



## Greening Our Community

### Carson City



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## Yard & Lawn Care

Discover how sorting yard debris and trimmings can help build a more sustainable Carson City.

### Landfill Diversion

Organic waste in landfills is a major source of methane emissions. By separating yard debris and trimmings from regular trash, you help ensure these materials can be composted rather than wasted—turning organic matter into valuable, nutrient-rich soil instead of harmful greenhouse gases.

### Closed-Loop Solution

Transforming yard waste, trimmings, and organic materials into compost, soil, and mulch supports a closed-loop system—where natural resources are renewed and returned to the earth, benefiting farmers, growers, and landscapers alike.

### Community-Oriented

Did you know the yard debris collected in Carson City stays right in Nevada? Through a collaboration with Full Circle Soil & Compost, yard waste is turned into soil and compost without leaving the state. It's a homegrown solution that supports businesses and benefits the entire community.

#### Acceptable Items:

Plant debris, such as grass clippings, leaves, pruning, weeds, branches, brush, and other forms of vegetative waste.

#### Non-acceptable Items:

Food, branches taller than 3 feet in length, larger than 6 inches or weighing more than 50 lbs. Tree stumps, bamboo, soil, dirt, rocks, concrete, asphalt, plastic bags, animal waste, palm tree branches, painted or treated wood.





## Bust Recycling Myths & Become the Expert in Your Home



### MYTH:

**The recycling arrows (Mobius) on a container or package mean it is recyclable at a Material Recovery Facility (MRF).**



**ANSWER:** Only in some cases.

The Mobius symbol (three chasing arrows) doesn't necessarily mean an item is recyclable in your curbside cart. With thousands of types of plastic packaging—each with different chemical makeups—it's best to recycle by shape, not by symbol. Stick with plastic bottles, jars, jugs, and tubs.

### MYTH:

**Containers must be squeaky clean in order to be recycled.**



**ANSWER:** False.

While bottles, cans, and containers should be clean, dry, and mostly free of food or liquid before going in your recycling cart, they don't need to be spotless. The key is to keep them clean enough to avoid contaminating other recyclables, especially paper. Try using a spatula to scrape out jars and cans, or simply wipe them down to remove leftover residue.

### MYTH:

**It doesn't matter if something belongs in the recycling cart, the hauler will sort everything anyway.**



**ANSWER:** False.

It does matter what goes in the recycling cart. More non-recyclable items are ending up at Material Recovery Facilities, where they must be manually removed or mechanically sorted—slowing down the process and risking contamination. Placing trash in the recycling cart reduces efficiency and can lower the quality of recyclable materials. By sorting correctly at home, you help make recycling cleaner, and more effective for everyone.