



## 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, November 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall (8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove). If approved, these rate adjustments would take effect on July 1, 2011, July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013, over a three year period. This notice describes the purpose for these rate adjustments and how to file a protest against them.

### Explanation of the Proposed Rate Increase

The costs for providing solid waste services (trash, recycling, and green waste) in the City are 100% supported by the rates paid by the users of these services. As costs change, the rates must change accordingly. Over the next three years, the City's cost for providing solid waste services are expected to increase for the following reasons:

1. Almost every year there is an adjustment in the rates due to the impacts of inflation (labor costs, fuel costs, landfill fees, fees resulting from state regulations and various county impact fees). Over the next three years there will be an annual increase to the City's contract hauler and disposal company in rates not to exceed the following amounts: \$0.38/month for 32 Gallon Trash Cart, \$0.40/month for 64 Gallon Trash Cart and \$0.43/month for 96 Gallon Trash Cart.
2. In order to provide for proper disposal and to meet State imposed requirements, the City will be constructing a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (HHWCF). This facility will provide residents with a convenient and safe drop off location for shipment of household hazardous materials such as pesticides, solvents, pool chemicals, etc. The costs to construct this facility will require an annual increase in the rates of \$1.26/month over the next three years.

### Additional Information on the HHWCF:

For the last two years the City has been working on long term infrastructure options for future residential and commercial waste. The steps have included analysis and environmental review of site options for future facilities. By the end of 2010, the City will have begun working on the design of the most immediate need—a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (HHWCF). State law requires the City to keep certain items separate from normal trash that goes to a landfill. To assist in the effort, the State has provided grant funding for design of this facility, but the City must acquire land, construct a facility and provide for on-going operations. When the HHWCF becomes operational, there will be no additional charge to residents when they drop off 15 gallons or 125 lbs of waste (per visit).

### Proposed Rate Increase Adjustment:

The following table provides a summary of the proposed adjustments in the City of Elk Grove's solid waste service rates, which will be considered by the City Council at the public hearing noted above. These adjustments will be phased over the next three (3) years and as explained above, these rate adjustments include the anticipated average inflation increase to the City's contract hauler and disposal company and the increase necessary to support the construction and operational costs of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.

The majority of residents utilize 64-gallon trash carts, and the chart below details how residents with 32, 64, and 96 gallon trash cart rates will change.

Size of Trash Cart Used by Resident	Current Rate 2009/2011 (/mo)	Proposed Rate Adjustment (/mo) July 1, 2011	Proposed Rate Adjustment (/mo) July 1, 2012	Proposed Rate Adjustment (/mo) July 1, 2013
32 gallon	\$18.72	1.64	1.64	\$1.63
64 gallon	\$21.59	1.66	1.66	\$1.65
96 gallon	\$27.35	1.69	1.69	\$1.68

For a detailed description of the individual components of the proposed rate adjustment, view the Staff Report for the July 28, 2010 City Council meeting at [www.elkgrovecity.org/council/city-council-agendas.asp](http://www.elkgrovecity.org/council/city-council-agendas.asp). For a complete list of all service rates and miscellaneous services rates that will be impacted by this adjustment, please go to [www.egtrashrecycleservices.org](http://www.egtrashrecycleservices.org)

## Comments On and Protests to the Proposed Rate Adjustments

In compliance with Proposition 218, any owner or tenant of a parcel that is subject to the proposed rate increases may file a written protest with the City Clerk at or before the close of the public hearing on November 10, 2010. 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 increases will not be imposed. Please mail or deliver all comments and/or protests to the **Elk Grove City Clerk, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758— Solid Waste Service Rates Proposal.**

The City invites you to comment on the proposed adjustments. In compliance with the Proposition 218 requirements described above, submit your comments in writing, even if you plan to attend the public hearing.

## Comparison with Rates of other local Cities and Counties

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 the same service in other jurisdictions.

### Solid Waste Rate Comparison by Local Area\* Effective July 1, 2011

Many jurisdictions have yet to calculate their 2011 rates.  
(cost per month for a 64-gallon trash container)



### Cart Capacity Comparison\*

Locality	Trash 1 64-Gal	Recycle 2 96-Gal	GrnWaste 2 96-Gal	Total
Galt	\$22.50	Included	Included	\$22.50
Elk Grove Proposed	\$23.25	Included	Included	\$23.25
Sacramento County	\$23.55	Included	Included	\$23.55
El Dorado Hills	\$23.70	Included	Included	\$23.70
Yolo County	\$24.20	Included	Loose in Street	\$24.20
Rocklin	\$24.43 <sup>1</sup>	n/a <sup>2</sup>	Included	\$24.43
Folsom	\$22.50 <sup>4</sup>	\$1.00 <sup>3</sup>	\$1.00 <sup>3</sup>	\$24.50
Manteca	\$25.49	Included	Included	\$25.49

- 1 Includes .32 rate increase effective August, 2010. 96-gallon trash only.
- 2 Recycling is co-mingled with trash.
- 3 First recycle and greenwaste cart is free. A second of either is \$1.00 each.
- 4 May have one extra recycle and greenwaste cart free of charge, for a total of four carts