



Greening Our Community

City of Reno



Summer 2025 Newsletter



Beyond The Bin: Free Hazardous Waste Drop-Off for Residents

Enclosed with this bill is a voucher to help you clear out old paint, batteries, pesticides, and other household hazardous waste that's been taking up space.

Take a moment to review the voucher carefully to understand the program rules. On the right, you'll find a handy checklist to help you prepare before dropping off your HHW items.

The best part? This voucher covers the disposal of up to 50 pounds of hazardous waste at no cost to you. But don't wait! This offer is only valid during July, August, and September 2025.

Need to dispose of HHW outside of those months? GrayMar is open year-round, but regular fees apply outside of the WM program. Visit [GrayMarenvironmental.com](https://www.graymarenvironmental.com) or call (866) 472-9627 for more details.



DROP-OFF CHECKLIST

- ☐ Visit [GrayMarenvironmental.com](https://www.graymarenvironmental.com) to schedule your appointment in advance.
- ☐ Make sure to schedule your appointment during July, August, and September.
- ☐ Check your home for acceptable items and sort accordingly. See voucher for details.
- ☐ Bring the enclosed voucher and present it at the time of service.
- ☐ Enjoy safe and free household hazardous waste disposal.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF VOUCHER
(BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - www.graymarenvironmental.com)
Up to 50 pounds of HHW included with this voucher.
Appointments available in July, August and September.

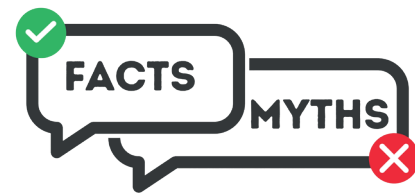
Limit 50 pounds. A charge of \$1 will apply for each additional pound for most items.
Must present this voucher at time of service. Program for current residential WM customers only. Vouchers only good during event months. Regular charges apply outside of this time frame. SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ACCEPTABLE ITEMS.

GrayMar Location
13203 S. Virginia Street
Reno, NV 89511

SERVICE ADDRESS: _____



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.