



# Greening Our Community

## City of Reno



Fall 2024 Newsletter

## Contamination & Overages: Handling Extra Waste on Thanksgiving

With the increase in waste generation during Thanksgiving, it's important to be mindful of what goes into your trash and recycling carts to prevent contamination. Proper waste sorting not only makes our curbside recycling program more efficient but also ensures that recyclable items can be manufactured into new products. Every time you sort correctly, you help conserve natural resources and reduce the impact of climate change.



### Recycle Right®

Only place plastic bottles, jars, jugs, and tubs; metal cans; glass bottles and jars; paper; and flattened cardboard and paperboard in your recycling cart. Household hazardous waste (HHW), or products labeled toxic, poisonous, corrosive, flammable or irritant, requires special disposal. Never place them in curbside carts. WM accepts HHW for an additional fee. Call 775-329-8822 for details on accepted materials and drop-off locations.



### Keep a Lid on Overages

Many residents often force extra materials into the curbside cart. This usually prevents the lid from closing tightly and can result in litter and overfilling charges. If you are handling more waste than expected, it may be time to reassess your cart size. Call WM at 775-329-8822 for support. If it's just a seasonal increase, try breaking down materials to free space inside the container or use your excess waste stickers.



### Keep Recyclables Bag-Free

Plastic bags are not accepted in curbside recycling. In fact, using plastic bags to contain recyclable materials is the leading cause of recycling contamination, along with plastic films (packaging around beverage cases) and polystyrene foam (to-go food containers and beverage cups). Avoid contamination, keep recyclables loose.

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## Stay in the Know: Get Ready For Unexpected Events

Extreme weather, road maintenance, and other unforeseen events can sometimes delay your service or affect curbside collection. When it happens, WM will provide same-day updates via phone, text, or email.

Unfortunately, many customers in the Nevada region have outdated contact information, which hinders our ability to deliver timely service alerts. Stay informed and update your contact information and communication preferences through the My WM app or at [wm.com/account](http://wm.com/account). Your information will not be used for unsolicited services, autopay programs, or sold to third parties.



## GET RID OF MORE AT THE ECO-CENTER



As the holidays approach, extra waste can pile up. Free space in your carts by sorting items properly. Residential customers have the option to drop off recyclables at WM's Eco-Center, where they will be prepared for remanufacturing.

### Cardboard Recycling Drop-off:

1100 E. Commercial Row Reno, NV 89512  
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Mixed Recycling Drop-off:

1391 E. Commercial Row Reno, NV 89512  
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Holiday Closures: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve and Day.



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