle and two Greenwaste Carts</i> 2. <i>Curbside Pickup of Used Oil and Oil Filters</i> 3. <i>Curbside Pickup of electronic waste</i> 4. <i>Curbside Pickup of sharp (medical) Containers</i> 5. <i>Curbside Pickup of Holiday Trees</i> 6. <i>Annual Neighborhood Cleanup</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. <i>Household Hazardous Waste Facility Access</i> 8. <i>Annual Dump Day at the Transfer Station</i> 9. <i>Free Compost and Composting Workshops</i> 10. <i>On-Property Services for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities</i> 11. <i>Earth Week Activities, i.e. Nike Reuse-a-Shoe Collection</i> |
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Rate Comparison

The chart below shows how the solid waste rates for the City of Elk Grove compare to other solid waste rates in our surrounding region. For this analysis, we compared the rate charged for one 64-gallon trash container serviced weekly, two greenwaste containers serviced every other week and two recycling containers serviced every other week to rates charged for same service in other jurisdictions.

Summary of Proposed Residential Basic Monthly Service Fee Charges Effective July 1, 2009 (cost per month for a 64-gallon trash container)



Locality	Trash 1 64-Gal	Recycle 2 96-Gal	GrnWaste 2 96-Gal	Total
Elk Grove (Proposed)	\$21.59	Included	Included	\$21.59
Sacramento County	\$22.55 ¹	Included	Included	\$22.55
Galt	\$22.93	Included	Included	\$22.93
El Dorado Hills	\$23.70	Included	Included	\$23.70
Citrus Heights	\$20.53	Included	\$3.56 ⁵	\$24.09
Rocklin	\$24.11	n/a ²	Included ³	\$24.11
Folsom	\$22.50	\$1.00 ⁴	\$1.00 ⁴	\$24.50
Manteca	\$25.49	Included	Included	\$25.49
Stockton	\$26.04	Included	Included	\$26.04
Rancho Cordova	\$22.87	Included	\$3.31 ⁵	\$26.18
Fresno	\$19.12 ⁶	\$3.72 ⁷	\$3.85 ⁷	\$26.69
City of Sacramento	\$15.14 ⁸	\$4.09	\$8.48 ⁹	\$27.71
Davis	\$29.09 ¹⁰	Included	Loose in Street	\$29.09
Roseville	\$21.41	n/a ²	\$10.33 ¹¹	\$31.74

¹Rate effective 7/1/2009. Includes .25 for removal of illegal dumping and .30 for HHWCF operating costs.

²Recycling co-mingled with trash.

³Weekly pick-up of recycle and green waste carts as opposed to bi-weekly.

⁴First recycle and green waste cart is free. A second of either is \$1.00 each.

⁵May have one extra recycle or greenwaste cart free of charge, for a total of four carts (includes trash). A fifth cart is charged per the above.

⁶Above rate effective September 1, 2009. Offers 96-gallon cart size only.

⁷Rate is for one cart. 96-gallon cart serviced weekly compared to (2) 96-gallon carts serviced bi-weekly.

⁸Rate increase July 1, 2009. Final rate still to be determined.

⁹Includes \$1.34 required street sweeping fee. 96-gallon cart serviced weekly compared to (2) 96-gallon carts serviced bi-weekly.

¹⁰Every home charged the same regardless of cart size. Above rate effective July 1, 2009.

¹¹Second green waste cart is \$10.71. Cart emptied bi-weekly.

In Elk Grove, you are entitled to a total of five carts for the same base rate, as compared to other jurisdictions that require that the resident pay extra for the extra carts. For the service you receive, Elk Grove's rate is one of the lowest in the region and that includes the rate increase that will be effective July 1, 2009.