

CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS
Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Increase in
Solid Waste Rates

Monday, November 10, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

City of Hidden Hills Council Chambers, 6165 Spring Valley Road, Hidden Hills, CA 91302

Notice is hereby given that the Hidden Hills City Council will hold a public hearing at the above date and time to consider adopting increases to the rates for residential trash, recycling, and green waste services within the City (collectively, "Solid Waste Services"). This notice is being provided to you at least 45 days in advance of the public hearing as a property owner of record of the property receiving Solid Waste Services, or a tenant directly liable for payment of Solid Waste Services.

Public Hearing Process: All Hidden Hills property owners of record and customers are invited to attend this public hearing. The Hidden Hills City Council will hear and consider all materials and testimony as well as all written protests against the proposed rate increases. At the close of the public hearing, the City Council may adopt new rates if written protests against the proposed increases are not presented by a majority of identified parcels upon which the proposed rates are to be charged. If adopted, the rates in Exhibit A take effect on January 1, 2026. As noted in more detail below, the rates may also be adjusted for Annual Automatic Adjustments (as defined below) for a five-year period.

Proposed Rate Increases: The request for the proposed rate increase is based upon the City's amended solid waste franchise agreement with Waste Management ("Franchise Agreement"). The rates in Exhibit A are monthly rates and determined based on the type of service received by a property, the frequency with which such service is received, and the size of the bins or other receptacles serving the property, as set forth in Exhibit A. The Franchise Agreement provides for increases in Solid Waste Service rates due to the increase in (a) disposal fees at the Simi Valley Landfill & Recycling Center (so-called "tipping fees") and (b) the annual inflationary increases (as described below). In addition, the Residential Basic Service rates as set forth in Exhibit A will increase annually by \$1.50.

Revenues derived from the solid waste rates are used to cover costs incurred to provide efficient Solid Waste Services, including collection, transportation, recycling, processing and disposal, facilities and equipment maintenance, capital projects and financing, and billing and account management.

How will the proposed rate increases affect my bill? Please note that Residential Basic Service rated will initially decrease from \$94.07 per month to \$90 per month. Other services will see increases as set forth in Exhibit A. A full breakdown of proposed rates and increased through December 31, 2026, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Annual Automatic Increases: **Because** the City anticipates future increases in the cost of providing Solid Waste Services that Waste Management will charge pursuant to the Franchise Agreement, the City is also proposing to automatically increase the rates for Solid Waste Service as follows:

- **Residential Basic Service:** Beginning January 1, 2027, and each January 1 thereafter, through and including January 1, 2030, the Maximum Permitted Service Rates for Residential Basic Service will increase by \$1.50 per month.
- **CPI Adjustment:** The proposed maximum rates for Solid Waste Services in Exhibit A account for inflation. Beginning January 1, 2027, and each January 1 thereafter, through and including January 1, 2030, the Service Component of the then-current Maximum Permitted Service Rates (with the exception of Residential Basic Service) will be adjusted by the annual percentage change in the All Urban Consumers Index (CPI-U), U.S. City Average Garbage and trash collection (SIN #CUUR0000SEHG02), as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics.
- **Tipping Fees:** Beginning January 1, 2027, and each January 1 thereafter, through and including January 1, 2030, the Disposal Component of the then-current Maximum Permitted Service Rates for Bin and Other Collection Service (excluding Residential Basic Service) will be adjusted for changes in tipping or gate fees charged by the landfill. (***)Please note that some services do not include a Disposal Component and will only be adjusted based on CPI-U(***)

In no event shall Solid Waste Services rates as adjusted by the Annual Adjustments exceed the City's cost of providing Solid Waste Services.

To protest the proposed rate increases, you must submit a written protest: Any property owner of a parcel upon which the Solid Waste Services rates are proposed to be imposed, or any customer of record directly liable for payment, may submit a written protest to the proposed rate increases. To oppose the proposed rate increases, you must submit a written protest, even if you plan to attend the public hearing. Your written protest must be actually received (not postmarked) by the Hidden Hills City Clerk prior to the close of the public hearing. **Oral, telephonic and e-mail protests will not be accepted.** You must sign the protest and include: 1) your name and signature, 2) your street address, and 3) a clear written statement protesting the rate increase. Please identify on the front of the envelope that the enclosed letter is for the "2025 Solid Waste Rate Increase Public Hearing". You may mail or deliver your written protest in person to: City of Hidden Hills, Office of the City Clerk, 6165 Spring Valley Road, Hidden Hills, CA 9130. Only one written protest will be counted per identified parcel. The City is conducting this Proposition 218 majority protest proceeding out of an abundance of caution and without conceding the applicability of Proposition 218 to Solid Waste Service.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact City Manager Gloria Molleda at (818) 888-9281.

CONTINUED TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025.