

City of California City

Recycling News

Winter 2024-25



Season's Greetings from WM!

We're excited to bring you this winter newsletter, filled with tips and resources to help make recycling and waste management easier and more effective for our community. As we prepare for a new year, we want you to know how grateful we are for your commitment to creating a cleaner, greener City of California City. Thank you for being part of our extended family and Happy Holidays!

Holiday Tree Recycling

Residential customers can recycle trees and wreaths during the first two service days in January at no additional cost! Just place them at the curb on your service day. Trees longer than four (4) feet must be cut in half. Please remove all decorations including tinsel, lights, ornaments and tree stands. Residents may also bring real holiday trees to the Residential Drop Off Center for recycling.

Pay as You Throw Program

With our Pay as You Throw Program, you can reduce your service cost by moving to a smaller trash cart and recycling more. Contact WM Customer Service to exchange your 96-gallon trash cart for a smaller 64-gallon or 35-gallon trash cart and receive a discount on your monthly rate.

Sharps

Safely dispose of your sharps using WM's Sharps Mail Back Program. Call (760) 463-6024 to order your no-cost kit. A second kit is available for a \$10 co-pay upon request. Limit two (2) per year. Acceptable items include personal sharps, lancets and needles. Non acceptable items include business sharps and medical waste. Seniors receive (2) free kits. The third kit is a \$10 co-pay.

Free Bulky Item Collection

WM provides California City residents with up to three (3) bulky items per year for collection on your service day at no additional charge. Collection must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance of your service day.

Visit home.wm.com/california-city or log in to your My WM account to conveniently schedule your bulk collections online. Don't have a My WM account? Visit wm.com/mywm to create your account. **Acceptable items include:** furniture, appliances, wrapped mattresses and electronics.

Non-acceptable items include: hazardous waste; machinery and industrial discards; oil, grease and other liquids; construction and demolition debris or excessively large items.

Residential Drop-Off Center

WM residential customers with accounts in good standing can bring recyclables, bulky items, mattresses, appliances, green/wood waste, metal, construction material, used motor oil & filters, household batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs and E-waste to the Community Drop-Off Center located at 19901 Neuralia Road at NO CHARGE.

Household trash, commercial waste and hazardous waste are not accepted.

Residents who are not current on their payments, or who do not have an account with WM, will not be permitted to drop off materials. Please check in with the WM personnel on site before unloading your vehicle. They will tell you where and how to properly dispose of your waste in the roll off bins on site.

One vehicle load of material per resident per week please. If the waste disposal needs are greater, residents may drop off household trash, appliances, bulky items, recyclables, electronic waste and green waste at the Mojave-Rosamond Landfill in Mojave for FREE.

The drop-off center is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Closed 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, except holidays).

Illegal Dumping

It is considered illegal dumping when any junk, garbage or debris is left on public or private property without consent of the owner—including roadsides, open streets, and paved alleys. Illegal dumping pollutes the community and poses a safety hazard to residents, especially children. Help keep California City clean by properly disposing of your trash and bulky items.

Holidays

WM observes the following holidays:

**New Year's Day | Independence Day | Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day | Christmas Day**

When your collection day falls on/or after one of these holidays, your collection will be delayed by one day that week only. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delay.



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Organics | Recycling | Trash

Right Materials - Right Container - Know Which Container to Use

What Goes in the Organics Container:



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Produce



Food Soiled Paper,
Coffee Filters & Tea Bags



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Dairy



Bread, Pasta, Rice & Grains

Place organics materials directly into your organics cart -
To reduce odor, put food waste in a paper bag or a compostable bag that meets ASTM D6400 standards.



Do Not Include:

- Plastic Bags
- Plastic Film
- Serveware/Utensils
- Plastic Containers
- Foam Containers
- Hazardous Waste
- Fats, Oils, or Greases

What Goes in the Recycling Container:



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Food & Beverage Cans



Glass Bottles & Containers



Paper



Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard

Place recyclables directly into your recycling cart -
Don't bag your recycling materials.



Do Not Include:

- Food or Liquids
- Plastic Bags or Film
- Foam Containers
- Clothing, Furniture or Carpet
- Batteries
- Electronics
- Hazardous Waste
- Yard Waste

What Goes in the Trash Container:



Foam Cups &
Containers



Garden Hose



Broken Ceramic
Dishes & Pots



Candy, Snack &
Food Wrappers



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles



Do Not Include:

- Organics/Recyclables
- Hazardous Waste
- Electronics
- Batteries, Tires or Paint
- Flammable Material



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Every Other Week Recycling Schedule

Recycling service falls on your regular service day and alternates every other week. Make sure to put out your **Blue** recycling cart on your normal service day on the weeks marked in **Blue** below:

Recycling Service **Holiday**

January 2025							February 2025							March 2025						
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October 2025							November 2025							December 2025						
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Observed Holidays

If a holiday falls on a weekday, collections for the rest of the week will be pushed back a day. For example, for a Thursday holiday, service would be on Friday, and Friday service would be Saturday. For holidays on Saturday or Sunday, there are no delays.

New Year's Day: Wednesday January 1, 2025

Memorial Day: Monday May 26, 2025

Independence Day: Friday July 4, 2025

Labor Day: Monday September 1, 2025

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday November 27, 2025

Christmas Day: Thursday December 25, 2025





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Empty recyclables directly into your cart



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No Hazardous Waste or Batteries