



Greening Our Community

Incline Village/Cystal Bay



Summer 2024 Newsletter

RECYCLING 101: **EVERYTHING** YOU NEED TO KNOW TO RECYCLE RIGHT

Recycling is one of the easiest ways to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and help fight climate change. But with the ever-growing number of waste items handled by the average resident daily, knowing how to sort and where to place each material can be daunting. To help make sorting more intuitive, we share below three rules that will ensure everything in your recycling bin finds a second life.



RULE 1

Recycle plastic containers, metal cans, glass, paper and cardboard. Items should be placed clean and dry in your recycling.



RULE 2

Keep food and liquid out of your recycling cart. They contaminate materials and make them unsuitable for recycling.



RULE 3

Never place plastic bags in your recycling cart or bag your recyclables. Plastic bags are not accepted for recycling.



WISHCYCLING & THE DANGER OF CONTAMINATION

“Wishcycling” or throwing non-recyclable materials in the recycling cart in the hopes they can be recycled may seem like a harmless and well-meaning habit, but it can lead to the whole batch of recyclables being thrown out as trash. It’s important to keep trash and recyclables separated and, when in doubt – throw it out.

Recycling starts with proper sorting. Please remember to sort plastic materials by shape: bottles, jars, jugs, and tubs are generally accepted. Empty glass items, tin, aluminum and steel cans are also good to go. Make sure to always give it a good wipe to remove food residue or any liquid before placing them in your recycling cart. Paper and cardboard? Sure, but only if they are not dirty or wet. Visit wm.com/recycle-right to learn more.



SUMMER SAFETY

HOT ASH PROPER DISPOSAL

Whether it's for a BBQ or a cozy winter fire, hot coals and fresh ashes are a part of daily life. While convenient, these elements can easily ignite inside your curbside cart if not handled properly. Follow these simple guidelines to dispose of ashes safely and protect your family, neighbors, and our drivers:

- **Cool the Coals:** Let coals cool for several days in a fireplace or grill. Once cooled, transfer them to a metal container with a tight-fitting lid before placing them in your trash cart.
- **Avoid Unsafe Containers:** Never put used coals in plastic, paper, or wooden containers.
- **Speed Up Cooling:** To expedite the cooling process, carefully place coals in a metal container filled with water to extinguish any residual embers.
- **Separate Combustibles:** Do not place other combustible materials in the same container as the ashes.

Residents of Incline Village and Crystal Bay who use wood-burning devices for heating can request a free ash can. For more information, visit: nltfpd.org/outdoor-burning/ash-can-program.



DISPOSE OF YARD WASTE FOR FREE

Residents can use designated Yard Debris Stickers to dispose of green waste at no cost on their regular pickup day until July 19. For the safety of our drivers and staff, ensure all bags are securely tied and do not exceed 40 pounds. Untied or overweight bags will not be collected. The Yard Debris Recycling Program will be available again from September 30 to November 1.