



# City of Imperial Beach, California

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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## City of Imperial Beach Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Refuse Rate Increase

If you are the owner of this property but have a tenant who is responsible for the refuse collection bill related to this property, please forward this notice to the tenant.

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REFUSE RATES**

In compliance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach will hold a Public Hearing at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach **on May 21, 2025 , at 6:00 PM**, or as soon as possible thereafter as the matter can be heard at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting in the Council Chamber of the Civic Center, 825 Imperial Beach Boulevard, Imperial Beach, California, for the purpose of considering an increase in refuses service rates charged by EDCO Disposal Corp (“EDCO”), the City’s franchised waste hauler. As part of this hearing, the City will also consider authorizing future inflationary adjustments to the maximum allowable Integrated Solid Waste Management Services fees charged by EDCO through June 30, 2030 calculated with the same methodology and formulas as allowed under the terms of the Agreement between the City and EDCO and Proposition 218 as explained in more detail below.

Additional information pertaining to this matter may be obtained from the Public Works Department, 495 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Imperial Beach, California 91932 or by visiting the following website: <https://www.imperialbeachca.gov/214/Solid-Waste-Recycling>

### **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASES**

The City of Imperial Beach manages solid waste for its residents and businesses, as outlined in Section 8.36 of the Imperial Beach Municipal Code, through a franchise agreement with EDCO. EDCO’s services include the collection, transfer, processing, and disposal of all solid waste, recyclables, and organic waste (i.e., landscaping and food waste) generated in the City of Imperial Beach. The City’s last rate review occurred in 2020. The City’s franchise agreement with EDCO sets forth an inflation formula for annual adjustments to the rates, which includes variables such as the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and operational increases in disposal costs. If the proposed rates are adopted, then annual adjustments to such rates may only continue for the next five (5) years or until another Public Hearing is held. Adjustment of the refuse rate is being proposed due to the increased costs of providing refuse collection and recycling services to the residential and business communities. Revenues derived from the refuse rates are used solely for the actual and necessary expenses of providing refuse services to customers. The purpose of the proposed rate increases is to allow EDCO to

collect sufficient revenue to enable it to continue providing refuse service to its customers in the face of increasing operating costs and legal mandates imposed by the State of California.

**PROPOSED INCREASES**

The amount of your refuse bill is determined by the quantity and size of your refuse containers and the frequency of collection.

The table below shows the proposed rate increase effective July 1, 2025.

	<b>CURRENT MAX. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE SERVICE RATE</b>	<b>PROPOSED July 1, 2025 MAX. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE SERVICE RATE</b>
35-gallon cart	<b>\$39.57</b>	<b>\$40.95</b>
64-gallon cart	<b>\$40.63</b>	<b>\$42.05</b>
90-gallon cart	<b>\$41.88</b>	<b>\$43.34</b>
Additional 64-gallon cart	<b>\$8.67</b>	<b>\$8.97</b>
Additional 90-gallon cart	<b>\$9.27</b>	<b>\$9.59</b>
3-yard bin once per week	<b>\$200.89</b>	<b>\$207.82</b>
3-yard bin twice per week	<b>\$366.64</b>	<b>\$379.29</b>
3-yard bin three times per week	<b>\$532.34</b>	<b>\$550.71</b>
3-yard bin four times per week	<b>\$698.12</b>	<b>\$722.21</b>
3-yard bin five times per week	<b>\$863.87</b>	<b>\$893.67</b>
3-yard bin six times per week	<b>\$1029.61</b>	<b>\$1065.13</b>
Standard roll-off charge per load	<b>\$293.03</b>	<b>\$302.70</b>
Compactor charge per load	<b>\$439.54</b>	<b>\$454.04</b>
Delivery or relocation charge	<b>\$83.90</b>	<b>\$86.67</b>
Commercial Organics 65 gallon	<b>\$147.62</b>	<b>\$152.71</b>
Commercial Organics 95 gallon	<b>\$168.34</b>	<b>\$174.15</b>
Commercial Organics 2-yard bin	<b>\$280.71</b>	<b>\$290.39</b>

In addition, the City Council will consider a schedule of annual refuse rate adjustments based on the schedule below for subsequent fiscal years as allowed by law.

**Integrated Solid Waste Management Services Fee Schedule**

The City Council will also consider approving an annual rate adjustment commencing **July 1, 2026** and on July 1 of each year thereafter through **July 1, 2029** utilizing the following six step formula:

Step 1: Determine gross rate revenue by deducting franchise fee for commercial and residential services

Step 2: Determine disposal expense and service revenue as a percent of actual gross rate revenue for commercial and residential services

Step 3: Calculate the percent change in adjustment factors (CPI Los Angeles Index and disposal tipping fee per ton)

Step 4: Calculate weighted percent change for commercial and residential services by multiplying the percent of gross revenue net of franchise fee adjustment factors.

Step 5: Apply weighted percent change to commercial and residential service rates

Step 6: Apply percent change in CPI Los Angeles Index to Roll-Off Rates.

### **PROTESTS**

Persons interested may appear before the Council at the public hearing at the above date, place and time. At the public hearing, the City Council will consider objections and protests to the proposed charges. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as a formal protest unless accompanied by a written protest. Any property owner or any tenant directly responsible for the payment of such rates may submit a written protest to the proposed increases to the rates; provided, however, that only one protest will be counted per identified parcel. Written protests may be delivered to Attn: City Clerk, City of Imperial Beach, 825 Imperial Beach Boulevard, Imperial Beach, California 91932, by 2:00 p.m., May 21, 2025, or filed with the City Clerk prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Any written protest must: (1) state that the identified property owner or tenant is opposed to the proposed rate increase(s); (2) provide the location of the identified parcel (by assessor's parcel number or street address); and (3) include the name and signature of the property owner or tenant submitting the protest. Owners of multiple properties must file a separate written protest for each property. Protests sent by email or other electronic means or received after the Public Hearing is closed will not be accepted.

The City Council will receive a final tabulation of all written protests received by the City at the hearing. If written protests are submitted by a majority of affected property owners/tenants, the proposed new rates may not be implemented. If you challenge the matter in court, you may be limited to raising those issues regarding the manner, method, costs or other matters concerning the basis of the rates which you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this Notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.