



# CHICO RECYCLER



FALL | 2024 Collections **will not** occur on Thanksgiving. Carts will be serviced a day later.

## Contamination & Overages: Handling Extra Waste on Thanksgiving

With the uptick in waste generation during Thanksgiving, it's important to pay attention to what goes inside your trash, recycling, and yard waste containers to avoid possible contamination and overage charges. Proper waste sorting not only helps repurpose recyclable and compostable items but also conserves natural resources and mitigates issues associated with climate change. Choose to make a positive impact!



### Keep a Lid on Overages

Many residents often force extra materials into the curbside cart. This usually prevents the lid from closing tightly and can potentially result in litter and overfilling charges. If you are handling more waste than expected, it may be time to reassess your cart size. Call WM at 530-893-4777 for support. If it's just a seasonal increase, try breaking down materials to free space inside the container.



### Recyclable Items? Keep Them Bag-Free

Plastic bags are not accepted in curbside recycling. In fact, using plastic bags to contain recyclable materials (metal, paper, cardboard, glass, and plastic bottles) is the leading cause of recycling contamination, along with plastic films (packaging around beverage cases) and polystyrene foam (to-go food containers and beverage cups). Avoid contamination, keep recyclables loose.



### Recycle Right®

Only place acceptable materials in your trash, recycling, and yard waste cart. Use the sorting guide provided in the reverse side to learn what goes where. And remember, household hazardous waste, or products labeled toxic, poisonous, corrosive, flammable or irritant, requires special disposal. Never place them in curbside carts. For information about HHW disposal, contact the Butte Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 866-429-2288.

Call (530) 893-4777 or email [cssacramento@wm.com](mailto:cssacramento@wm.com) for assistance.

Visit [northvalley.wm](http://northvalley.wm) for more information.



## YARD WASTE



Grass, weeds, green plants, tree limbs, wood chips, dead plants, brush, garden trimmings, and leaves. Holiday trees may be placed inside your yard waste cart. They should be cut into sections no longer than 3 feet and be free of tinsel, flock and other decorations.

**Unacceptable items:** branches longer than 5 feet, thicker than 6 inches in diameter, or weighing more than 50 lbs. Tree stumps, bamboo, soil, dirt, rocks, concrete, asphalt, plastic bags, animal waste, palm tree branches, yucca plants, ice plants, painted wood, or treated wood.



## RECYCLE



Clean paper, magazines, newspapers, cardboard, junk mail, cardboard egg cartons, metal items, clean aluminum pans and foil, glass bottles and jars, empty bottles, and rigid plastic containers #1-7.

**Unacceptable items:** hazardous, yard, or animal waste, window glass, diapers, mirrors, ceramics, clothing, napkins, carpet, food waste, food-soiled items, foam cups, or packing materials.



## TRASH



Snack & chip bags, candy wrappers, juice pouches, food scraps, food-soiled paper, plastic wraps, plastic film, broken glasses, diapers, pet waste, disposable gloves, aseptic containers, gable-top cartons, hoses, cords, wires, polystyrene foam, packaging, and single-use items.



WM and Chico are finalizing plans to process organics. Until then, dispose of food scraps and food-soiled paper in your trash bin. Organics recycling updates will be sent to communicate changes.