

Simi Valley

2025 Fall Commercial Recycling News



WM is proud to offer commercial waste and recycling services in Simi Valley. We are available to assess your waste generation needs and determine the right container sizes and service levels for your business or property.

Be Mindful of Overages

To ensure your container is properly serviced, ensure that all items are placed inside the container. Bags outside of your regular container or inside your container that prohibit the lid from laying flush is considered an overage.



SB 1383: Smart Sorting for Organics and Recycling

California's SB 1383 requires cities and waste haulers to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting organic waste from landfills. The law also requires monitoring of recycling and organics containers to prevent contamination and ensure proper sorting.

What's Contamination?

It's when the wrong items—like trash—end up in your recycling or organics containers. Avoid contamination by sorting waste correctly and placing the right items in the right container.

Container Accessibility

Please make sure containers are accessible on your scheduled collection day. Open gates or provide a key/code if needed. Keep the area clear of vehicles, delivery trucks, excess trash, or other obstructions.

Technical Assistance

Our team is here to support you beyond just choosing the right container sizes and service levels. We also offer training to help your business and employees understand what materials go in each cart. To help you stay compliant, we provide:

- Expert guidance on waste sorting
- On-site or virtual training sessions
- Educational materials and signage

Holidays

WM observes the following holidays. 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.

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



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Free Your Recyclables

Due to global changes in the recycling industry and commodity markets, collecting quality recyclable materials is more important than ever. WM needs your help to reduce recycling contamination. To launch this initiative, we are focusing on one of the biggest contaminants - bagged recyclables. We are asking customers to **"LOOSE LOAD"** their recycling.



Don't Bag Recyclables - Place items directly in recycling container.

Why Can't I Bag My Recyclables Like I Can my Organic Waste?



Plastic bags add another step to recycling:

Breaking open bags containing recyclable materials requires additional labor, slows down the recycling process and increases the cost of recycling.

Plastic bags interfere with machinery: Plastic bags get wrapped around the equipment, requiring us to shut down the recycling process several times a day. Workers are then required to climb into the machinery and cut plastic bags out of gears and screens. This poses a safety threat to workers and increases the cost of recycling.

(see the flip side for steps you can take.)



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What can you do?

“Loose Load” your recycling! Here’s how:

- 1) If needed, use only plastic liners for smaller recycling bins typically used inside your facility in offices or for breakroom recycling.
- 2) Check the liners for food or liquid contamination before you empty the recyclable materials into the recycling dumpster. If the liners contain food or liquid, they are contaminated. Cinch these bags and place in the trash.
- 3) If recyclable materials in the liner are clean and dry, leave the bag untied and take it to the dumpster.
- 4) At the recycling dumpster, empty the recyclable materials directly into the container. Reuse, take back to accepting local retailers, or dispose of the liner in the trash.

Let’s all get back to the basics of good recycling and remember these three simple rules each time you toss something into your recycling container:



Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

Thank you for being a WM customer. We look forward to helping your business recycle right.

For more information, tools, and resources to set your business up for recycling success, visit wm.com/recycleright.



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Organics | Recycling | Trash

Right Materials - Right Container - Know Which Container to Use

What Goes in the Organics Container:



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Produce



Food Soiled Paper,
Coffee Filters & Tea Bags



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Dairy



Bread, Pasta, Rice & Grains

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



Do Not Include:

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

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 cart - **Don't bag your recycling materials.**



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



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles



Do Not Include:

Organics/Recyclables
Hazardous Waste
Electronics
Batteries, Tires or Paint
Flammable Material



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