



# Greening Our Community

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## Help Keep Nevada County Clean and Green

### Stay Clear of Contamination

Today's material processors have strict standards; they won't accept contaminated loads.

Contaminants can result in an entire load of recyclables or organics being sent to the landfill instead of being recycled as you intended.

This drives up collection and disposal costs for everyone and turns what you thought was recycling into trash.

When you recycle right, you help our community to be green.

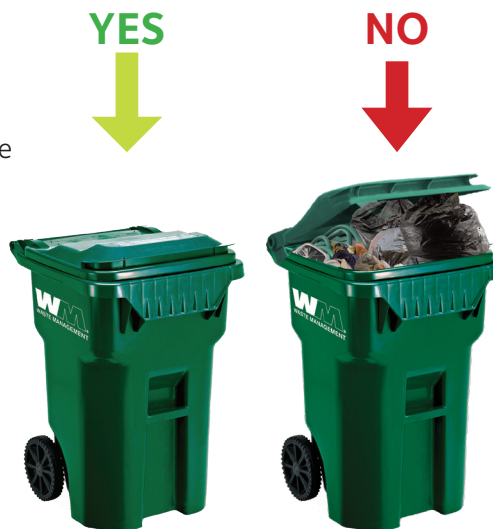


### Keep a Lid on it!

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.

### Recycle Right. Here's How:



#### RECYCLING



Recycle only empty hard plastic bottles/containers, 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.



#### YARD 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.

## Do You Recycle Right?

When you place the right materials in the right cart, it benefits you, our community, and protects the environment. When you place the wrong materials in a cart, it can harm the environment, injure workers and result in additional charges to your account.

Be sure to follow the guide below to recycle right, and avoid contamination charges.

Following are some items that frequently end up in the recycling bin that do not belong there. Try to guess how to properly dispose of the items below.



A) Batteries



B) Diapers



C) Torn Clothes



D) Greasy/Soiled  
Pizza Boxes



E) Hoses, Rope.  
String of Lights

A) Placed on top of your recycling cart in a zip lock bag on your regular collection day. B) Trash  
(C) Donate or Trash D) Trash E) Trash



RECYCLE OFTEN.  
RECYCLE RIGHT.



## Keep Nevada County Clean and Safe: Secure and Cover Your Loads

If you're trailering or hauling materials to the McCourtney Road Transfer Station or anywhere around Nevada County and beyond, please ensure all materials are properly secured and covered.

Uncovered materials can easily fly from the bed of your pickup or trailer causing safety hazards on the roadway. These items also contribute to litter throughout the county.

In addition to causing safety hazards and litter, unsecured loads can lead to some stiff fines. Drivers who do not secure or cover loads can face fines of up to \$1,000!

Please help us keep Nevada County clean and safe. Cover and secure your loads before traveling.

## Make Your Property Fire Safe - We Can Help



With last fall's devastating wildfires still fresh in our minds, there's no better time to begin working to protect our properties from future fires.

The most effective protection is to create a minimum 100 foot radius of defensible space around our homes and other structures.

Research has proven that structures surrounded with maintained landscaping have up

to an 80 percent chance of survival during a wildfire. Those are good odds!

To create a defensible space follow these steps: (1) Remove dead and downed vegetation (leaves, pine needles, dry grass), (2) thin trees and limbs, (3) remove vegetation under trees (ladder fuels) and (4) create safe ignition zones (clear areas where you use grills or fire pits).

The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County offers a free chipping service and free on-site consultations where trained volunteers will visit your property to determine what needs to be done to be more fire safe. You can request a free Defensible Space Advisory Visit by calling 530-272-1122 or visiting [www.areyoufiresafe.com](http://www.areyoufiresafe.com).

Getting rid of all that green waste is easy too! Waste Management of Nevada County offers a curbside green waste service that is less than half the cost of self-hauling to the McCourtney Road Transfer Station. Call 530-274-3090 to set up service.

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