

City of Ridgecrest

Recycling News

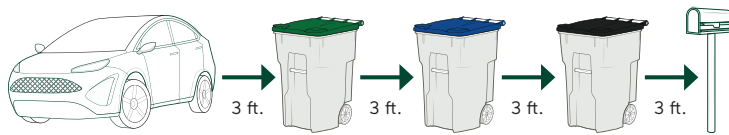
Summer 2024



Service Information

Proper Cart Placement

Remember to place your cart at least 3 feet away from any obstacles (trees, cars, mailboxes, etc.) to allow the automatic arm to lift and empty the cart. Place the wheels of cart toward the curb.



Trash and Recycling Collection

Trash and recycling collection occurs every other week on your regularly scheduled service day on the Green or Gold weeks.

Organics Collection Organics

Organics will be collected weekly on your scheduled collection day.

Recycle Right®

WM and City of Ridgecrest are working together to help residents get back to the basics of recycling.



Recycle bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

Visit home.wm.com/ridgecrest to view your 2024 Collection Calendar and holiday schedule or to report a missed pickup.

Community Recycling & Waste Bins

The recycling bin and odorous waste bin are located inside the WM yard gates (237 County Line Rd) Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. and outside the gates for access on the weekend. During the week, please check in with the office staff prior to dropping off. The recycling bin is designated for flattened cardboard, bottles, cans, glass and paper (please do not place recyclables in plastic bags) and the odorous waste bin is available for diapers and animal waste.

Sharps

Residents can safely dispose of their sharps using WM's Sharps Mail Back Program. Contact Customer Service to order your kit. Drop off can be made at the HHW Facility at the Ridgecrest Landfill on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Closed New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day).

Help Reduce Contamination

Please help reduce contamination in your recycling and trash by properly sorting your material. The most common contaminants in recycling are plastic bags. Please drop off your plastic bags at a local recycling station (e.g., Albertsons, Stater Bros). The most common contaminant in trash is cardboard. Please break down cardboard before placing it in your recycling. Additional cardboard can be taken to local community recycling bins.



Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Ridgecrest residents can dispose of household hazardous waste at the following Kern County Special Waste Facilities:

Ridgecrest Kern County Special Waste Facility

3301 W. Bowman Road at the Ridgecrest Landfill

Metro Kern County Special Waste Facility

4951 Standard Street, Bakersfield

Mojave Special Waste Facility

17035 Finin Street, Mojave

Visit www.kernpublicworks.com/services/solid-waste/hazardous-waste/residential-hazardous-waste for more information

Free Bulky Item Collection

Residents receive up to three (3) free bulky item pick-ups per year. Please schedule your pickup at home.wm.com/ridgecrest. Pickups must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance of your regular service day.

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

Non-acceptable items include: hazardous waste; machinery and industrial discards; oil, grease and other liquids; construction and demolition debris or excessively large items. Please no cardboard boxes or bags of trash.

Holidays

WM observes the following holidays. 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.

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



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WM Customer Service (760) 463-6024



Container Color Transition

If your cart needs to be replaced or you would like to discuss right sizing options, please contact WM Customer Service or log on to your My WM Account.

Sorting guide magnets are available for pickup at City Hall (100 W. California Ave) to assist residents with reminders on what goes into each container.

Recycling

- 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

Organic Waste

- Your dark gray cart with a green lid will be for organic waste collection. You may use a 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



Egg Cartons & Shells



New Color Scheme

Do Not Include:

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

Trash

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



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