

California City

Residential Recycling News

Spring 2025



Hello from WM!

We're excited to bring you this spring newsletter, packed with tips and resources to help make recycling and waste management easier and more effective for your community.

We're especially excited to share that the residential organics recycling program in California City is now fully up and running! By sorting out food scraps, food soiled paper, and green waste, we're making great strides in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing air quality, and protecting our beautiful environment.

We hope your transition to the program has been smooth and that you're finding it easy to use.

Thank you for being such an important part of our journey toward a greener tomorrow.

For more information about Senate Bill 1383, feel free to check out: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp.

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. Log into your My WM account at wm.com/mywm or chat online at wm.com/support to exchange your 96-gallon trash cart for a 64- or 35-gallon cart and receive up to a 20% discount on your monthly rate.

Additional Carts

Recycling

City of California City residents can request an additional 96-gallon recycling cart for an extra charge of \$19.90 per month.

Organic Waste

City of California City residents can request an additional 64-gallon organic waste cart for an extra charge of \$19.90 per month.

Trash

City of California City residents can request an additional 96-gallon trash cart for an extra charge of \$19.90 per month.



Recycle Right® for Earth Day and Beyond

WM collects and sorts many recyclables from households across California City every day. However, many items placed in recycling carts

are considered trash. Recycling contamination is caused when trash items are introduced to the recycling stream.

Contaminants can include hoses, wires, yard waste and food waste. Recycling contamination has the potential to jeopardize otherwise good recyclables. For example, food

or liquids in the recycling cart will contaminate paper and cardboard by saturating the materials and making them impossible to recycle. If it can't be recycled, it unfortunately becomes trash.

Remember these three simple rules each time you recycle:

1. Recycle empty and dry bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.
2. Keep food and liquids out of your recycling.
3. No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.



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Got Junk? We Can Help!

Residential customers with accounts in good standing can bring recyclables, bulky items, mattresses, appliances, wood waste, extra green waste, metal, construction material, and E-waste to the Community Drop Off Center located at 19201 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.
- All residents must check in with staff and sign in prior to unloading their vehicle. They will tell you where and how to properly dispose of your waste in the roll off bins on site.
- The drop-off center is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed 10:30 am to 11 a.m.) and 8 a.m. to Noon on Saturdays, except holidays.
- 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.



Free Bulky Item Collection

Residents receive up to three (3) free bulky item pickups per year. Please schedule your pickup at least 48 hours before your regular collection day at home.wm.com/california-city.

Acceptable items include: Sofas, chairs, washers, dryers, toilets, etc.

Non-acceptable items include: Tires, batteries, paints, oils, construction debris, chemicals of any kind, Freon, rocks, sand, gravel, dirt, logs, carpet, hazardous or medical waste.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Locations

California City residents can dispose of Household Hazardous Waste, such as household cleaners, pesticides, paint products, swimming pool chemicals and automotive fluids at the following County Special Waste Facilities:



Bakersfield

Metro Kern County Special Waste Facility

4951 Standard Street (southwest corner of Standard and Foster Streets)

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday | 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Mojave

Mojave Special Waste Facility

17035 Finnin Street (southwest corner of Finnin & Sabovich Streets on the Mojave Airport property)

Hours: 1st Saturday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November)
9 a.m. to noon

Ridgecrest

Ridgecrest Kern County Special Waste Facility

3301 W. Bowman Road at the Ridgecrest Landfill

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

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

Propane Services

A variety of propane services are available to residents: on-call or full service, free lease for first year, new installations, leak testing, 24-hour emergency service. A selection of different sizes are available (250 gallon, 320 gallon, 500 gallon, 1000 gallon). Call (661) 822-6871 for more information or to schedule service.



Septic Services

Residents can call to have the sludge removed from septic tanks and grease traps. Septic certifications and emergency response services are also available. Additional services include holding tanks and RV pumping. Call (661) 822-6871 for more information or to schedule service.



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SB 1383 Cart Monitoring and Enforcement



SB 1383 Cart Monitoring and Enforcement Begins in April 2025

Beginning in January 2024, local jurisdictions were required to implement enforcement programs to

monitor recycling and organics carts for contamination in compliance with Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383).

Starting in October 2025, WM will begin official monitoring and enforcement of contamination regulations and check for overfilled organics, recycling, and trash carts. Here's what you need to know to avoid potential contamination fees and help keep our city sustainable.

What is Contamination and Overfilling?

Contamination occurs when non-acceptable materials are placed in the wrong cart. This can damage processing equipment, harm employees, and turn recyclables or organics into trash.

Overfilling happens when a cart contains too many materials, preventing the lid from closing completely. As a result, material falls out when the cart is being emptied.



Why Your Participation Matters

Properly sorting your waste is essential for reducing our environmental impact and promoting a sustainable community in California City. By taking a few extra moments to sort your waste correctly, you contribute to the cleanliness and sustainability of our neighborhood.

Monitoring for Overages & Contamination

Starting in October 2025, WM will implement Smart Truck® Technology to monitor carts for contamination and overfilling. This technology will photograph and record the contents of your cart during collection. If any issues are detected, you will receive a notification. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date and that your communication preferences are set by logging into your My WM account at wm.com/mywm.

WM will impose cost penalties on residents who overfill or contaminate their carts. The following enforcement measures will be implemented within 12 months from the date of the first incident:

1st and 2nd Incidents:

- A contaminated cart will be serviced. An overfilled cart will be serviced unless it cannot safely be serviced; if this occurs, the overage will be tagged.
- A notification letter will be mailed to the service address stating that subsequent occurrences may be charged a contamination and/or an overage fee for the third and subsequent occurrences. If a customer's preferred communication method is email, the notification will be sent to the email address on file.
- The letter or email notification will contain photographic documentation of the contaminated and/or overfilled cart.

3rd and Subsequent Incidents:

- A contaminated cart will be serviced. An overfilled cart will be serviced unless it cannot safely be serviced; if this occurs, the overage will be tagged.
- A notification letter or email will be sent, depending on the customer's preferred communication method. It will contain photographic documentation of the contaminated and/or overfilled cart.
- A contamination fee and/or an overfilled cart fee will be applied.

By placing the right materials in the right cart, you can avoid contamination fees. Please visit home.wm.com/california-city for more information about what items to put in each cart.



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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, Coffee Grounds

Place organics materials directly into your organics container -

To reduce odor, put food waste in a paper bag.

Resident may also use a compostable bag that meets ASTM D6400 standards.



Do Not Include:

Plastic Bags or 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 container -

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



Do Not Include:

Organics/Recyclables
Electronics
Batteries, Tires or Paint
Flammable Material



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles



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