



City of San Diego Cost-of-Service Study

The City of San Diego cost-of-service study (trash study) is a public process that evaluates services and potential new fees for City-provided residential trash, recycling and organic waste collection services.

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Public Notice for Potential Trash Fees Authorized by City Council April 14

After a year of extensive community outreach, City staff formally presented its cost-of-service study results to the San Diego City Council on April 14. The newly proposed fees of \$36.72 - \$47.59 per month are about \$5 less than the preliminary draft numbers shared at Round 3 open houses. During the April 14 meeting, City Council directed staff to review additional opportunities to reduce the fee further and to return on June 9 with options for a lower fee.

The City Council authorized the City to set a public hearing date on June 9 to consider a proposed fee and to send a public notice to property owners that would be impacted by a fee. Property owners impacted by the new fees will have 45 days from the notice mailing date to submit a protest if they object to the proposed fees.

Next Steps

Any trash fees authorized by the City Council would take effect July 1, 2025. The point in time where customers will first see this charge depends on whether or not the City Council also authorizes the charges to be collected on the County Tax Roll at a hearing

on June 24, 2025. If approved, customers would first see the charge on their tax bills by October 2025.

If a fee is approved, the City plans to launch a new web-based portal by July 15, 2025 for customers to select the number of containers they would like and to let the City know whether they would prefer smaller containers. Delivery of new containers would begin in October.

Access the latest information at the [Trash Service Updates page on the City of San Diego website](#).

Looking for Answers? We Can Help!

Property owners and residents who want to make informed decisions about the proposed trash fees can access a library of resources online. Here are some options to get started:

- *Inside San Diego* offers an online summary of the study results in this [article](#).
- Cost-of-service study [report](#).
- Environmental Services Department [efficiency analysis](#).
- IBA review and analysis [report](#).
- Find frequently asked questions (FAQs) and materials shared at open houses on the resources page at cleangreensd.org.
- Get to know Kirby Brady, the Interim Director of the Environmental Services Department, in this [quick Instagram reel](#) from the City of San Diego.



Did you know?

The Solid Waste Cost of Service Study team heard directly from more than 10,000 residents through activities, presentations, events and online surveys. It also supported media stories, a website, and social media posts that reached more than four million San Diegans. The team partnered with community organizations to produce fact sheets and videos in six languages.

People who participated in the study's activities helped shape priorities for new services and improvements. Their recommendations were included in the study report and proposal.