



Greening Our Community

City of Reno



Summer 2024 Newsletter



(PRE) DROP-OFF CHECKLIST

- Go to **GrayMarenvironmental.com** to schedule your appointment in advance.
- Make sure to schedule your appointment during July, August, and September.
- Screen your home to sort only acceptable HHW items. See details on your voucher.
- Bring the enclosed voucher and present it at the time of service.
- Say goodbye to unwanted items and hello to safe and free HHW disposal!

SAFE DISPOSAL: GET RID OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FOR FREE

It's that time of year! Enclosed in this bill, we provide a voucher to help you clean out those old paint cans, propane tanks, batteries, pesticides, and other household hazardous waste that's been hanging around your home.

Take a moment to read through the voucher carefully to understand the program rules. On the right side, we've put together a quick checklist so you'll be well-prepared before dropping off those HHW items.

And here's the best part – you can use this voucher to dispose of up to 50 pounds of these items on our dime! But only during the program months: July, August, and September 2024. Need to get rid of HHW during a non-program month? GrayMar is open year-round. Regular pricing will apply outside of the WM program. Visit their website or call (866) 472-9627 for information.





RECYCLING 101: **EVERYTHING** YOU NEED TO KNOW TO RECYCLE RIGHT

Recycling is one of the easiest ways to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and help fight climate change. But with the ever-growing number of waste items handled by the average resident daily, knowing how to sort and where to place each material can be daunting. To help make sorting more intuitive, we share below three rules that will ensure everything in your recycling bin finds a second life.



RULE 1

Recycle plastic containers, metal cans, glass, paper and cardboard. Items should be placed clean and dry in your recycling.



RULE 2

Keep food and liquid out of your recycling cart. They contaminate materials and make them unsuitable for recycling.



RULE 3

Never place plastic bags in your recycling cart or bag your recyclables. Plastic bags are not accepted for recycling.

WISHCYCLING & THE DANGER OF CONTAMINATION



“Wishcycling” or throwing non-recyclable materials in the recycling cart in the hopes they can be recycled may seem like a harmless and well-meaning habit, but it can lead to the whole batch of recyclables being thrown out as trash. It’s important to keep trash and recyclables separated and, when in doubt – throw it out.

Recycling starts with proper sorting. Please remember to sort plastic materials by shape: bottles, jars, jugs, and tubs are generally accepted. Empty glass items, tin, aluminum and steel cans are also good to go. Make sure to always give it a good wipe to remove food residue or any liquid before placing them in your recycling cart. Paper and cardboard? Sure, but only if they are not dirty or wet. Visit [wm.com/recycle-right](https://www.wm.com/recycle-right) to learn more.

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