

City of Palmdale

Residential Recycling Newsletter

Winter 2025-2026



Season's Greetings from WM!

We're excited to bring you this winter newsletter, filled with tips and resources to help make recycling and waste management easier and more effective for our community. As we prepare for a new year, we want you to know how grateful we are for your commitment to creating a cleaner, greener Palmdale. Thank you for being part of our extended family and Happy Holidays!

Holiday Tree Collection

Free Pickup

We'll collect live holiday trees for free during your first two regular collection days in January.

How to Prepare Your Tree

- If longer than six (6) feet, cut your tree into sections about two (2) feet long.
- If six (6) feet or shorter, you may place it whole at the curb.
- Remove all decorations, tinsel, lights, and any metal or plastic stands.
- Make sure your tree is not flocked.
- Place the pieces in your green waste cart.



Live Holiday Wreaths

You can also place wreaths in your green waste cart—just remove all decorations first.

Please note: Artificial or flocked trees cannot be collected.

Prefer to Drop-Off Your Tree?

You can drop off your live tree at Antelope Valley Recycling & Disposal Facility, 1200 City Ranch Rd, Palmdale, CA, through January 31, 2026.

Extra Bags

Residential customers may place up to three (3) thirty-gallon bags of refuse curbside for collection, up to two (2) times per year at no additional charge. Additionally, the first three weeks following December 26th, Residential customers may place up to (3) thirty-gallon bags of refuse curbside for collection at no charge. Please contact Customer Service at least 48 hours in advance of your regular service day to schedule the bags for pick-up.

Please note: Bulky items are not included in this collection.

Sharps

Residents can safely dispose of their sharps using WM's Sharps Mail Back Program. Contact WM at (661) 947-7197 to order your no cost kit. Additional kits can be ordered for a fee, with a limit of two (2) per year.

How to Dispose of Sharps

- Acceptable items include needles, lancets, and other sharps.
- Use the WM Sharps Mail Back kit as instructed.
- Residents may also use the free sharps disposal kiosk located at the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center, 1200 W. City Ranch Road in Palmdale.

You Make the Difference. We've Made It Easier.

Your everyday choices matter—and now, making a positive impact is even simpler. Recycling at home now includes plastic and paper to-go cups!



Every cup you recycle adds up. Because small steps lead to big change.

Landfill E-Vouchers

Enjoy 3 Free Landfill Visits Each Year

If your account is in good standing, you get three complimentary visits to the AVRDF or Palmdale Landfill, located at 1200 W. City Ranch Rd.:

- Two (2) visits for trash disposal
- One (1) visit for clean soil

How It Works

Vouchers are automatically added to your account on July 1 and valid through June 30. Each visit covers up to one (1) ton (2,000 lbs) of acceptable materials like household trash, bulky items, and green waste.

Not accepted: commercial, industrial, or hazardous waste.

Redeem Your Voucher

Bring a valid ID matching your account name to the landfill scale house. Need someone else to use your voucher? Call customer service 48 hours in advance to authorize them.

Free Bulky Item Collection

Residents receive up to four (4) bulky item pick-ups of up to four (4) items each, per year at no additional charge. Schedule by contacting WM Customer Service or online at home.wm.com/palmdale at least 48 hours before your regular service day.

Acceptable items include: furniture, appliances, wrapped mattresses, wrapped box springs, and electronics.

Non-acceptable items include: hazardous waste; machinery and industrial discards; construction and demolition debris.

Holidays

WM observes the following holidays:

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

If your service day falls on or follows one of these observed holidays, your service will be delayed by one day for that week only.



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Organics | Recycling | Trash

Right Materials - Right Container - Know Which Container to Use

Why SB 1383? SB 1383 aims to slow climate change by diverting organic materials from landfills, recovering 20% of edible food, and redirecting it to food-insecure Californians. When organic waste is disposed of in landfills instead of being composted, it generates about 20% of California's methane emissions. Methane is a climate super-pollutant and is 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide.* (*CalRecycle, <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp>)

What Goes in the Organics Container:



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Produce



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Dairy



Bread, Pasta, Rice,
Grains, Coffee Grounds



Do Not Include:

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

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

What Goes in the Recycling Container:



Plastic Bottles, Cups
& Containers



Paper & Paper Cups



Glass Bottles & Containers



Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard



Food & Beverage Cans



Food & Beverage Cartons



Do Not Include:

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

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

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:

Food Waste
Recyclables
Hazardous Waste
Electronics
Batteries, Tires or Paint
Flammable Material



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