

# WHY ARE GARBAGE RATES INCREASING THIS MONTH?



*These new rates went into effect on August 1, 2020.*

**New state law (SB 1383)** requires that 75% of organics (food, pizza boxes, etc.) be recycled, which is much more expensive.



**New overseas recycling restrictions** have driven up costs nationwide.



**63% of residents** who responded to City survey preferred “mixed-waste processing” meaning residents won’t have to separate their own garbage.



**For more information on the refuse rates and financial assistance, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/GarbageRates](https://www.santacruzca.gov/GarbageRates)**

# New Financial Assistance Program

*Starts August 1, 2020*

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*We're here to help! Check your bill for a \$3/month discount for all customer accounts for six months, to smooth the transition during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

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*Additional discounts are available due to financial hardship. For qualifications and to apply, visit **[SantaClaraCA.gov/Assist](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/Assist)***



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