

# Greening Our Community News from Waste Management of Nevada County

**Summer 2019** 

# Please Keep Cart Lids Closed

Materials must fit inside a container with the lid shut for regular service.

Keeping lids closed and material inside containers helps:

- Minimize Service Delays
- Decrease Litter
- Prevent Rodents and Other Animal Scavengers
- Reduce Equipment Failure
- Eliminate Safety Risks
- Reduce Truck Fires

If you regularly have excess materials, we're here to help you put a lid on overages. Call Customer Service at 530-274-3090 to help you right-size your service.





#### Independence Day - July 4 Labor Day - September 2

If your collection day falls on the holiday listed above or after, service will be delayed one day for the rest of the week

For example, Thursday service will occur on Friday and Friday service will occur on Saturday.

## Hot Coals Cause Dangerous Truck Fires

Just as those coals helped to get the fire started while camping or for your backyard BBQ, they can also start a fire in a trash cart or in the back of one of our trucks.

Hot coals and fresh ashes can easily ignite surrounding materials but you can help by properly disposing of coals and ashes.

Seventy-five percent of our waste and recycling collection truck fires are a result of the improper disposal of materials such as hot barbecue coals and ashes.

Please follow the simple rules above to help keep our communities safe:

#### **Coal and Ash Disposal Tips**

- Cool coals for several days before disposing.
- Do not use galvanized containers.
- Never place used coals in plastic, paper or wood containers.
- To speed the cooling process, carefully place coals in a metal container full of water to extinguish any residuals.
- Do not place other combustibles in the container with the coals or ashes.



## WILDFIRE IS COMING ARE YOU READY?

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As much as 92% of our community is located within High and Very–High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.



- Maintain 100 feet of defensible space around your home.
- Thin trees and limbs, as well as remove ladder fuels to provide firefighters the space they need to defend your home.
- Create a buffer zone by removing fuels that allow fire to climb from the landscape into the tree canopy.
- Common fuel ladders include: tall grasses, shrubs, juvenile trees, and low hanging branches.

We made it easy to dispose hazardous vegetation.

### Make Your Property Fire Safe

Reduce the risk of wildfires and protect your home and our community by ensuring your property is fire safe.

Waste Management of Nevada County can help by hauling away your yard debris. All you have to do is sign up for green waste disposal – *it's less than half the cost of self-hauling to McCourtney Road Transfer Station!* 

Call customer service at 530-274-3090 to sign up for green waste service.

### Recycle Right. Here's How:



Recycle only empty plastic, metal and aluminum bottles/containers, empty glass jars/bottles, and clean paper and cardboard. Keep lid closed to avoid paper getting wet.



No plastic bags. Place recyclables directly into your container.



Keep food and liquids out of the recycling.



#### **GREEN WASTE**



Place only grass clippings, leaves, flowers, wood branches and untreated lumber in your yard waste in your yard waste cart.



No plastic bags. Place recyclables directly into your container.



No plastic, glass, metal, treated wood, hazardous or pet waste.

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