



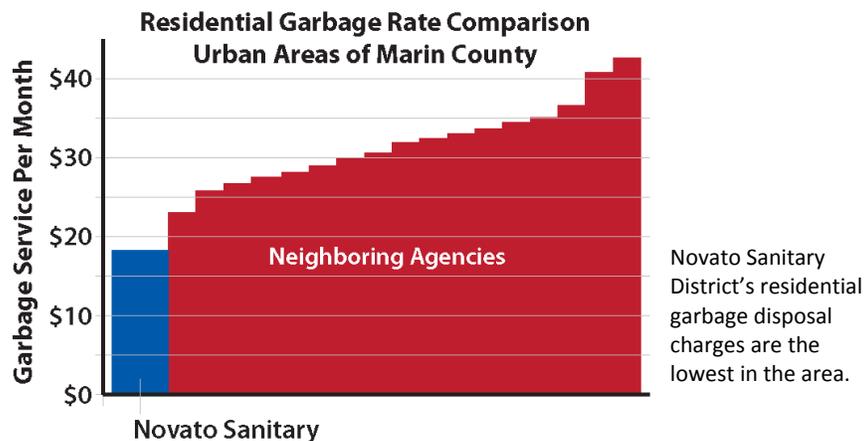
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No Rate Change for Novato Sanitary District Residential Garbage Service



Novato Sanitary District and its franchise waste hauler, Novato Disposal, announced that there will be no rate increase this year for garbage disposal service.

“Our rates are the lowest in the urban areas along the entire 101 corridor of Marin County,” noted Michael Di Giorgio, President of the Board. “We are proud of that, especially since we are expanding our recycling and composting programs at the same time.”

The District has taken a number of actions that are helping keep its sanitary disposal costs among the lowest in the County, including the Zero Waste Agreement requiring Novato Disposal to provide additional recycling at no extra cost to residents. By contrast, other communities are increasing their garbage disposal charge to subsidize recycling.

Another key cost saving measure is that the District requires Novato Disposal to maintain a rebalancing account that smooths changes in the resale value of recyclables over five years. Recently the value of recyclables has dropped significantly because of the bad

economy, but our customers are not getting a financial hit because of the current low value of recyclables.

Another important rate lowering measure is that the District collects a very small franchise fee that only covers the cost of monitoring the franchise hauler, Novato Disposal and does not subsidize other activities. Other communities charge much more. Finally, the District maintains very cost-efficient recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Programs.

“Novato Sanitary District is the first community in Marin to formally incorporate zero waste goals in a franchise agreement and have a specific plan to achieve them,” said Beverly James, District Manager/Engineer. “We are doing what we promised: increasing recycling and composting levels and improving our hazardous waste collection programs, while keeping our rates low. It’s good for the environment and for our customers. Everyone wins.”

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