

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
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Mendocino County Supervisors,

I am writing regarding the recent rate increase by Waste Management for garbage and recycling services. I am having a hard time figuring how an almost 23% rate increase is justifiable over a two year period. To make matters worse, this increase is retroactive as far back as 2018. The letter from Waste Management was so poorly written together with an equally poor example bill to show the new charges that I didn't understand it any clearer after reading the letter. By going back 2 to 3 years, this amounts to a rate increase on top of a rate increase!

Over the years, I have continually downsized our garbage dumpster each time Waste Management raised its rates. Currently, I can't downsize anymore, so I am now stuck at a \$300 per month bill.

Maybe Mendocino County should look into why the tipping fees were raised so much by Pacific Recycling Solutions. That seems like a logical place to start.

If garbage and recycling rates continue to go up at this pace, it will literally become unaffordable to dump our garbage. Also, unaffordable garbage rates typically lead to illegal trash dumping throughout the area.

I encourage the Board of Supervisors to get to the bottom of this issue and provide a clear report on how such a high rate increase is justifiable as well as a clear garbage statement breakdown.

Thank you,

Michael Milovina