

County of Ventura

Recycling News

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WM is proud to offer commercial waste and recycling services in the County of Ventura. We are available to assess your waste generation needs and determine the right container sizes and service levels for your business or property.

SB 1383: Smart Sorting for Organics and Recycling

California's SB 1383 requires cities and waste haulers to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting organic waste from landfills. The law also requires monitoring of recycling and organics containers to prevent contamination and ensure proper sorting.

What's Contamination?

It's when the wrong items—like trash—end up in your recycling or organics containers. Avoid contamination by sorting waste correctly and placing the right items in the right container.

Be Mindful of Overages

To ensure your container is properly serviced, ensure that all items are placed inside the container. Bags outside of your regular container or inside your container that prohibit the lid from laying flush is considered an overage.



Container Accessibility

Please make sure containers are accessible on your scheduled collection day. Open gates or provide a key/code if needed. Keep the area clear of vehicles, delivery trucks, excess trash, or other obstructions.

Technical Assistance

Our team is here to support you beyond just choosing the right container sizes and service levels. We also offer training to help your business and employees understand what materials go in each cart. To help you stay compliant, we provide:

- Expert guidance on waste sorting
- On-site or virtual training sessions
- Educational materials and signage

Holiday Schedule

WM observes the following holidays. When your collection day falls on/or after one of these holidays, your collection will be delayed by one day for that week only.

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| • New Year's Day | • Memorial Day |
| • Independence Day | • Labor Day |
| • Thanksgiving Day | • Christmas Day |

Tip and Tricks for Organic Recycling

- Store food scraps in your fridge/freezer until your collection day
- Ensure food scraps are placed in a plastic or paper bag before placing them in your organics cart



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Most Common Contaminants

Keep these common contaminants OUT of your recycling bin.



No Recyclables In Plastic Bags

Empty recyclables directly into your bin. Take plastic bags back to local retailers where available.



No Food & Liquids

Compost instead! Otherwise it belongs in the trash.



Lithium Ion Batteries

(Not in recycling or trash.)

Batteries can combust under pressure leading to hot-burning fires. Check wmlamptracker.com to explore battery recycling services.



Propane Tanks

(Not in recycling or trash.)

These items contain flammable gas and pressure and can be a fire or explosion hazard. Contact your local public works department for proper disposal.



No Electronics & Small Appliances

Donate if in good condition, or schedule a bulky item pickup, if available.



No Textiles, Bedding, Rugs & Carpet

Donate these items if they are in good condition. Rugs and carpets can be placed in a Bagster® bag. Visit thebagster.com to learn more.



No Tanglers, Holiday Lights, Hangers & Extension Cords

They wrap around equipment and can shut down an entire facility! They all go in the trash.



No Paper Towels, Napkins, Plates & Tissues

Compost if possible, and remember to recycle the cardboard tube.



No Polystyrene or Polystyrene Foam

Foam is not accepted in single stream recycling.



No Tires, Auto Parts & Scrap Metal

(Not in recycling or trash.) Can damage equipment and are safety hazards. Contact your local scrap recyclers or retail tire stores for recycling options.



No Concrete, Wood & Construction Debris

Can damage equipment. Consider ordering a roll off container on wm.com or a Bagster® bag by visiting thebagster.com.



No Yard Waste

Compost or put in your yard waste cart, if available. Otherwise it belongs in the trash.

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



Do Not Include:

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

Food scraps must be contained in a plastic or paper bag before placing in your organics cart.

What Goes in the Recycling Container:



Plastic Bottles &
Containers



Food & Beverage
Cans



Glass Bottles &
Containers



Paper



Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard



Do Not Include:

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

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

What Goes in the Trash Container:



Foam Cups &
Containers



Garden Hose



Broken Ceramic
Dishes & Pots



Candy, Snack &
Food Wrappers



Do Not Include:

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



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles



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