

# City of Ridgecrest

## 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 your 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 Ridgecrest. Thank you for being part of our extended family and Happy Holidays!

### Holiday Tree Recycling

Ridgecrest 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 six (6) feet must be cut in half. Please remove all decorations including tinsel, lights, ornaments and tree stands.



### Community Recycling Bin & Soiled Waste Bin Available to Residents

The recycling bin and soiled waste bin are located inside the WM yard gates (237 County Line Rd) Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. and outside the gates for access on the weekend. During the week, please check in with the office staff prior to dropping off. The recycling bin is designated for flattened cardboard, bottles, cans, glass and paper (please do not place recyclables in plastic bags) and the soiled waste bin is available for diapers and animal waste.

### Sharps

Residents can safely dispose of their sharps using WM's Sharps Mail Back Program. Contact Customer Service to order your kit. Drop offs can be made at the Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Closed New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day).



Scan the QR code to visit the City of Ridgecrest website and view your Collection Schedule.

### Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Ridgecrest residents can dispose of HHW, such as household cleaners, pesticides, paint products, swimming pool chemicals and automotive fluids at the following Kern County Special Waste Facility:

#### Ridgecrest Kern County Special Waste Facility

3301 W. Bowman Road at the Ridgecrest Landfill

Hours: 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Closed: New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

### Free Bulky Item Collection

Residents receive up to three (3) bulky item pick-ups with the maximum of 3 cubic yards or one bulky item per pick up, per year at no additional charge. Please schedule least 48 hours in advance of your regular service day. Schedule online at [home.wm.com/ridgecrest](http://home.wm.com/ridgecrest) or contact WM Customer Service.

**Acceptable items include:** furniture, appliances, tires, 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.

### 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.

# Recycling | Organics | Trash

## Right Materials - Right Container - Know Which Container to Use

### What Goes in the Recycling Container:

- Your blue cart (old) or dark gray cart with a blue lid (new) is for recycling collection. Place the following items loose in your cart, do not bag your recyclables:



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Food & Beverage Cans



Glass Bottles & Containers



Paper



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Old Color Scheme



New Color Scheme

### 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 Organics Container:

- Your dark gray cart with a green lid will be for organic waste collection. You may use a paper or compostable bag that meets ASTM D6400 standards or place organic waste loosely in the cart.



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Produce



Dairy



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Food Soiled Paper, Paper Towels, Napkins, Coffee Filters



Bread, Pasta, Rice, Grains, Coffee Grounds



Shredded Paper



Pizza Boxes



New Color Scheme

### Do Not Include:

Serveware/Utensils, Plastic Containers, Foam Containers, Hazardous Waste, Fats, Oils, or Greases, Diapers or Pet Waste

### What Goes in the Trash Container:

- Your green cart (Old), green cart with a black lid (Interim) or dark gray cart with a black lid (New) is for trash collection.



Foam Cups & Containers



Garden Hose



Broken Ceramic Dishes & Pots



Candy, Snack & Food Wrappers



Old Color Scheme



New Color Scheme



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles

### Do Not Include:

Organics/Recyclables, Electronics, Batteries, Tires or Paint, Flammable Material, Needles

Sorting guide magnets are available for residents to pickup at City Hall and public outreach events.