City of Irvine

Residential Recycling and Refuse Service Guide



Help Prevent Truck Fires

During the summer, many of us enjoy time by the pool and grilling outdoors. However, proper disposal of coals and chemicals can be a challenge. Like coals can start a fire in a barbecue or a fire pit, they can also ignite a fire in a trash container or a collection truck. To ensure safe disposal of coals, follow these guidelines:

- Always allow coals and ashes to cool for at least 48 to 72 hours in the grill or pit before placing them in the trash.
- Never place coals and ashes in recycling or green waste containers.

Additionally, pool chemicals and other household hazardous wastes—such as batteries, oil, and propane tanks—can spark fires. These materials require special handling and should never be disposed of in trash, recycling, or green waste containers.

Residents of Orange County can conveniently and safely dispose of household hazardous waste for free at any of the following four drop-off locations:

- 6411 Oak Canyon, Irvine, CA 92618
- 1071 N. Gum Street, Anaheim, CA 92806
- 17121 Nichols Street-Gate 6, Huntington Beach, CA 9264732250
 La Pata Ave, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday. Closed on major holidays and during rainy weather. Visit OClandfills.com or call (714) 834-4000 for more information.



Help Keep the Earth Cool!

When you take the simple step of separating food waste from your trash, you're helping to make a powerful impact on our planet. Food waste in landfills releases methane gas, a potent contributor to global warming. By placing your food scraps directly into your green lid organics cart—or using paper or compostable plastic bags—you're not just reducing waste but actively helping protect our climate for future generations.

Free Bulky Item Pick-Ups

Did you know residents receive four free bulky item pick-ups per year, with up to four items per pick-up? Acceptable items include furniture, appliances, or up to 20 trash or green waste bags. Electronic waste, such as TVs, computers, monitors and DVDs, can also be picked up. Please call the Customer Service Center at (949) 642-1191 at least 2 business days before your collection day to schedule a pick-up.



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Holidays

WM observes the following holidays:

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

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.

Need a New Cart?

If you need a different size or an additional trash, recycling, or green waste cart, or if your cart is damaged or broken, please contact Customer Service at (949) 642-1191.





Recycle Right®

When you recycle, you help give new life to items that would otherwise end up in a landfill. Recyclable items such as water bottles, aluminum cans, paper, cardboard, and glass can be transformed into new products like clothing, napkins, and furniture. To maximize recycling efforts, we need your help to minimize contamination, which can jeopardize otherwise good recyclables. Contaminants include batteries, hoses, plastic film, and food or liquid waste.

Follow these tips to Recycle Right®:

- 1. Keep a designated container for recyclables in your home.
- 2. Only include plastic bottles and containers, aluminum and tin cans, glass, cardboard, and paper products in your recycling container. Ensure that these items are clean before placing them in the container.
- 3. Avoid placing food and liquids in your recycling.
- 4. Place recyclable items loosely in your recycling cart; do not bag them.

Visit wm.com/recycle-right to learn more!

