

COMPARISON OF RECOMMENDED FY 2007-08 RECYCLE PLUS RATES

The table below compares San Jose's projected 2007-08 single-family dwelling garbage, recycling, yard trimmings, and street sweeping rate to the current rates of the other Santa Clara County jurisdictions (as of July 2006).

Significant variations in the other cities' costs and service structure make rate comparisons difficult for the following reasons:

- San José has weekly collection of recycling and yard trimmings. Some cities have biweekly collection, significantly reducing their service costs.
- Recycle Plus rates include street sweeping costs; most of the other cities' rates do not.
- Recycle Plus rates include overhead costs not included in the other cities' rates.
- Recycle Plus rates are at 100% cost recovery, while some of the other jurisdictions' rates are not.
- In the other cities, residential rates may be subsidized by higher commercial rates when both services are provided under one citywide monopoly agreement. In San José, commercial and residential services are provided under separate agreements.
- Recycle Plus program includes different provisions that impact costs, such as prevailing wage, which may not be required in the other cities.
- Recycle Plus rates below are for FY 2007-08. There is no accurate way to project 2007-08 rates for the other jurisdictions.

Staff will develop a more accurate methodology for comparing Recycle Plus rates and costs to those in other jurisdictions during the FY 2007-08 budget process.

Single-Family Dwelling Garbage and Recycling Program 32 Gallon Rate Comparisons

Santa Clara County Cities	Monthly Rate
Los Altos Hills ^{1,5}	\$27.72
Milpitas ^{2,4}	\$27.35
San José (25% increase – recommended)	\$25.19
Los Altos ^{1,6}	\$24.14
San José (19% increase - alternative)	\$23.98
Palo Alto ⁴	\$23.54
Gilroy	\$22.79
Morgan Hill ^{1,2}	\$22.31
Monte Sereno	\$21.71
Sunnyvale ⁵	\$21.71
Countywide Average	\$21.51
Cupertino ⁴	\$21.38
County – South/West San José	\$20.29
San José (current)	\$20.15
County – East San José	\$19.22
Saratoga	\$18.81
Campbell	\$18.05
Santa Clara ³	\$19.25
Los Gatos	\$16.90
Mountain View ¹	\$15.30

¹ Recyclables and yard trimmings are only collected every other week.

² Unlimited garbage service.

³ This rate is offset by a 6% General Fund subsidy and includes mandatory charges of \$3.80 per month for an annual Clean-Up Campaign, \$.25 per month for the HHW program.

⁴ Rate includes additional cart rental fee of \$2.16 (PA), \$2.62 (Mi), or \$3.07 (Cu) per month.

⁵ Customer must provide their own can/cart.