

# California City

## Residential Recycling News

2024



### Recycle Right®

WM collects and sorts a significant number of recyclables from households across California City every day. However, many of the items placed in recycling carts are actually considered trash. Recycling contamination is caused when trash items are introduced to the recycling stream. Contaminants can include items such as hoses, wires, yard waste and food waste. Recycling contamination has the potential to jeopardize otherwise good recyclables. For example, food or liquids placed 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.

### You can prevent this problem by following these simple rules to recycle right:

1. Empty all bottles, cans and paper products before recycling.
2. Keep food and liquids out of your recycling.
3. Place items loosely in your recycle cart.
4. Do not bag recyclables.

### Organic Waste Recycling – What to Expect

California passed a law, Senate Bill 1383, to improve air quality by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from organic waste disposal such as food and landscape waste. Landfilled organic waste decomposes and generates methane gas. This greenhouse gas is released into the atmosphere, affects air quality and contributes to global warming. To comply with this State Mandate, the City of California City will have to begin a food and green waste recycling program for residential customers. More information will be provided once the program is developed. For more information, please visit:

[www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp)



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Produce



Food Soiled Paper,  
Coffee Filters & Tea Bags



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Dairy  
No liquid should be discarded  
directly in the bin.



Bread, Pasta, Rice,  
Grains, Coffee Grounds

### Residential Cart Service

Standard residential service includes one 96-gallon recycling cart serviced every other week and one 96-gallon trash cart serviced every week. Additional carts are available for an additional charge. Please make sure to check the lid to confirm what goes in each container.

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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, green waste, metal, construction material, used motor oil & filters, household batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs and E-waste to the Community Drop Off Center located at 19901 Neuralia Road at no charge. Household trash, commercial waste and Hazardous Waste are not accepted. Please make sure any branches, wood waste or no longer than 5 feet.



- 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. Instructions will be provided on 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 day 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 pick-ups per year. Please contact WM Customer Service at (760) 463-6024 at least 48 hours in advance of your regular service day to schedule a pick-up.

**Acceptable items include:** Sofas, chairs, washers, dryers, toilets, etc. Mattresses must be fully wrapped in plastic to be picked up.

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

## Sharps Disposal

Safely dispose of your sharps using WM's Sharps Mail Back Program. Call (760) 463-6024 to order your no-cost kit. A second kit is available for a \$5 co-pay upon request. Limit two (2) per year. Acceptable items include personal sharps, lancets and needles. Nonacceptable items include business sharps and medical waste.

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## 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. Contact WM Customer Service to exchange your 96-gallon trash cart for a smaller 64- or 35-gallon trash cart and receive up to a 20% discount on your monthly rate.

## 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:

### Mojave

#### Mojave Special Waste Facility

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

Hours: 1st Saturday of every odd 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

### 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

## 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.

## Safe Disposal of Barbecue Coals/Fireworks

Please allow coals, ashes, and/or fireworks to cool for at least 48, 72 hours for extra precaution, before placing them in the trash. Never place them in your recycling cart.



# City of California City

## Every Other Week Recycling Schedule

Recycling service falls on your regular service day and alternates every other week. Make sure to put out your **Blue** recycling cart on your normal service day on the weeks marked in **Blue** below:

**■ Recycling Collection**   **■ Observed Holidays**

### July 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

### August 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### September 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

### October 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### November 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### December 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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### Holiday Schedule

Waste collection does not occur on the following holidays:

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

When a holiday falls on a weekday, collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delay in service.

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# City of California City SB 1383 Container Transition Information

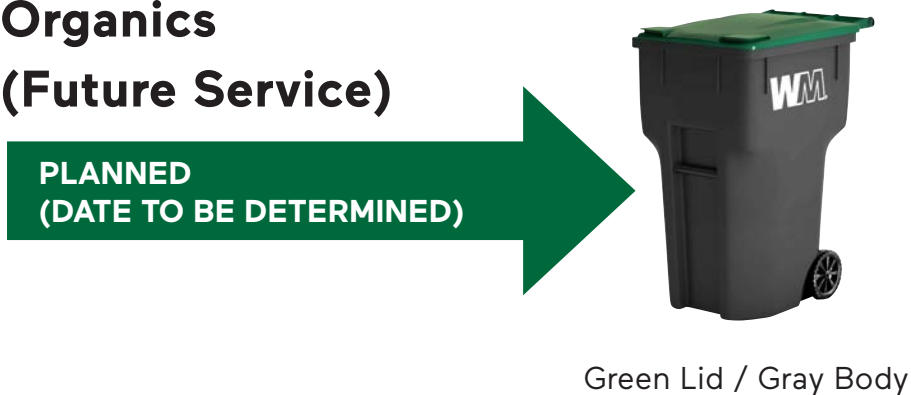
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## Recycle / Reciclaje



## Organics (Future Service)



**NOTE:** Cart transition to be completed by 2036. Customers do not need to do anything at this time.

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