

# City of California City

## Residential Recycling News

Winter 2025-26



*In accordance with our agreement with the City of California City, annual service rate adjustments were scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2025. However, due to the timing of the City Council's approval, these changes were not reflected in your previous invoices. As a result, a prorated adjustment will appear on your upcoming invoice. Please note that this is a one-time charge, and we appreciate your understanding*

### Season's Greetings from WM!

As winter settles in, we're excited to share helpful tips and resources to make managing your services easier and more effective. Whether you're clearing out for the holidays or planning for the new year, we're here to support a cleaner, greener California City—together. Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a bright start to the new year!

### Holiday Tree Recycling

Residents can recycle real, unflocked holiday trees and wreaths at no additional charge during the first two weeks after December 25. Simply bring them to the WM Yard at 19201 Neuralia Rd, California City, CA 93505. Trees over four (4) feet must be cut in half, and all decorations—including tinsel, lights, ornaments, and tree stands—must be removed.



**Prefer curbside pickup?** You can also place your real, undecorated, unflocked tree in your green organics cart for composting. Trees must fit completely inside the cart with the lid closed, so those taller than four (4) feet should be cut in half.

### Save More with Pay as You Throw

Looking to lower your monthly service cost? Switch to a smaller trash cart and recycle more! Contact WM Customer Service to exchange your 96-gallon cart for a 64- or 35-gallon option and enjoy a discounted rate.



### Residential Drop-Off Center

Residential customers in good standing can drop off recyclables, bulky items, mattresses, appliances, wood waste, green waste, and metal for free at the Residential Drop Off Facility at 19201 Neuralia Rd, California City, CA 93505.



- One vehicle load per resident per week.
- No regular household trash, commercial waste, propane/helium tanks, or hazardous waste is accepted.
- Ensure wood waste is no longer than 4 feet.

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (excluding holidays).

For larger disposal needs, residents can visit the Mojave-Rosamond Landfill for free.

### Holidays

WM observes the following holidays:

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

When your collection day falls on/or after one of these holidays, your collection will be delayed by one day that week only. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delay.



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### Free Bulky Item Pickup

You can schedule up to three (3) bulky item collections per year at no extra cost. Schedule at least 48 hours before your service day. Visit [home.wm.com/california-city](http://home.wm.com/california-city) or [wm.com/MyWM](http://wm.com/MyWM) to book online.

**Accepted:** furniture, appliances, wrapped mattresses, electronics

**Not accepted:** hazardous waste, industrial items, liquids, construction debris.



### Why Organic Waste Matters

Did you know? Keeping food scraps and yard waste out of landfills helps reduce methane emissions—a major contributor to climate change. Composting and recycling organics is a simple way to make a big impact!

#### Preventing Organic Waste

Plan meals and store food properly to reduce waste. Donate edible food whenever possible—visit <https://www.shklcrg.org/> for donation options.

#### How to Handle Organics

Place food scraps, yard trimmings, and other organic materials in your green container. No plastic bags, please. They clog machines and contaminate compost. You may use a paper bag, box, or a compostable bag that meets ASTM D6400 standards.

#### Health & Environmental Impact

Landfilling organic waste creates harmful greenhouse gases and leachate. Recycling organics protects air quality, soil health, and our community.

### Illegal Dumping: Let's Keep California City Clean

Leaving junk, garbage, or debris on public or private property—like roadsides, alleys, or open lots—without permission is considered illegal dumping.

It not only pollutes our community but also creates safety risks, especially for children.

By properly disposing of trash and scheduling bulky item pickups, you're helping protect our neighborhoods and preserve the beauty of California City.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our city safe and clean!

### Safe Sharps Disposal

Dispose of personal sharps safely with WM's Sharps Mail Back Program. Get your first kit free—visit [home.wm.com/california-city](http://home.wm.com/california-city) to order.

#### Need another?

A second kit is available for a \$10 co-pay. Seniors receive two (2) free kits annually.

**Accepted:** needles, lancets, personal sharps.

**Not accepted:** business sharps, medical waste.



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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



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Dairy



Bread, Pasta, Rice,  
Grains, Coffee Grounds



#### Do Not Include:

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

Place organics materials directly into your organics cart -

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

### What Goes in the Recycling Container:



Plastic Bottles, Cups  
& Containers



Paper & Paper Cups



Glass Bottles & Containers



#### 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 & Straws



Garden Hose



Broken Ceramic  
Dishes & Pots



Candy, Snack &  
Food Wrappers



#### Do Not Include:

Food Waste  
Recyclables  
Hazardous Waste  
Electronics  
Batteries, Tires or Paint  
Flammable Material



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles



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