



**Frequently Asked Questions
Concerning Collier County's
Preliminary Assessment Notices and Mandatory Solid Waste Collection and Disposal
Assessment**

1. What is the rate for this year and when was it approved by the BCC?

The Board of County Commissioners adopted a Resolution on September 13, 2011, for the annual *mandatory solid waste collection and disposal assessment* to be placed on the non-ad valorem portion of the tax bill. The collection fees are \$173.49 for District I, and \$165.28 for District II. The service year is October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012.

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

This year's amount of \$173.49 is same amount as last year's amount.

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

This year's amount of \$165.28 is same amount as last year's amount.

4. Is it true that all guest houses are now charged for solid waste collection? Will the County supply my guest house with a garbage and/or recycling cart?

In accordance with Ordinance 2005-54 a guest house is a dwelling unit – one that 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. As such, the dwelling unit will be charged a solid waste collection assessment. The County will ensure you receive a second garbage cart and/or recycling cart.

5. 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>.

6. I received my proposed tax bill and the collection assessment was not on it.

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

7. Who should I see if I need to change the address to send my tax bill to?

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8. 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 item collection. The annual assessments for this high level of service are the lowest in South Florida. See the rate comparison chart below.

RATES FROM OTHER COUNTIES BASED ON 2011 RATES

County	Households Served	Annual Household Collection Cost	Annual Household Assessment	Trash Collection	Recycle Collections	Yard Waste Collections	White Goods Collections	Single Stream Recycling
Sarasota Class II		\$87.84	\$134.94	1/wk	1/wk	1/wk	1/wk	No
Sarasota Class I		\$90.12	\$159.48	1/wk	1/wk	1/wk	1/wk	No
Collier 2010-District I	98,000	\$91.00	\$171.26	2/wk	1/wk	1/wk	1/wk-Call	Yes
Collier 2011-District I	96,423	\$100.10	\$173.49	2/wk	1/wk	1/wk	1/wk-Call	Yes
Collier 2012 Proposed - District I	102,314	\$102.32	\$173.49	2/wk	1/wk	1/wk	1/wk-Call	Yes
Lee	183,000	\$139.82	\$245.43	1/wk	1/wk	1/wk	1/wk-call	Yes
Naples	16,000	\$135.96	\$248.10	2/wk	1/wk	1/wk	Call	No
Broward	1,779,790	\$288.64	\$488.85	2/wk	1/wk	0	1/mo	Yes
Miami-Dade	300,000+	\$308.00	\$490.00	2/wk	2/mo	2/wk	2/yr	Yes

