

City of Ridgecrest

2025 Fall Newsletter



Proud to Service Ridgecrest

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

Additional Carts

Recycling: Residents may request one additional 96-gallon cart at no charge; additional carts have a monthly fee.



Organic Waste: Residents may request a larger 64-gallon cart or an extra 35-gallon cart at no charge; additional carts have a monthly fee.

Trash: Extra 96-gallon trash carts are available for a monthly fee.

Community Recycling Bin & Soiled Waste Bin Available to Residents

The recycling and soiled waste bins are located inside the WM yard gates (237 County Line Rd) Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–4 p.m., and outside the gates on weekends. Weekday drop-offs require check-in with office staff.

Recycling: Flattened cardboard, bottles, cans, glass, and paper (no plastic bags).

Soiled Waste: Diapers and animal waste only.

Safe Sharp Disposal

Residents can use WM's Sharps Mail Back Program—just contact Customer Service to order a kit. Sharps can also be dropped off at the Ridgecrest Special Waste Facility on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. (Closed on major holidays).



Holidays

WM observes the following holidays:

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

When your collection day falls on/or after one of these holidays, your collection will be delayed by one day that week only. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delay.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Residents can dispose of household hazardous waste, such as household cleaners, pesticides, paint products, swimming pool chemicals and automotive fluids at the following Kern County Special Waste Facility:

Ridgecrest Kern County Special Waste Facility

3301 W. Bowman Road at the Ridgecrest Landfill

Hours: 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Closed: New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

Free Bulky Item Collection

Residents get up to three (3) free bulky item pick-ups per year (max 3 cubic yards or one item per pick-up). Schedule online at home.wm.com/ridgecrest at least 48 hours before your service day.



Accepted: Furniture, appliances, tires, wrapped mattresses, electronics.

Not Accepted: Hazardous waste, liquids, construction debris, oversized items, cardboard boxes, or bagged trash. **Connect With WM**

Visit Your Community Website

Find service information, pickup schedules, and more at home.wm.com/ridgecrest.

Manage Your Account with My WM

Sign up at wm.com/mywm or download the My WM App to view schedules, pay bills, and request services.

Let's Chat

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



Scan the QR code to visit the City of Ridgecrest website and view the 2025 Collection Schedule.



Recycling | Organics | Trash

Right Materials - Right Container - Know Which Container to Use

What Goes in the Recycling Container:

- Your blue cart (old) or dark gray cart with a blue lid (new) is for recycling collection. Place the following items loose in your cart, do not bag your recyclables:



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Food & Beverage Cans



Glass Bottles & Containers



Paper



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Old Color Scheme



New Color Scheme

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 Organics Container:

- Your dark gray cart with a green lid will be for organic waste collection. You may use a paper or compostable bag that meets ASTM D6400 standards or place organic waste loosely in the cart.



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Produce



Dairy



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Food Soiled Paper, Paper Towels, Napkins, Coffee Filters



Bread, Pasta, Rice, Grains, Coffee Grounds



Shredded Paper



Pizza Boxes



New Color Scheme

Do Not Include:

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

What Goes in the Trash Container:

- Your green cart (Old), green cart with a black lid (Interim) or dark gray cart with a black lid (New) is for trash collection.



Foam Cups & Containers



Garden Hose



Broken Ceramic Dishes & Pots



Candy, Snack & Food Wrappers



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles



Old Color Scheme



New Color Scheme

Do Not Include:

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

Sorting guide magnets are available for residents to pickup at City Hall and public outreach events.