### How are Future Green Waste Rates Calculated?

Under the terms of the contract, rate adjustments over the next two years, through FY 2021-22, will be made as follows:

A. SERVICE COMPONENT - The service component of each rate is adjusted annually based on the annual change in the Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers, San Diego All Items for the prior year, weighted at 90%.

**B. OCCUPANCY COMPONENT** - The Occupancy Component of each rate is adjusted based on the change in the monthly amount paid by the Contractor for facility use associated with this Contract.

**C. DISPOSAL COMPONENT** - The Disposal Component of each rate is adjusted to reflect the change in the applicable tip fee at the Palomar Transfer Station, as approved by the City.

#### D. FRANCHISE FEE/AB 939 FEE COMPONENT -

The Franchise Fee (7.5%)/AB 939 fee (2%) portion of each rate is set at 9.5% of the total of the Service Rate plus the Occupancy Rate plus the Disposal Component plus the Franchise Fee.

**E. STORM WATER COMPONENT** - The Storm Water Component of each rate is not increasing.



### Protesting the Proposed Rate Increases

As the property owner/rate payer, you have the right to protest the proposed rate increases. Only one protest notice is allowed per parcel. If you choose to protest, you must submit a signed written protest to the City Clerk on or before the close of the hearing. The written protest must contain your full name and signature (or that of an authorized representative), the address of service and a statement that you are protesting the proposed rate increases. If it is determined that a majority of property owners/rate payers have submitted a formal protest, the proposed fee change must be rejected.

You may hand deliver a written protest to the City Clerk prior to the close of the hearing. Protests may also be mailed to: City Clerk's Office, City of Carlsbad, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92008

If you choose to submit a protest by mail, please allow sufficient time for the protest to be delivered. The city is not responsible for any delay caused by the Postal Service.



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# Notice of PUBLIC HEARING

### Proposed Green Waste Rate Increases

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019 AT 6 P.M.

City of Carlsbad, City Council Chambers 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive Carlsbad, CA 92008



The City of Carlsbad is proposing an increase in green waste rates effective January 1, 2020. If the City Council adopts the rate increases at the public hearing on **December 10, 2019**, the new rates will be effective on January 1, 2020 and each year beginning on July 1, 2020 through FY 2021-22. For questions about the public hearing process or the proposed recycling and trash rate increases related to green waste (proposed rate increases), please call 760-602-4646 or visit the city's website at www.carlsbadca.gov/recycling.



#### What is Green Waste?

Green waste includes: yard waste, branches and twigs, flowers,

weeds and roots, leaves, grass and plant clippings and wood (non-painted, stained or oiled) and chips. Cactus or palm branches are not considered green waste for recycling purposes.

#### What is NOT Green Waste?

Glass, metal, aluminum, plastic (bags, flower pots), rocks, dirt concrete, and treated or coated wood (painted, stained, oiled) are not considered green waste.

#### What is Composting?

Composting is recycling! Composting is the natural process that decomposes yard waste and food waste to make a brown, crumbly soil additive that enhances the health of your lawn and gardens.



Adding finished compost to soil improves soil texture, helps soil retain moisture, reduces run-off, and naturally increases nutrient content to help sustain healthy plants. Healthier plants are more resistant to pests and disease.

Green waste composting has many benefits. These include:

- Reducing waste disposal costs.
- Conserving natural resources.
- Producing a valuable soil- amendment.
- Reducing environmental impact.

### Why Compost Carlsbad's Green Waste?

Green waste (also known as yard waste) makes up a significant portion of the solid waste that is disposed of by residents. Diverting this material from the solid waste stream helps extend the usable space of the



landfill and keep methane-producing materials out of the landfill. Mandatory recycling of organic waste is the next step toward achieving California's aggressive recycling and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission goals. Composting is a cost-effective means of dealing with the organic section of the solid waste stream and an essential part of an integrated solid waste management plan. The process can be employed on a larger scale for towns and cities to comply with the law and to treat the organic material as a resource rather than a waste.

### About Recycling and Trash Services and Rates

The City of Carlsbad provides recycling and trash solid waste services to its residents and businesses as outlined in Chapter 6.08 of the Carlsbad Municipal Code. These services are provided through a franchise agreement with Coast Waste Management ("Contract").

The Contract was approved by the City Council in February 2012. This Contract established residential, commercial and multi-family rates for various recycling and trash services, effective July 1, 2012.

The residential solid waste services include the weekly collection of trash, recyclables and green waste. The commercial solid waste services include collection of trash, recyclables and green waste as frequently as scheduled by the customer, but not less than once per week. Coast Waste



Management provides and maintains the recycling, trash, and green waste carts and bins.

Coast Waste Management guarantees that throughout the term of the contract that the contractor's net rate for Single-Family residential Cart Collection Service (for a 64 or 96 gallon cart) and the Contractor's net rate for Multi-Family and Commercial Bin Collection Service (for a three-yard bin picked up once per week) will be in the lowest third of net rates being charged for similar services in all cities in San Diego County using a franchised collection system.

## About Green Waste Rates and the Proposed Increases

The proposed rate increases will vary depending on the size of the trash container selected by the customer. Residents may either select a 64 or 96 gallon trash container at a proposed rate of \$23.50 per month, or a 35 gallon trash container at the proposed rate of \$21.42 per month. The rate is only affected by the size of the trash container.

The proposed rate increases for multifamily and commercial customers will depend on the size of the



bin for green waste services and the frequency of collection. The proposed rate increases for multifamily and commercial customers will be 6% to 9% approximately.

#### Proposed Rates Starting January 1, 2020

GREEN WASTE SERVICES - COMPOSTING	Freq	Service Rate	Occupancy	Disposal Rate	Contractor Total	Franchise & AB939 Fee	Storm Water No Change	Customer Total
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE								
Standard Three Cart								
3-Cart 64 or 96 Gallon		\$11.66	\$0.36	\$6.12	\$18.13	\$1.90	\$3.46	\$23.50
3-Cart 35 Gallon Trash (Low Generator)		\$11.65	\$0.35	\$4.25	\$16.26	\$1.71	\$3.46	\$21.42
Backyard Service		\$18.04	\$-	\$5.60	\$23.64	\$2.48	\$3.46	\$29.58
COMMERCIAL RECYCLING - GREEN WASTE 3	YARD	BIN						
	1	\$67.86	\$2.13	\$32.42	\$102.41	\$10.75	\$18.25	\$131.41
	2	\$115.13	\$4.26	\$64.84	\$184.23	\$19.34	\$32.31	\$235.88
COMMERCIAL RECYCLING - GREEN WASTE	96 GA	LLON CA	RT					
		\$13.12	\$0.36	\$5.41	\$18.88	\$1.98	\$3.41	\$24.27
Extra Pick-up		\$7.02	\$-	\$1.24	\$8.26	\$0.87	\$1.59	\$10.72

Green waste rate increases are being proposed, effective January 1, 2020.