

# Greening Our Community Carson City



Spring 2025 Newsletter



# Keep It Cool: Never Place Hot or Hazardous Waste in Curbside Carts

Hot, toxic, or flammable waste can pose serious risks to our drivers, our communities, and your family if not disposed of properly. Read on to learn why these materials require special handling and how you can help keep curbside collection safe for all.



#### The Perfect Storm Inside the Cart

Households dispose of a variety of waste materials every day. When items like batteries, hot coals, ashes, cleaners, and other flammable products are mixed with regular waste inside the curbside cart, they can spontaneously ignite or cause hazardous reactions—putting everyone at risk.



#### The (In)visible Damage

Placing hot coals or hazardous waste in curbside carts causes both visible and hidden damages. It puts our drivers, equipment, and facilities at risk, as well as your family, our communities, and the environment. Improperly disposed hazardous waste can end up in waterways, harming ecosystems and wildlife.



#### The Right Solution

To safely dispose of hot coals, ashes, or yard waste, ensure they are completely extinguished before placing them in the appropriate cart. For items such as oil-based paint, varnish, gasoline, pesticides, and herbicides, please contact the Environmental Control Authority at (775) 887-2355 for proper disposal guidance. Our drivers, your family, and the environment will thank you!



### **Digital Support at Your Fingertips**

Did you know that you can set up a My WM account or download the My WM app to easily manage your waste services? With your account, you can handle billing, request services, report missed pickups, set communication preferences, track pickups, and more—all in one place.

The best part? You can do it anytime, anywhere, from any device. Get started today! Visit **wm.com/login** or download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

If you have questions or need assistance, visit us at **wm.com/support** for helpful articles and quick answers to common questions.



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#### Keep Plastic Bags Out The Recycling & Yard Waste Carts

Plastic bags don't belong in your recycling or yard waste carts. When sorting recyclables, always place items like paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, cans, and glass loosely in your recycling cart—never in a bag. The same goes for yard waste such as trimmings and landscape debris. Ditch the plastic bags and help us build a more sustainable city.



## Meet Your Public Work's Crews This Spring

Join us and all the City's big trucks at Carson City Public Works Open House to meet the local crews, play on the equipment, and connect with the community. The event will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3505 Butti Way, located between Fairview Drive and Airport Road. We hope yo see you there!