

Manhattan Beach

Residential Trash, Recycling, and Organics News

Spring 2025



Free Paper Shredding Event for City of Manhattan Beach Residents and Businesses

Dates: April 26, June 21, August 2, October 18

Location: Mira Costa High School student parking lot.

Hours: 9 to 11 a.m.



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Free Bulky Item Pick-Up

Single and multi-family residents can schedule up to six (6) free bulky item pick-ups per year (up to three items per pick-up). Bulky items will be collected at the curb on your regular service day.

Acceptable bulky waste items include furniture, appliances, electronic equipment (e-waste), tires, car motor parts, tree branches, and scrap wood.

Unacceptable items include 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 cannot exceed eight feet in length, four feet in width, or weigh more than 150 pounds. Please contact WM Customer Service at (310) 830-7100 at least 48 hours in advance of your regular service day to schedule a pick-up.

Composting Made Easy!

Join us for a FREE workshop that will teach you about the curbside organics waste program and Backyard Composting techniques! The workshops last one hour, are open to the public, and all levels are welcome. Manhattan Beach residents can purchase a discounted Backyard Compost Bin or a Worm Bin at the workshop or order year-round directly from WM at (310) 830-7100.

Dates: May 3, July 12, October 11

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden in Polliwog Park, 1601 Manhattan Beach Blvd. (at Peck Ave.)

Discount bins are available for purchase.



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® right from your home.

Common items include pool chemicals, paint products, automotive products, garden chemicals, household chemicals, and electronics.

Visit wmatyourdoor.com or call (800) 449-7587 to schedule your pick-up.



Connect With WM

- **Visit Your Community Website**

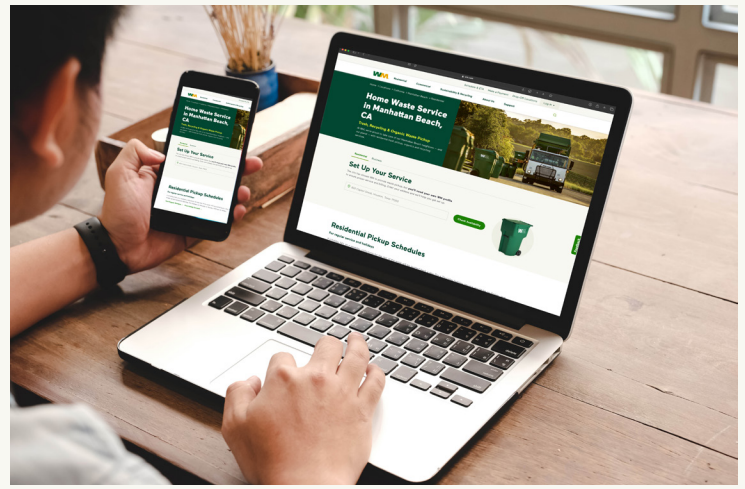
Visit your dedicated community website at home.wm.com/manhattan-beach. This is your go-to spot for everything about your waste, recycling and organics service.

- **Create Your My WM Account**

Create a My WM account to view your service schedule, manage your account, and pay bills with options for autopay and paperless billing. You can also request additional services anytime. Start today at wm.com/mywm or download the My WM App from Google Play or the Apple App Store.

- **Let's Chat**

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



- **Email Us**

cslosangeles@wm.com

- **Give Us a Call**

WM Customer Care Center (310) 830-7100

Holidays

WM observes the following six 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.

Organic Waste and the Importance of Recycling It

Organic waste is any biodegradable material - food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard waste (no "biodegradable plastic" bags). By actively diverting food waste and yard trimmings from landfills, we can significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and play a crucial role in combating climate change. The organic waste you recycle is sent to WM's South Valley Compost Facility, which is processed to produce high-quality, nutrient-rich compost suitable for planting or crop growth.

For more information about organics recycling, please visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp.



Recycling Organics at Home

In accordance with state law, Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), WM has established an organic recycling program in collaboration with the City of Manhattan Beach. Residents are required to place all food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings in their organics cart.

You can use your kitchen food waste pail to collect food scraps and then transfer them to your organics cart. By opting for your kitchen pail instead of a garbage disposal, you not only conserve precious water resources but also significantly reduce the waste that must be treated at our wastewater facilities.



How to Use Your Kitchen Pail

1. Keep your food pail on the kitchen countertop or under the sink. Placing your pail in a visible area will help you remember to recycle your organics.
2. Place food scraps, or your leftover food-soiled paper items, directly into the pail. The pail can be used as is or lined with a paper bag or newspaper. Do not use plastic bags of any type, even if they are labeled as biodegradable or compostable. Compostable cups, plates, or utensils are also not acceptable.
3. Scrape food scraps and leftovers from your plate or cutting board into your pail. Spoiled or stale food from your fridge and cupboards can also be placed in the pail.
4. Empty the content of your pail directly into your organics cart. DO NOT place your small food waste pail out on collection day. Only the full-size organics cart should be placed at the curb.



Kitchen food waste pails were distributed to customers in 2015 as part of the citywide program launch.

Contact rbell5@wm.com if you never received a pail and would like to request one.

What Goes in Your Kitchen Pail



Food Waste



Food Soiled Paper,
Coffee Filters & Tea Bags



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Dairy



Bread, Pasta, Rice,
Grains, Coffee Grounds

**Place food waste directly into your kitchen pail -
don't bag your food waste.**

Why Can't Biodegradable or Compostable Plastic Bags be Used in Food Pails?

Biodegradable and compostable plastic bags do not break down at the same rate as food, yard waste, and food-soiled paper wraps or bags. Since organic waste is processed to produce compost, fertilizers, and biofuels, using biodegradable and compostable plastic bags can lead to contamination.

How to Keep Your Kitchen Pail Clean and Odor Free

- Avoid placing liquids inside your food pail
- Cut up citrus or bell peppers to keep smells away
- Line your food pail with a paper bag or newspaper to reduce having to clean it out so often
- Sprinkle the inside with baking soda to help absorb moisture and smells
- Freeze or refrigerate meat, fish, and dairy scraps before adding them your organics cart on collection day
- Empty your food pail every day, or every couple of days, into your organics cart

Organics | Recycling | Trash

Right Materials - Right Container - Know Which Container to Use

Place Organics, Recycling and Trash containers together with proper signage so everyone places the right materials in the right container.

What Goes in the Organics Container:



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Produce



Dairy



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Food Soiled Paper,
Paper Towels, Napkins,
Coffee Filters



Bread, Pasta, Rice,
Grains, Coffee Grounds



Do Not Include:

Serveware/Utensils, Plastic Containers, Foam Containers, Hazardous Waste, Fats, Oils, or Greases, Diapers or Pet Waste

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 container.
Don't bag your recyclables.

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



Do Not Include:

Organics/Recyclables, Electronics, Batteries, Tires or Paint, Flammable Material, Needles



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles