

CITY OF EMERYVILLE

IMPORTANT SERVICE INFORMATION



Did you know when you **recycle right** and avoid **overfilling your carts**, you are helping Emeryville stay clean and green while also creating a sustainable future for the next generation?



SURCHARGES BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2021

Our goal is prevention. However, on January 1, 2021 surcharges will be implemented when contamination and overfilled carts are found. These surcharges help offset costs associated with processing contaminated recyclables and disposing of contaminated and excess materials.

Contamination	1-2 Incidents	3rd Incident	4th and > Incidents
Recycling & Organics	Warning	\$25	\$50

Overfilled Carts	Per Incident
Trash, Recycling & Organics	Minimum \$8.71*

*Lids should be flat. Charges are based on a typical 13 gallon trash bag (\$.67 per gallon).

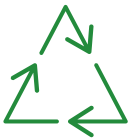


WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

WM will use WM Smart TruckSM technology to photograph overfilled carts and contaminants in recycling and organics carts and will send a letter with a photograph explaining what we found along with tips to avoid overage or contamination in the future.

You will only be assessed a contamination surcharge after two warnings, and an overage surcharge after each incident. Our goal is to increase diversion and decrease litter. Now is your chance to make sure you have the correct service level and are recycling right. **You can help save the environment by selecting to receive notices via email by visiting wm.com/mypreferences to select your preferred method of communications.**

Refer to the enclosed FAQs to learn more about this technology.



HOW DO I AVOID THESE SURCHARGES?

RECYCLE RIGHT

The City of Emeryville and Waste Management's goal is to help you recycle right, so more material is recovered for recycling and composting, saving precious resources and combatting climate change.



Recycle only empty/dry bottles, cans, paper and cardboard



Place only food scraps, food soiled paper, and yard waste into your organics cart.

Please refer to the recycling and organics sorting guide included with this fact sheet. You can also visit resource.stopwaste.org for an easy look up tool for specific items.



AVOID OVERFILLING CARTS

Keeping the lid closed on your carts helps reduce litter in our streets and pollution in our storm drains, helping to keep Emeryville clean and green.

Overfilled carts a problem? **Give us a call at 510-613-8710 to explore your options.**