



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENTS: SEWER AND SANITATION FEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Claremont will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Council Chamber, 225 W. Second Street, to consider proposed rate adjustments to sewer and sanitation fees.

Why are you receiving this notice?

The City of Claremont (City) has mailed you this notice because you are a sewer (wastewater) and/or sanitation (solid waste) customer, and/or owner of record of property, that receives one or both services. This notice is provided pursuant to Article XIII D of the California Constitution (also known as "Proposition 218"), which requires the City to notify property owners and customers of proposed changes to property-related fees, such as those for sewer or sanitation service. This notice describes proposed changes to the City's rates for these services and provides information regarding the Public Hearing at which the City Council will consider the adoption of the proposed rates. If adopted, the proposed rates will be in effect for service provided on and after January 1, 2027.

What do sewer and sanitation rates fund?

The City of Claremont owns, operates, and maintains sewer and sanitation systems that provide essential public services to residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and other customers throughout the community. Sewer and sanitation rates are the primary source of revenue used to fund the operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, replacement, and administration of these enterprise services. Revenues collected from sewer and sanitation rates are used solely for their respective services and do not exceed the amount required to provide those services.

Sewer Service

The City's sewer collection system consists of approximately 122 miles of gravity sewer mains, associated manholes, cleanouts, service laterals, and one pump station. Sewer rates fund the operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of these facilities, capital improvements, utility administration, and operating and capital reserves to ensure reliable sewer collection service, reduce the risk of sewer overflows and system failures, and comply with regulatory requirements. Wastewater collected by the City's sanitary sewer system is conveyed to facilities owned and operated by the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts for treatment and disposal.

Sanitation Service

The City's sanitation utility provides residential and commercial solid waste, recycling, and organics collection. The City also contracts with third-party service providers for transfer hauling, landfill disposal, organic material processing, and street sweeping services. Sanitation rates fund these activities, including contracted disposal and processing, vehicle and equipment replacement, regulatory compliance, administration, and adequate operating and capital reserves.

Why are sewer and sanitation rate changes needed?

The City retained Willdan Financial Services to prepare comprehensive Sewer and Sanitation Utility Rate Studies to evaluate the financial condition of the Sewer and Sanitation Enterprise Funds and determine whether existing rates will generate sufficient revenues to support utility financial objectives and needs. Based on the results of these analyses, updated sewer and sanitation rates are recommended to ensure each enterprise fund remains financially sustainable while allowing the City to continue providing reliable services.

Sewer Service

Although annual rate adjustments were adopted in 2021, the City did not implement a rate adjustment in the first year of the current financial plan. During that time, inflation and rising costs for labor, construction, materials, equipment, and contracted services continued to increase, resulting in revenues that no longer keep pace with the cost of providing sewer service. The City's aging sewer collection system also requires ongoing inspection, maintenance, rehabilitation, and replacement. Maintaining reserve funding is also important to respond to

unexpected repairs and future capital needs. The proposed sewer rate adjustments will provide sufficient funding to maintain the City's sewer system, support future capital improvements, maintain prudent reserve levels, and ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Sanitation Service

Like the Sewer Enterprise Fund, the Sanitation Enterprise Fund has experienced operating cost increases that have exceeded the annual rate adjustments adopted in 2021. Rising costs for contracted disposal, transfer hauling, landfill disposal, organic material processing, and specialized collection vehicles and equipment have increased the cost of providing sanitation services. The proposed sanitation rate adjustments will provide sufficient funding for ongoing solid waste, recycling, and organics collection; street sweeping services; contracted disposal and processing services; vehicle and equipment replacement; and maintain adequate reserve levels necessary to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Sanitation Enterprise Fund.

How are sewer rates determined and how do they work?

To develop rates that generate sufficient revenue to meet the City's financial and policy objectives, annual revenue requirements were determined for the sewer and sanitation utilities. Revenue requirements include projected costs for operations, maintenance, repair and replacement of infrastructure, capital improvements, administration, and adequate reserve funding necessary to provide reliable service.

Projected revenues under existing rates were then compared to these revenue requirements over the 5-year planning period. Where projected revenues were insufficient to meet projected costs, rate adjustments were developed to provide adequate funding for each utility.

