

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

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Dear Newport Beach Resident,

I am reaching out to inform you of a proposed change to the City's current recycling service fee listed in the Schedule of Rents, Fines and Fees (SRFF). A combination of factors has necessitated a study of the residential Recycling Service Fee related to solid waste collection. The City's current Recycling Service Fee is \$3 per residential unit per month and has not been studied or otherwise updated since 2009. Additionally, there is no Recycling Services fee applied to residential units within the Newport Coast area, although the City still has recycling related cost for this area. This is because the City's Recycling Service fee was not applied as part of the annexation of Newport Coast into the City in 2001.

The requirements for residential refuse recycling have increased per the initial implementation of State Law AB 939 (Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989). This has resulted in the operating costs associated for the collection and process of recyclable materials to increase over time. The current fee no longer accurately reflect these cost increases.

In 2020, with the help of an independent financial consultant, it was determined that a proposed Recycling Service fee increase is needed. The proposed fee adjustments are to raise the current \$3.00 monthly recycling service fee that is currently applied to residential properties within the City (excluding Newport Coast) to \$6.28 per residential unit per month, and also now apply a Recycle Service Fee of \$5.86 per residential unit per month to the residential properties within the Newport Coast Area to help offset the cost of providing these state required recycling collection and processing services.

If approved by City Council, the change in Recycling Service Fee will become effective April 2021.

Should you need more information about the proposed changes, please visit our website at <https://newportbeachca.gov/government/departments/2021-residential-recycling-fee-study>

Respectfully,

David A. Webb, Director
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Map of Residential Hauling Contracts

Recycling Fee Information

