



Waste Collection Fee in Orihuela: Reductions of up to 70% and How to Apply

The municipal waste collection fee (RSU), commonly known as the “garbage tax,” is one of the most significant local taxes in Orihuela. Although many residents —especially in Orihuela Costa— consider the amount to be high, the ordinance includes substantial reductions for households with limited income or specific social circumstances. These reductions can reach **up to 70%**, and applications are open until **March 31, 2026**.

20% Reduction Based on Income

Eligible households must not exceed the following income limits, calculated using the **annual IPREM (14 payments)**:

Household size	Income limit
1 member	$\leq 1.8 \times \text{IPREM}$
2 or more members	$\leq 2.6 \times \text{IPREM}$

50% Reduction for Economic and Social Circumstances

To qualify, applicants must:

1. Meet the income requirements for the 20% reduction, and
2. Be in one of the following situations:

A) Large family

With a valid large-family certificate.

B) Single-parent family

With at least one dependent child and a valid certificate.

C) Household with disability or dependency

A member must have:

- A disability rating of 33% or higher, or
- Official dependency status, or
- Permanent or absolute incapacity to work.

D) Victims of gender-based violence

With a final court conviction against the aggressor.

70% Reduction for Low Income and Social Benefits

This is the highest reduction available. Applicants must:

1. Meet the income limits of the 20% reduction, and
2. Receive social benefits such as:
 - Valencian Inclusion Income (RVI)
 - Minimum Vital Income (IMV)
 - Non-Contributory Pensions (PNC)
 - Individual Economic Benefits (PEI)
 - Other social assistance programs

How to Apply

Applications are processed through **SUMA Tax Management**, via:

1 In person

At the SUMA office in Orihuela Costa. No appointment required.

2 By phone

 **965 292 000** English-speaking assistance available.

3 Online

Through SUMA Alicante's electronic office. You can book appointments, upload documents, and submit the application.

Deadline

March 31, 2026

Conclusion

Although the waste collection fee in Orihuela is often considered high, the ordinance offers significant reductions for households that meet the economic or social criteria. Checking eligibility and applying before the deadline is essential.