Proposed Sewer Rates

The City is proposing to implement updated sewer rates beginning January 1, 2027, with subsequent annual adjustments effective each July 1 through 2030, to provide sufficient funding for the City's sewer collection system. The proposed rates maintain the City's existing rate structure and are summarized below. If adopted, these rates will remain in effect unless modified by future action of the City Council.

Description	Current Fees	Projected for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1					Unit
		2026 ^[1]	2027	2028	2029	2030	
Monthly Sewer Fees:							
Single-Family Residences ^{[2],[3]}	\$ 6.63	\$ 7.96	\$ 9.55	\$ 11.46	\$ 12.89	\$ 14.50	Per dwelling unit
Dormitories, rest homes, hospitals, and institutional buildings	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.64	\$ 1.97	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.50	Per resident unit
Colleges, private, and public schools	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.89	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.13	Per student
Commercial ^[4]	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.46	Per CCF of water usage
Religious Facilities	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.53	\$ 3.04	\$ 3.65	\$ 4.11	\$ 4.62	Per building

Notes:

[1] The FY 2026/27 rate adjustment will be implemented January 1, 2027. Subsequent annual rate adjustments will become effective each July 1 through 2030.

[2] Includes PUDs, duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, condominiums, and apartments.

[3] The City provides a 20% low-income discount to qualifying residential customers. The cost of the discount is funded from non-rate revenue sources to ensure sewer rates remain proportionate and cost-based in accordance with Proposition 218.

[4] Includes hotels, motels, businesses, and industrial establishments.

Proposed Sanitation Service Rates

The City's sanitation service rates include three customer classes: single family residential, multiple family complexes, and commercial. Single family residential and multiple family complex customers are billed quarterly, while commercial customers are billed monthly. Single family residential rates are based on the size and number of refuse containers. Multiple family complex rates are based on the number of dwelling units. Commercial rates are based on the size and number of refuse containers and the number of collections per week.

The City is proposing to implement updated sanitation service rates beginning January 1, 2027, with subsequent annual adjustments effective each July 1 through 2030, to provide sufficient funding for the continued operation, maintenance, regulatory compliance, vehicle and equipment replacement, and long-term financial sustainability of the City's sanitation service. The proposed sanitation rates maintain the City's rate structure and are summarized below. If adopted, these rates will remain in effect unless modified by future action of the City Council.

Description ^[1]		Unit	Current Fees	Projected for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1				
				2026 ^[2]	2027	2028	2029	2030
Residential Sanitation Fees								
Service Level								
1	35-gallon refuse container	Per month	\$ 29.56	\$ 32.52	\$ 35.77	\$ 39.35	\$ 42.50	\$ 45.90
2	64-gallon refuse container	Per month	\$ 35.32	\$ 38.85	\$ 42.74	\$ 47.01	\$ 50.77	\$ 54.83
3	96-gallon refuse container	Per month	\$ 45.06	\$ 49.57	\$ 54.53	\$ 59.98	\$ 64.78	\$ 69.96
4	2 96-gallon refuse container	Per month	\$ 65.39	\$ 71.93	\$ 79.12	\$ 87.03	\$ 93.99	\$ 101.51
Multiple Family Complex Sanitation Fees								
Service Level								
1	Automated Containers and Bins	Per unit/per month	\$ 27.50	\$ 30.25	\$ 33.28	\$ 36.61	\$ 39.54	\$ 42.70
Commercial Sanitation Fees								
Service Level								
1	1 bin 1 x week	Per month	\$ 182.32	\$ 200.55	\$ 220.61	\$ 242.67	\$ 262.08	\$ 283.05
2	1 bin 2 x week	Per month	\$ 363.05	\$ 399.36	\$ 439.30	\$ 483.23	\$ 521.89	\$ 563.64
3	1 bin 3 x week	Per month	\$ 546.20	\$ 600.82	\$ 660.90	\$ 726.99	\$ 785.15	\$ 847.96
4	1 bin 4 x week	Per month	\$ 726.95	\$ 799.65	\$ 879.62	\$ 967.58	\$1,044.99	\$1,128.59
5	1 bin 5 x week	Per month	\$ 907.70	\$ 998.47	\$1,098.32	\$1,208.15	\$1,304.80	\$1,409.18
6	1 bin 6 x week	Per month	\$1,125.05	\$1,237.56	\$1,361.32	\$1,497.45	\$1,617.25	\$1,746.63
7	Monthly Charge Per Refuse Container	Per month	\$ 35.09	\$ 38.60	\$ 42.46	\$ 46.71	\$ 50.45	\$ 54.49
8	Minimum charge per business for shared commercial bins	Per month	\$ 12.75	\$ 14.03	\$ 15.43	\$ 16.97	\$ 18.33	\$ 19.80
9	Automated Container	Per bin/per service	\$ 30.38	\$ 33.42	\$ 36.76	\$ 40.44	\$ 43.68	\$ 47.17
Supplemental Fees for Added Services								
Service Level								
1	Valet/Off Street Service (containers) ^[3]	Per month	\$ 32.02	\$ 35.22	\$ 38.74	\$ 42.61	\$ 46.02	\$ 49.70
2	Additional Containers	Each/per month	\$ 4.52	\$ 4.97	\$ 5.47	\$ 6.02	\$ 6.50	\$ 7.02
3	Additional Green Waste / Organics Container ^[4]	Each/per month	\$ 6.16	\$ 6.78	\$ 7.46	\$ 8.21	\$ 8.87	\$ 9.58
4	Additional Recycle Container ^[4]	Each/per month	\$ 6.16	\$ 6.78	\$ 7.46	\$ 8.21	\$ 8.87	\$ 9.58

