

Manhattan Beach

Residential Trash, Recycling, and Organics News

Winter 2025



Handling Food Waste After Holiday Meals

The holidays bring joy and great food—but also the potential for waste. Here’s how to keep it festive and sustainable:

- Plan your shopping: Use a list to avoid impulse buys and reduce waste.
- Coordinate menus: Share meal prep to prevent overbuying.
- Collect scraps as you cook: Keep a bowl handy for peels and trimmings.

Free Community Events!

Paper Shredding

April 25, 2026

June 20, 2026

August 1, 2026

October 17, 2026

Composting Classes

May 2, 2026

July 11, 2026

October 10, 2026

Sign up for E-notifications at:

www.manhattanbeach.gov/departments/enews-sign-up.

Holiday Tree Recycling

Curbside tree collection for residents will occur on regular collection days from December 26, 2025 - January 10, 2026. Trees are to be placed at the curb or in the Organics cart for collection and adhere to the collection guidelines:

- Trees must be no taller than seven (7) feet or cut into 7-foot sections.
- Please remove all decorations including tinsel, lights, ornaments and tree stands.
- Flocked trees will be collected but cannot be recycled.



Additional Material Collection

Residents can place bags of additional trash, recycling or organic waste (not bulky items) next to their trash carts for collection day only from December 26, 2025 - January 10, 2026.

Holidays

WM observes the following holidays:

New Year’s Day | Independence Day | Labor Day | Thanksgiving Day | Christmas Day

Collection service will be delayed one day following the above holidays. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delays.



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FREE Bulky Item Pick-Up

Making room for holiday gifts? Single and multifamily residents can schedule up to six (6) free bulky item pick-ups per year, with up to three (3) items per visit. Just be sure to book your appointment at least 48 hours in advance of your

collection day. Items collected at the curb/where carts are placed on your regular collection day. Appointments requested less than 48 hours from collection day cannot be guaranteed.

Acceptable Bulky Waste Items:

Furniture, appliances, electronic equipment (e-waste), tires, car motor parts, tree branches and scrap wood.

Unacceptable Items:

Household hazardous waste (such as paint, oil and batteries), spas, camper shells, cast iron bathtubs, items requiring more than two persons to safely handle.

Bulky items must be under 8 feet long, 4 feet wide, and weigh no more than 150 pounds. Sign up or log in to your My WM account to schedule your pick up. Pick up must be scheduled at least 48 hours before your regular service day.



WM's At Your Door Special Collection®

Manhattan Beach residents can safely and conveniently dispose of household hazardous waste and electronic waste using WM's At Your Door Special Collection®

Through this program, WM collects the materials directly from your house!

It's Convenient and Easy:

Simply call (800) 449-7587 to schedule your pick-up.

Acceptable items include:

Automotive products: Antifreeze, motor oil, oil filters, brake fluid, transmission fluid, cleaners, upholstery cleaner, polishes, fuels and waxes

Batteries: Household and vehicle

Household chemicals: Carpet and upholstery cleaners, tile and shower cleaners, drain cleaners, cleaning compounds and rust removers

Household items: Hobby glue, nail polish removers, and more

Electronics: Televisions, desktop computers, laptops, tablets, monitors, mouse, keyboards, mp3 players, DVD players, gaming consoles, CD/tape players, VCRs, cell phones, desktop printer, scanner, fax machines, microwaves, CD rom and related cords

Mercury containing items: Compact Fluorescent Lamp, straight fluorescent tubes, thermometers and thermostats

Paint products: Latex and oil based paint, spray paint, paint thinner, stain, stripper, caulk, sealer, wood stain and wood preservative

Garden chemicals: Fertilizer, herbicide, pesticide

Swimming pool chemicals: Pool acid, stabilizer and chlorine

Unable to Collect: Ammunition, EV batteries, explosives, asbestos, tires, or any materials in unlabeled or leaking containers.

Sharps: Contact WM directly for the Sharps by Mail Program



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Get Connected with Your WM Account

If you haven't already, take a moment to set up your WM account at wm.com/mywm. It's a simple way to manage your services—view and pay your monthly bill, enroll in auto-pay, and switch to paperless billing. While you're there, be sure to confirm your contact details and communication preferences so you stay informed about your collection services.



Why Organics Recycling Matters

California's SB 1383, effective January 1, 2022, requires all cities to offer residential organics recycling—and for residents to participate. Organics include yard trimmings, food scraps, and soiled paper, which make up a large portion of landfill waste and contribute to harmful methane emissions.

As a California resident and steward of the environment, you can make a difference by reducing waste and properly sorting materials that can't be reused.

How to Participate in Organics Recycling

- Put yard waste, food scraps and soiled paper together in the green organics cart. Check out page 4 of this newsletter for examples of what can go inside!
- No plastic/bioplastic allowed in the organics cart.

Need a New Cart?

Manhattan Beach residents can request a cart replacement once per year at no additional charge. Request your cart by visiting home.wm.com/manhattan-beach.



Simple Ways to Keep Your Green Cart Clean

Store food and soiled paper scraps in a sealed counter top container until you're ready to transfer them to your organics cart.

To reduce odors and mess, you can also freeze scraps in a bag or container—just remember to remove them before placing in your green organics cart. No plastics of any kind are allowed, including biodegradable or compostable bags.

Let's Get Back to The Basics of Recycling.

Remember these three simple rules each time you recycle:



Recycle empty and dry bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

To find out what more about recycling, check out the "What Goes Where" chart for Organics, Recycling, and Trash located on the last page of this newsletter. It's a helpful guide to make sorting easier and ensure you're recycling right!



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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



Food Soiled Paper,
Coffee Filters & Tea Bags



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Dairy



Bread, Pasta, Rice,
Grains, Coffee Grounds
& Food Soiled Paper

Place organics materials directly into your organics cart -
To reduce odor, put food waste in a paper bag.



Do Not Include:

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

What Goes in the Recycling Container:



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Food & Beverage Cans



Glass Bottles & Containers



Paper



Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard

Place recyclables directly into your recycling cart -
Don't bag your recycling materials.



Do Not Include:

- Food Or Liquids
- Plastic Bags or Film
- Foam Containers
- Clothing, Furniture or Carpet
- Batteries
- Electronics
- Hazardous Waste
- Yard Waste

What Goes in the Trash Container:



Foam Cups &
Containers



Garden Hose



Broken Ceramic Dishes
& Pots



Candy, Snack &
Food Wrappers



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles



Do Not Include:

- Organics/Recyclables
- Hazardous Waste
- Electronics & CFL Bulbs
- Batteries, Tires or Paint
- Flammable Material



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