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Garbage Rate Increase – FAQ's October 2020

The Solid Waste Division is responsible for the management of residential, commercial and industrial garbage and recycling programs, the City's Compost facility, and landfill mitigation. The Solid Waste Division oversees contracts with two local garbage companies for collection services in the City of Modesto. Additionally, residents receive a once monthly green waste pickup and street sweeping service, City Tree service and maintenance, and access to household hazardous waste disposal programs as part of the garbage rate included on their utility bill.

How much is the rate increase and when will it take effect?

On October 1, 2020 the garbage rate will increase by \$1.11 for residential customers. The October bill will be prorated meaning the old rate will be used to calculate the charges prior to October 1st and the new rate will be used to calculate charges after October 1st.

Why is a rate increase necessary?

The current rates/fees for all services the City provides are on the mid-to-lower end of the scale and not sufficient to cover operating costs; the City does not have a financial plan for equipment maintenance and capital replacement for the Compost Facility; forestry functions are not adequately funded.

How was this rate increased passed?

On September 1, 2020 City Council approved Resolution 2020-358 adopting a rate increase for residential and commercial service.

How can I learn more about the garbage rate increase?

Copies of the City Council Resolutions approving the increase can be found online at www.modestogov.com. (Resolution 2020-358) In the search field enter the resolution number.

Resolution 2020-358-Approving rate increase:

<http://modestogov.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3208>