

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEDIA CONTACT:

Tiffany Martinez

Departmental Communications Officer

Tiffany.martinez@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov



**COUNTY AND GREENWASTE RECOVERY ESTABLISH ONE STANDARD RATE FOR
RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION ACROSS UNINCORPORATED SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**

July 9, 2026 – Santa Cruz County, CA — The Santa Cruz County Department of Community Development & Infrastructure today announce residents throughout the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County are paying the same rate for standard curbside waste collection service, regardless of where they live.

Effective July 1, the difficult-to-service and difficult-premise collection charges were eliminated to create a simpler and more equitable rate structure for residential customers throughout the unincorporated county.

Standard residential curbside services include trash, recycling, and organics collection, along with 3 free yearly bulky item pickups, household battery collection, used motor oil and filter collection, holiday tree recycling, and small electronic waste collection. The updated rate structure means customers receive the same standard curbside collection services at the same rate while continuing to benefit from comprehensive waste management services that help protect public health and the environment.

Residents can learn more about residential waste collection services, current rates, and available programs by visiting GreenWaste Recovery's webpage:

<https://www.greenwaste.com/service-areas/santa-cruz-county/>

###