



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. **Please ensure all recyclables are loose (not bagged) in the 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 trees curbside on your regular service day from Mon., Jan. 12, 2026 to Fri., Jan. 16, 2026. Trees must be cut down into 3-foot sections and free of decorations, nails, and stands. Drop-off is available at the Overflow Parking Lot across from Incline Beach (958 Lakeshore Blvd.) from December 26, 2025, to January 29, 2026. Visit yourtahoeplace.com for details.





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. Contact IVGID's Waste Not team for information on the proper disposal of each of these items at (775) 832-1284.



From September through November, bears seek high-calorie food to prepare for winter hibernation. Take proactive steps to protect your property. Secure your trash or contact WM to request a bear-resistant cart. Remove attractants such as bird feeders, pet food, and scented items from your yard. Please ensure doors and windows are locked. Let's keep the community safe and bears wild. Learn more at NDOW.org and BearWise.org.



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.