



Residential Sewer, Trash, and Delinquency Billing



City of Lindsay
Public Workshop
June 2021



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Important Terms & Definitions



Sewer: The collection, disposal, and treatment of liquid waste.



Refuse: Commonly referred to as “trash”; the City of Lindsay contracts with Mid-Valley Disposal LLC to provide refuse services.

Important Terms & Definitions

Property Tax: A tax paid on property owned by an individual or corporation. The tax is paid directly by the property owner to Tulare County.

Some people pay property taxes once a year, twice a year every (6) months, or through a monthly mortgage payment.



Residential Sewer



Starting July 1, 2021, residential sewer services will no longer be paid at City Hall. Instead, they will be billed through Tulare County property taxes.

** The last monthly sewer bill sent out by the City of Lindsay will be postmarked July 1, 2021 for June services.*

Residential Sewer



Are sewer rates increasing? **No.**

The City's monthly residential sewer charge will remain at **\$39.09/month.**

**The monthly sewer charge includes Street Improvement Program (SIP) tax and the Users Utility Tax (UUT).*

Residential Trash



Starting July 1, 2021, residential trash services will no longer be paid at City Hall. Instead, they will be billed through Tulare County property taxes.

** Commercial refuse will be billed monthly by Mid-Valley Disposal LLC.*

** The last monthly trash bill sent out directly by the City of Lindsay will be postmarked July 1, 2021 for June services.*

Residential Trash



The City's current monthly residential trash charge is **\$26.97/month**, unless residents have requested additional bins.

**The monthly trash charge includes Street Improvement Program (SIP) tax and the Users Utility Tax (UUT).*

Residential Trash



Are trash rates increasing?

The City has a Proposition 218 Public Hearing scheduled for **July 27, 2021** to consider a refuse rate increase.

**For more information on the Proposition 218 process and proposed fee schedule please contact the Lindsay City Clerk.*

Residential Trash



*Why are trash rates increasing? **SB 1383.***

State will be monitoring and issuing citations/fines for noncompliance.

SB 1383 Key Requirements



Provide Organics Collection Service to All Residents and Businesses



Establish Edible Food Recovery Program



Conduct Education and Outreach



Procurement



Capacity Planning



Delinquency Billing

Important Terms & Definitions

Delinquency: A past due, unpaid bill for sewer, trash, or water. Per the City of Lindsay's Municipal Code, delinquent charges may only be placed on property tax rolls (60) days after the original due date.





All Delinquencies

Starting July 1, 2021, *all delinquencies* for residential and commercial utility charges will be billed through Tulare County property taxes.

All Delinquencies

These changes include unpaid bills for all utilities (sewer, trash, and water)

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**Regular water service will remain payable monthly at City Hall.*



All Delinquencies

How can I avoid having delinquencies placed on my property tax bill?

- Pay your bill on time
- Pay your property taxes (this will now include sewer and trash)
- The City will notify all property owners and account holders of unpaid bills. You will have plenty of advance notice to pay before delinquencies are placed on property taxes



All Delinquencies

- The deadline to pay delinquencies at the City Hall Finance Department is **August 2, 2021 at 4pm.**
- Unpaid utility bills as of May 1, 2021 will be placed on property tax rolls.
No Exceptions.

Resources and Contacts

UTILITY ASSISTANCE	CITY OF LINDSAY
Utility Assistance & Weatherization Provider (CSET) or CA Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (559) 732-4194 or cset.org/energy-assistance	Department of Finance For questions regarding billing (559) 562-7102 Ext. 8024 or lindsay.ca.us
Farmworker Housing Energy Efficiency (883) 367-5497	City Clerk For questions regarding Proposition 218 Email: lindsaycityclerk@lindsay.ca.us (559) 562-7102 Ext. 8011 or lindsay.ca.us
Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Agency (Proteus) (559) 733-5423 or proteusinc.org	TULARE COUNTY TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR
211 24/7 phone hotline or 211.ca.org	Tulare County Property Tax (559) 636-5280 tularecounty.ca.gov/propertytax



Q & A

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