

City of California City

2025 Residential Waste, Recycling,
and Organics Service Guide



Proud to Serve California City

WM and the City of California City are pleased to share an updated service guide for recycling, organic waste, and trash collection, in line with California Senate Bill (SB) 1383. We're excited to announce that the residential organics recycling program is now fully operational! By sorting food scraps, food-soiled paper, and green waste, you help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect our environment. Thank you for supporting our journey toward a greener tomorrow.

For more information about Senate Bill 1383, visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp.

Residential Cart Service

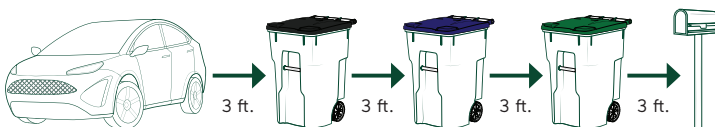
The City of California City Standard Residential Service includes one 96-gallon recycling cart serviced every other week, one 64-gallon organic waste collection cart serviced weekly, and one 96-gallon trash cart serviced weekly. A list of items that can be placed in each container is noted in this guide.

Container Color Transition

California regulations under State Senate Bill (SB) 1383 require uniform collection containers across the state by 2036. In California City, the new cart color scheme is: blue lids for recycling, green lids for organic waste, and black lids for trash. New carts will be delivered in this color scheme, while existing carts will gradually transition to minimize service disruptions. Check the lid or label for usage instructions to avoid contamination.

Cart Service Reminders

1. Place all waste and recycling in the appropriate container and close the lid so that it fits tight to the cart body. Trash, organics, and recyclables left outside the carts will not be collected.
2. Place your carts at the curb by 6 a.m. on collection day. Emptied carts should be removed from curbside following service.
3. Roll carts into street and place them against the curb with the handles facing your home. Place carts at least three feet apart from other carts and objects.



Additional Carts

City of California City residential customers who regularly generate excess trash, recycling or organics can request additional carts for an additional charge.

Holidays

WM observes the following holidays:

- New Year's Day (January 1)
- Labor Day (first Monday in September)
- Memorial Day (last Monday in May)
- Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Christmas Day (December 25)

If a holiday falls on a weekday, collections for the rest of the week will be pushed back a day. For example, for a Thursday holiday, service would be on Friday, and Friday service would be Saturday. For holidays on Saturday or Sunday, there are no delays.



From Kitchen to Cart — Tips on how to sort your food waste from your trash.



Step 1

Place food scraps or soiled paper items in a sealed container like a kitchen pail or paper bag. Line it with newspaper or paper towels to keep it clean.



Step 2

Empty the contents of your container into your organic waste cart before your service day



Step 3

Clean the container by wiping it out and spraying with a vinegar-water solution if needed. Let it dry before relining it.

For more information about organic waste recycling, visit the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) website at www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp.

Additional/Special Services

Walk-Out Service for Disabled Customers

WM offers a walk out service at no charge for qualified disabled customers with a single-family residence. To request this service, contact WM Customer Service.

Bulky Item Collection

Residents receive up to three (3) free bulky item pick-ups per year. Please visit wm.com/bulky or call WM Customer Service at (760) 463-6024 to schedule a pick-up. You must schedule your pickup at least 48 hours in advance of your regular service day.

- **Acceptable Bulky Items** — furniture (chair, mattress, sofa), appliances (dishwasher, microwave), electronic waste (TVs, computers, DVD players), tree branches and scrap wood.
- **Unacceptable Bulky Items** — household hazardous waste (such as paint, oil and batteries), spas, pianos, camper shells, items requiring more than two persons to safely handle.

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. Non acceptable items include business sharps and medical waste.

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.



Residential Drop Off Facility

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

- One vehicle load per resident per week.
- No 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.

Household Hazardous Waste

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



Mojave

Mojave Special Waste Facility

17035 Finnin Street (Southwest corner of Finnin & 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.

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.

One-Day Kern County Collection Events

For upcoming dates and locations, call Kern County Public Works at (661) 862-8900 or visit kerncountypublicworks.com.

SB 1383 Cart Monitoring and Enforcement

Starting January 2024, local jurisdictions must enforce programs to monitor contamination in recycling and organics carts as required by Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383). Beginning October 2025, WM will enforce contamination regulations and check for overfilled carts. Here's how to avoid contamination fees and support our city's sustainability.

What is Contamination and Overfilling?

Contamination happens when wrong materials are placed in carts, which can damage equipment, harm workers, and convert recyclables into trash. Overfilling occurs when a cart has too many materials for the lid to close, causing spillage during emptying.



Monitoring for Overages & Contamination

Starting October 2025, WM will use Smart Truck® Technology to monitor carts for contamination and overfilling, capturing images of cart contents during collection. Notifications will be sent for any issues. Ensure your contact information and communication preferences are updated in your My WM account at wm.com/mywm. Cost penalties will apply for overfilling or contamination, with enforcement measures starting within 12 months of the first incident.

1st and 2nd Incidents

- A contaminated or overfilled cart will be serviced unless it cannot be done safely; in that case, the excess will be tagged.
- A notification letter will be sent to the service address, informing customers that a contamination fee and/or overage fee may apply for the third occurrence and beyond. If preferred, the notification can be emailed to the email address on file.
- The notification will include photos of the contaminated and/or overfilled cart.

3rd and Subsequent Incidents:

- A contaminated or overfilled cart will be serviced unless it cannot be done safely; in that case, the excess will be tagged.
- A notification letter or email will be sent based on the customer's preferred communication method. It will include photographic evidence of the contaminated or overfilled cart.
- A contamination fee and/or an overfilled cart fee will be charged.

Recycling

- Your dark gray cart with a blue lid is for recycling collection.
Place the following items loose in your cart, do not bag your recyclables.



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.

Organic Waste

- Your dark gray cart with a green lid is for organic waste collection.
You may use a paper bag, a compostable bag that meets ASTM D6400 standards or place organic waste loosely in the cart.



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Produce



Food Soiled Paper,
Coffee Filters
& Tea Bags



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Dairy



Bread, Pasta, Rice,
Grains, Coffee Grounds



Do Not Include:

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

Trash

- Your dark gray cart with a black lid is for trash collection.



Foam Cups &
Containers



Plastic Bags & Film



Garden
Hose



Broken Ceramic
Dishes & Pots



Candy, Snack &
Food Wrappers



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles



Do Not Include:

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

Account Management

WM Invoices and Payments

You can conveniently and securely view and pay invoices online at **home.wm.com/california-city** or through the My WM Mobile App for your Apple or Android device. Payments can also be made by mail to P.O. Box 541008, Los Angeles, CA 90054-1008.

Connect with WM

Visit Your Community Website

Visit your dedicated community website at **home.wm.com/california-city**. This is your go-to spot for everything about waste, recycling and organics in your area.

Let's Chat

Visit us at **wm.com/support** to chat with our virtual assistant or connect with one of our customer service representatives.

Create Your My WM Account

Setting up a My WM account allows you to conveniently view your service schedules, pay your bills, and even set up autopay and paperless billing. Plus, you can request additional services whenever you need them. Head to **wm.com/mywm** or download the My WM App from Google Play or the Apple App Store to get started.