Notes:

[1] For a complete schedule of the proposed sanitation fees, visit www.claremontca.org/sanitation_rate.

[2] The FY 2026/27 rate adjustment will be implemented January 1, 2027. Subsequent annual rate adjustments will become effective each July 1 through 2030.

[3] Valet/Off Street Service is charged only to customers requesting or requiring the service. The monthly charge is \$35.22 for the first three automated containers, plus \$4.97 for each additional container.

[4] The base monthly rate includes one 96-gallon organics container and one 96-gallon recycling container. Additional containers are \$6.78 per month each and are charged only to customers requesting or receiving the service.

Proposed Street Sweeping Rates

The City is proposing to implement updated street sweeping rates beginning January 1, 2027, with subsequent annual adjustments effective each July 1 through 2030, to provide sufficient funding for the continued operation, maintenance, and replacement needs of the City's street sweeping service. Street sweeping rates are based on customer classification and are summarized below. If adopted, these rates will remain in effect unless modified by future action of the City Council.

Description		Unit	Current Fees	Projected for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1				
				2026 ^[1]	2027	2028	2029	2030
Street Sweeping Fees								
Service Level								
1	Single-family dwelling unit	Per month	\$ 4.62	\$ 5.08	\$ 5.59	\$ 6.15	\$ 6.64	\$ 7.17
2	Multi-family dwelling with 2-5 units	Per month	\$ 9.01	\$ 9.91	\$ 10.90	\$ 11.99	\$ 12.95	\$ 13.99
3	Multi-family dwelling with 6-10 units	Per month	\$ 13.03	\$ 14.33	\$ 15.76	\$ 17.34	\$ 18.73	\$ 20.23
4	Multi-family dwelling with 11-15 units	Per month	\$ 16.57	\$ 18.23	\$ 20.05	\$ 22.06	\$ 23.82	\$ 25.73
5	Multi-family dwelling with 16-20 units	Per month	\$ 20.34	\$ 22.37	\$ 24.61	\$ 27.07	\$ 29.24	\$ 31.58
6	Multi-family dwelling with 21-25 units	Per month	\$ 24.14	\$ 26.55	\$ 29.21	\$ 32.13	\$ 34.70	\$ 37.48
7	Multi-family dwelling with 26-30 units	Per month	\$ 27.82	\$ 30.60	\$ 33.66	\$ 37.03	\$ 39.99	\$ 43.19
8	Multi-family dwelling with 31-40 units	Per month	\$ 36.21	\$ 39.83	\$ 43.81	\$ 48.19	\$ 52.05	\$ 56.21
9	Multi-family dwelling with 41-50 units	Per month	\$ 45.26	\$ 49.79	\$ 54.77	\$ 60.25	\$ 65.07	\$ 70.28
10	Multi-family dwelling with 51-60 units	Per month	\$ 54.33	\$ 59.76	\$ 65.74	\$ 72.31	\$ 78.09	\$ 84.34
11	Multi-family dwelling with 61-70 units	Per month	\$ 63.41	\$ 69.75	\$ 76.73	\$ 84.40	\$ 91.15	\$ 98.44
12	Multi-family dwelling with 71-80 units	Per month	\$ 72.48	\$ 79.73	\$ 87.70	\$ 96.47	\$ 104.19	\$ 112.53
13	Multi-family dwelling with 81-90 units	Per month	\$ 81.52	\$ 89.67	\$ 98.64	\$ 108.50	\$ 117.18	\$ 126.55
14	Multi-family dwelling with 91-100 units	Per month	\$ 90.58	\$ 99.64	\$ 109.60	\$ 120.56	\$ 130.20	\$ 140.62
15	Multi-family dwelling with 101-150 units	Per month	\$ 105.69	\$ 116.26	\$ 127.89	\$ 140.68	\$ 151.93	\$ 164.08
16	Multi-family dwelling with 151 and up	Per month	\$ 135.90	\$ 149.49	\$ 164.44	\$ 180.88	\$ 195.35	\$ 210.98
17	Church and Public School	Per month	\$ 13.40	\$ 14.74	\$ 16.21	\$ 17.83	\$ 19.26	\$ 20.80
18	College Building on Public Street	Per month	\$ 13.40	\$ 14.74	\$ 16.21	\$ 17.83	\$ 19.26	\$ 20.80
