



# CHICO RECYCLER

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## Plastic Bags **Do Not** Belong in Recycling

Always place recyclable items—such as paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, cans, and glass—loosely in your recycling cart. Do not bag recyclables. Help us Recycle Right® and build a more sustainable future by following guidelines below:



### Avoid Wish Cycling

Wish cycling happens when people optimistically place items in their recycling bins, hoping they are recyclable—even when they're not. This contaminates the recycling stream, causing entire batches of recyclables to be sent to landfills instead of being repurposed. Help us recycle right, only place paper, cardboard, bottles, jugs, jars, cans, and glass in your recycling cart.



### Keep Food & Liquids Out

Leaving large amounts of liquids or food residues in recyclables can make it difficult to produce high-quality recycled materials. Although recycling technology is improving, we still need your help to ensure that recyclables are clean and dry. Before placing items in your recycling cart, please wipe out any residue.



### Get Rid of Items Too Big For the Cart

Large items such as couches, furniture, and appliances don't belong in your cart. WM provides residential customers with two bulky pickups, allowing for the collections of three large items and up to four cubic yards of bagged materials per year. To schedule a pickup, call (530) 893-4777 at least 48 hours before your regular service day. Items must be curbside by 6 a.m. on the day of the scheduled pickup.



## Think Before You Toss: Not Everything Belongs in the Trash

Most people don't think twice about their waste—they toss it in the trash and move on. But not all waste is created equal. Some items require special handling to ensure they're safely discarded.

That's the case for batteries, fluorescent bulbs, propane tanks, and other products labeled toxic, poisonous, corrosive, flammable, combustible, or irritant. These items should never go in your curbside cart. For safe disposal, call (866) 429-2288 or drop off items at the Butte Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Your community, our drivers, and the environment will thank you!

## Digital Support at **Your Fingertips**

Did you know you can set up a My WM account or download the My WM app to easily manage your waste services? With your account, you can handle billing, request services, report missed pickups, set communication preferences, track pickups, and more—all in one place.

The best part? You can do it anytime, anywhere, from any device. Get started today! Visit **[wm.com/login](http://wm.com/login)** or download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

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