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Public Works Department

Solid Waste Division

July 1, 2026

Dear Riverside Resident,

The City of Riverside would like to inform you that the updated Residential Solid Waste Fees and Penalty Schedule, approved by the City Council on September 15, 2025, will take effect on July 1, 2026.

These fees and penalties are being implemented in response to growing service disruptions and rising operational costs resulting from improper disposal practices, including:

- Placing carts out after designated service hours, requiring additional collection trips ("go backs"),
- Overfilling or placing overweight items in carts,
- Contaminating cart bins with hazardous ingredients that require special care for disposal,
- Providing opportunity for additional curbside bulky items pickups outside current 2 appointments per year

Why These Fees Are Being Implemented:

- Encourage compliance with established solid waste guidelines and service schedules,
- Prevent contamination of recyclable and organic waste streams,
- Reduce operational inefficiencies caused by unnecessary return trips and safety incidents,
- Offset increased costs related to labor, fuel, disposal, and regulatory compliance associated with non-standard services.

Please note that these new fees and penalties are **separate from your regular monthly service charges** and are essential to preserving the quality, safety, and affordability of solid waste services for all Riverside residents.

For residential service guidelines and FAQs, please visit our website at https://www.riversideca.gov/publicworks/trash-recycling/trash-recycling, or contact the Call Center at **(951) 826-5311**

	SOLUTION NAME	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	COST
1	EXTRA BULKY PICK UP	BULKY ITEM PICKUP PER ITEM (IN EXCESS OF 2 PICKUPS PER YEAR AND LIMITED TO 5 ITEMS PER PICKUP)	$25
2	GO BACK/LATE SIT OUT	GO BACK/LATE SIT OUT (PENALTY)	$46
3	OVERAGE/OVERFILLED/OVERWIGHT	SOLID WASTE OVERAGE- RESIDENTIAL OVERWEIGHT/OVERFILLED CART (PENALTY)	$46
4	CART REPLACEMENT	DELIVERY/REMOVAL/EXCHANGE OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE CART (IN EXCESS OF ONE REPLACEMENT SET EVERY 10 YEARS)	**$108.27
5	HAZARDOUS CLEAN UP	CLEAN UP HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILL DUE TO MATERIAL PLACED IN CART (PENALTY)	$209
6	EXTRA PICKUP REQUEST	EXTRA PICKUP REQUEST PER RESIDENTIAL CART (WITHIN SAME SERVICE WEEK)	$52
7	CONTAMINATION FEE	CONTAMINATION IN RECYCLE/ORGANICS CONTAINER FOR THREE OR MORE COLLECTION DATES	***$18.02

** APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON APRIL 22, 2025 - ACTUAL COST OF THE CART. NOTE: ACTUAL COST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
*** RMC 6.04.040(D) ESTABLISHES THE CONTAMINATION FEE AS "EQUAL TO THE CHARGE FOR AN ADDITIONAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL CONTAINER" (R722), FOR FY26/27 WHICH IS CURRENTLY $18.02. THESE RATES CHANGE EVERY FISCAL YEAR.

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