19	Other Buildings	Per month	\$ 13.40	\$ 14.74	\$ 16.21	\$ 17.83	\$ 19.26	\$ 20.80

Note:
[1] The FY 2026/27 rate adjustment will be implemented January 1, 2027. Subsequent annual rate adjustments will become effective each July 1 through 2030.

How do you file a protest or participate in the public hearing?

The City will consider the proposed sewer and sanitation rates at a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Council Chamber, W. 225 Second Street, Claremont, California 91711. At the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider all oral comments and written protests regarding the proposed rates. ***Any owner, or customer of record, of a parcel subject to the proposed rates may submit a written protest against the proposed rate revisions. If written protests are filed by a majority of the affected parcels, the proposed rates will not be adopted. If you do not object to the proposed rate revisions, you do not need to take any action.***

Written protests must include the following: 1) a statement indicating that the identified property owner or customer of record is in opposition to the proposed sewer and/or sanitation rate changes; 2) the street address or Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) for the parcel(s) with respect to which the protest is made; and 3) the name and signature of the owner or customer. Written protests must be mailed, or hand delivered, to the City Clerk at 207 Harvard Avenue, Claremont, California 91711, and received prior to the start of the Public Hearing on September 22, 2026, or hand delivered to the City Clerk at the public hearing on September 22, 2026, before the conclusion of the public comment portion of the Public Hearing. Protests submitted via e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted. For any written protest, whether mailed or submitted in person to the City Clerk, please identify on the front of the envelope that the enclosed protest is for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Rate Changes – Sewer and Sanitation Rates.

The City Council will consider all written and oral protests related to the proposed rate changes at the Public Hearing. Oral comments at the Public Hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing, there will be no more written protests accepted, and no more testimony taken, and the City Council will consider adoption of the proposed rates described in this notice. If written protests, as outlined above, are not presented by a majority of property owners, or customers of record, the City Council will be authorized to adopt the proposed rates. While both property owners and customers of record may submit written protests, only one protest will be counted for each parcel. ***If adopted, the rates for sewer and sanitation service will be in effect beginning January 1, 2027 and increase each July 1, through and including July 1, 2030 as provided above.***

In accordance with Government Code section 53759, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge, commencing from the later of the effective date of the new rates or of the date of the final passage, adoption, or approval of the resolution adopting the new rates.