



**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)  
Concerning Collier County's  
Preliminary Assessment Notices**

**Solid Waste Rate Notification**

**1. What is the rate for this year and when will the BCC approve this year's rate?**

The Board of County Commissioners will adopt a Resolution for the annual solid waste mandatory collection and disposal assessment on the non-ad valorem portion of the tax bill on September 12, 2017. The proposed collection fees are \$207.39 for District I, and \$198.41 for District II. The service year is October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

**2. How much did my bill increase for District I?**

This year's proposed amount is \$207.39, and last year's amount was \$190.31. The Solid Waste Collection and Disposal annual assessment has increased by \$17.08, a 8.98% increase.

**3. How much did my bill increase for District II?**

This year's proposed amount is \$198.41, and last year's amount was \$181.45. The Solid Waste Collection and Disposal annual assessment has increased by \$16.96, a 9.35% increase.

**4. Why did the bill increase?**

The cost for collection goes up in accordance with the CPI (consumer price index) for the collection portion of the assessment. Disposal fees increase if there is an increase in fees at the Collier County Landfill or the Immokalee Recycling Center. This year's CPI is 1.43% for the collection portion of the assessment.

**5. Do I understand correctly that all guest houses are charged? If so, will the County supply me with a garbage and/or recycling cart?**

In accordance with Ordinance 2005-54 a dwelling unit constitutes a separate, independent establishment with cooking facilities/kitchen, a separate entrance, and bathroom facilities, and physically separated from any other rooms or dwelling units which may be in the same structure or in separate structures.

Yes, the County will follow through to ensure you receive a second garbage cart and recycling cart.

**6. What is the process to speak before the Board of County Commissioners on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017?**

All persons wishing to speak must arrive early to register with the County Manager prior to the start of the Board of County Commissioners meeting at 9:00 a.m. on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. All registered public speakers will receive up to three (3) minutes unless the time is adjusted by the Chairman.

**7. What should I do if I no longer own this property?**

Contact the Property Appraiser's office at (239) 252-8141 or their web site at <http://www.collierappraiser.com>. The files are continually updated by the Property Appraiser's office.

**8. I received my proposed tax bill and this was not on it?**

The proposed tax bill does not include any non-ad valorem assessments.

**9. Who should I see if I need to change my billing address?**

Contact the Property Appraiser's office at (239) 252-8141 or their web site at <http://www.collierappraiser.com>.

**10. How do the current collection costs in Collier County compare to the collection costs paid in other Florida counties?**

Collier County residents receive twice a week unlimited garbage collection, once a week yard waste collection, once a week recycling collection, and once a week bulky items. (Please see graph below for county comparisons.)

### Residential Rate Comparison

