



# Greening Our Community

## Carson City



Winter 2026 Newsletter

## Creating a More Sustainable Holiday

The holiday season is a time for joy and celebration, but it's also a peak period for waste generation. To help you recycle responsibly and reduce waste contamination, we've compiled a few tips for a more sustainable holiday season.

### Avoid "Wish-Cycling"



Not every item belongs in the recycling cart. If you're unsure whether something is recyclable, don't guess or "wish-cycle." When in doubt, throw it out. Items such as foil wrapping, ribbons, broken ornaments, polystyrene foam, plastic airbag packaging, plastic utensils, and disposable cups should go in the trash, not the recycling cart.

### Mind the Bag



Plastic bags and films are some of the most common recycling contaminants, especially during the holiday season. While these materials might seem recyclable, they are not accepted in your recycling cart. Consider reusing them, taking them to local buy-back programs, or disposing of them in your trash cart.

### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Recycle paper bags, non-foil wrapping paper, cardboard, glass bottles, and rigid plastic containers, such as bottles, tubs, and jugs. Ensure items are empty and dry. Take your recycling efforts further by reusing decorations from previous years or finding creative ways to repurpose gift wraps.

### Give Your Tree a Second Life



WM will collect Christmas trees curbside from Dec. 26, 2025, to Jan. 16, 2026, at no extra cost. Trees must be free of decorations, nails, stands, and flocking, and cut into sections under 6 feet. Drop-offs are also available Dec. 26, 2025 to Jan. 16, 2026 at the Carson City Public Works open lot south of the Animal Shelter (549 Airport Rd.) or at WM's facility (5560 Sheep Drive). Remember to remove decorations, nails, flocking, or stands.

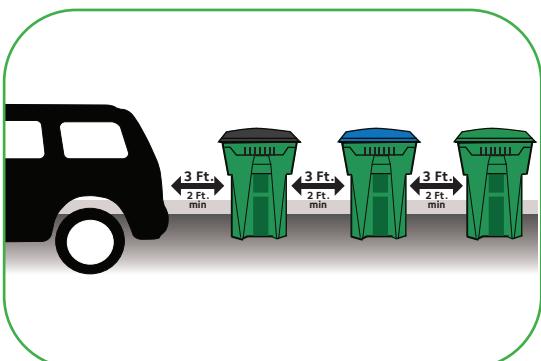


## For a Safe and Happy New Year

At WM, we're committed to providing reliable sustainability solutions while prioritizing the safety of our employees and communities. With your help, we can achieve even more. Become a sustainability champion by sorting materials correctly and handling your carts properly. Read on to learn how you can support our efforts to maintain safe operations year-round.



You're probably aware that not all waste is recyclable, but did you know that some items shouldn't even go in your trash? Common household hazardous items, such as lithium batteries, car batteries, fireworks, firearms, ammunition, gunpowder, and explosives, can be dangerous if tossed in your curbside cart. For disposal alternatives and information, contact **Nevada Division of Environmental Protection** (800) 597-5865.



Where and how you place your curbside carts is just as important as what's inside them. To prevent accidents, keep carts at least 3 feet apart from each other and other objects. Ensure the lids are tightly closed. Overfilled carts generally spill, littering our streets and posing unnecessary risks to pedestrians, animals, and the environment.



Serving your residence is our top priority. However, when inclement weather prevents us from safely reaching your home, we will work diligently to reschedule your service or find alternative solutions that prioritize the safety of our drivers, trucks, and communities. Stay informed with service notifications this season. Visit **wm.com/login** to update your contact information or adjust your communication preferences.