



Refuse and Recycling Rate Adjustments

Proposition 218 Public Hearing

May 19, 2026

Key Issues Affecting Refuse Services and Rates

- New County Landfill Disposal Agreement – Waste Infrastructure System Enhancement (WISE)
- SB1383 Organics Compliance



Proposition 218 - Legal Framework for Setting Rates

- Right to Vote on Taxes Act – Passed by California voters in November 1996
- Established requirements for setting local government fees and charges, including refuse services



History of Current Agreement

- Agreement began on July 1, 2007, and term ends on June 30, 2037
- Assigned to Republic Services in October 2014 from Rainbow Disposal
- Does not include required SB1383 Programs
- City is undergoing CalRecycle JACE Compliance Evaluation
- New County Landfill Disposal Agreement (from WDA to WISE)



Landfill Disposal – WISE Agreement

- Current Waste Disposal Agreement expires on June 30, 2026
- County proposes new Waste Infrastructure System Enterprise (WISE) agreement
 - Countywide negotiated agreement
 - Evaluated and negotiated by committee from OC City Managers Association
 - County projects 85% increase in landfill fee
 - Three-year phased rate to lessen customer impact



State Mandate SB 1383

SB 1383 Requirement	Proposed Republic Services Programs
Mandatory Residential Organic Waste Collection	Collect food with green waste and compost the material.
Commercial Recycling and Organic Waste Collection	Processing of mixed commercial waste to comply with recycling no longer compliant. Provide commercial customers (including multi-family) a 3-container program.
Container Contamination Monitoring	Notify and educate customers of contamination found in containers.
Inspection and Enforcement	Provide City required information to follow-up and City will issue notices of violation for noncompliance with SB 1383 mandates.
Edible Food Recovery	Provide education to businesses to inform them of local edible food donation opportunities and fund third party edible food contract.
Education and Outreach	Perform the required customer outreach and will work with the City annually to create an outreach plan to be approved by City.
Procurement of Organic Waste Products	Upon request, procure organic waste products on behalf of the City. City will receive approximately 40 tons annually for use at City facilities and giveaways.
Reporting	Provide the necessary reports to submit to CalRecycle.

Key Service Enhancements

- SB 1383-Compliant Organics Diversion
- Recovered Organic Waste Procurement Support
- Route Reviews to Ensure Generator Compliance
- SB 1383 Software for Recordkeeping
- Edible Food Recovery Assistance Program
- Added Facility Exhibit for Material Monitoring
- Mechanism for Residential Organics Facility Change



Key Contract Enhancements

- Performance Monitoring Metrics
- Additional Sustainability Advisors to Support City Customers
- Labor Stoppage Contingency Plan
- Standardized Reporting Requirements
- Defines Flow Control for Material Streams
- Defined Terms for Ease of Future SB 54 Considerations



Implementation and Transition

- June – December 2026
 - Education and Outreach Period
 - Residential Organics Cart Roll-out Commences (for a 2-Year Period)
- January 2027
 - Commercial/Multi-Family Auto-Enrollment Begins
 - Residential Additional Cart Charges Begin



Rate Impacts

Annual CPI and Disposal Adjustments plus:

- Residential SB 1383 3-Year Rate Phase-In:
 - July 1, 2026 - \$3.54 (\$7.58 with CPI, Disposal, and City account services adjustments)
 - July 1, 2027 - \$2.68
 - July 1, 2028 - \$1.46
- Commercial SB 1383 Solid Waste - 3-Year Phase-In of 1.86% per Year ending July 1, 2028
- Commercial Organics - One-time Adjustment of 57.51%
- Commercial Recycling - No Change to Current Rates



Recommended Action

- Approve and Authorize Mayor and City Clerk to Execute the Waste Infrastructure System Enterprise Agreement Between County of Orange and City of Huntington Beach Effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2036; and
- Approve for Introduction Ordinance No. 4348, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Amending the Franchise to Collect Refuse Granted to Rainbow Disposal and Rainbow Transfer and Recycling Companies”; and
- Adopt Resolution No. 2026-11, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Adjusting and Ratifying Residential Trash Rates by the Formula Established in the Revised and Restated Refuse Collection and Disposal Services Franchise Agreement”



Questions?

