

Rolling Hills Estates

Residential Trash, Recycling, and Organics News

Summer 2025



Help Prevent Trash Fires in Your Community

Did you know?

The most common causes of trash fires are hot coals,



ashes, and flammable items. You can help keep your family, community and collection workers safe and prevent trash fires by properly disposing of coals and household hazardous waste.

Properly dispose of your hot coals and ashes:

- Hot coals and ashes stay hot for several days. Let them cool for more than 48 hours before disposal
- Place hot coals and ashes in a metal container and cover them with water to fully extinguish them (Do not use a plastic, paper, wood or galvanized container).
- Do not place other combustibles in the container with the coals or ashes.

Rate Update

In accordance with the City's Exclusive Franchise Agreement with WM approved by City Council in 2018, WM is to submit a rate adjustment request to be approved by City Council prior to having rates adjusted annually. If approved by City Council, WM's rate adjustment will take effect on July 1, 2025 and will apply to all residential, commercial, and manure customers. For a list of rates, please visit <https://www.rollinghillsestates.gov/government/services-utilities/trash>.

If you are interested in modifying your subscription, please contact WM Customer Service at home.wm.com/rolling-hills-estates. The City's Solid Waste Collection Services Franchise Agreement grants the exclusive right to WM to provide collection services, which is defined as Single Family Dwelling Collection Service, Commercial Collection Service, and Temporary Construction and Demolition Debris Service.

Keep Batteries Out of Carts

Batteries can inadvertently cause a fire when they come in contact with other materials in a cart or when compacted inside a collection truck. Never dispose of batteries in your carts.

Food Waste Tips for Summer BBQs

Make your summer BBQ cleanup effortless by setting up a sorting station



with designated areas for recycling, garbage, and hazardous waste. Encourage everyone to help with sorting:

Compost: Dispose of food scraps, including meat, cheese, bones, and even messy paper napkins.

Recycle: Recycle cardboard, plastic bottles and tubs, glass bottles and jars, and metal cans. Just be sure they are empty, clean, and dry before recycling.

Community Events

May 31 - Annual Hills Are Alive 5K/ 10K Race

June 21 - Movie Night

July 19 - Concert in the Park

Aug. 16 - Movie Night

Sept. 13 - City Celebration

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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Most Common Contaminants

Keep these common contaminants OUT of your recycling bin.



No Recyclables In Plastic Bags

Empty recyclables directly into your bin. Take plastic bags back to local retailers where available.



No Food & Liquids

Compost instead! Otherwise it belongs in the trash.



Lithium Ion Batteries

(Not in recycling or trash.)

Batteries can combust under pressure leading to hot-burning fires. Check wmlamptracker.com to explore battery recycling services.



Propane Tanks

(Not in recycling or trash.)

These items contain flammable gas and pressure and can be a fire or explosion hazard. Contact your local public works department for proper disposal.



No Electronics & Small Appliances

Donate if in good condition, or schedule a bulky item pickup, if available.



No Textiles, Bedding, Rugs & Carpet

Donate these items if they are in good condition. Rugs and carpets can be placed in a Bagster® bag. Visit thebagster.com to learn more.



No Tanglers, Holiday Lights, Hangers & Extension Cords

They wrap around equipment and can shut down an entire facility! They all go in the trash.



No Paper Towels, Napkins, Plates & Tissues

Compost if possible, and remember to recycle the cardboard tube.



No Polystyrene or Polystyrene Foam

Foam is not accepted in single stream recycling.



No Tires, Auto Parts & Scrap Metal

(Not in recycling or trash.)

Can damage equipment and are safety hazards. Contact your local scrap recyclers or retail tire stores for recycling options.



No Concrete, Wood & Construction Debris

Can damage equipment. Consider ordering a roll off container on wm.com or a Bagster® bag by visiting thebagster.com.



No Yard Waste

Compost or put in your yard waste cart, if available. Otherwise it belongs in the trash.