



# GRASS VALLEY RECYCLER



SUMMER 2023

## SB1383: DOES IT AFFECT YOU?

As you may know, SB1383 is a new state law that requires the separation of food scraps, food-soiled paper, and landscape trimmings from the trash. This will reduce the amount of organic material headed to landfills and create more opportunities to use it for compost.

While the law went into effect in 2022, many cities and counties throughout the state, including Grass Valley, are not immediately implementing the program due to the need for further outreach and a shortage of organic materials processing locations.

We, at WM, are ready to help our community reach state goals and comply with state mandates. In the near future, your organics cart will replace your yard waste cart, allowing you to dispose of organic materials such as landscaping trimmings and food scraps together.

Currently, Nevada County is upgrading the McCourtney Road Transfer Station to be able to transfer organic food mixed with food. You will receive plenty of notice before this change occurs. In the meantime, we encourage you to think of ways to reduce food waste at home. Please refer to the article here in the newsletter to keep updated on the renovation project.

## Composting at Home and Reducing Food Waste

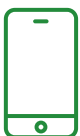
Get a jump start on keeping food scraps out of the landfill by composting at home. The UC Master Gardeners of Nevada County website ([ncmg.ucanr.org](http://ncmg.ucanr.org)) provides plenty of information on composting in your home. Use that compost to grow your own food! Check out information at the Sierra Harvest website ([sierraharvest.org](http://sierraharvest.org)). We encourage you to find ways to reduce food waste and use outlets such as the Interfaith Food Ministry, and the Food Bank of Nevada County to donate excess food.

Visit [wm.com/sb1383](http://wm.com/sb1383) to learn more about the law, and stay tuned for updates on new organics programs in Grass Valley.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping our community meet these state mandates and reduce waste in landfills.



## UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION



Visit [wm.com](http://wm.com) to make sure your account is registered and contact information is up to date so we can inform you of new services, service interruptions and other important information about your account.

## SERVICE UPDATE: HOLIDAY REMINDERS

WM **WILL** have curbside collections on the following holidays:

**JULY 4**

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

Collections will occur as usual the week of July 4. Please ensure your carts are set out by 6 a.m. on your regularly scheduled service day. Thank you!

## WM Customer Service:

**530-274-3090**

[cssacramento@wm.com](mailto:cssacramento@wm.com)

## MCCOURTNEY ROAD TRANSFER STATION RENOVATION PROJECT

The Transfer Station is undergoing a major construction project that will change how you can access the site. Please plan for extra time.

Traffic patterns will change and drop off areas for materials will be different. Please pay attention to new signs at the site, listen to directions of staff, have patience, and allow of more time to utilize the facility. We're sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but we promise the new McCourtney Road experience will be better!

For more information about the construction project, visit [mccourtneytransferstation.com](http://mccourtneytransferstation.com).



## SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Hot coals, batteries and small propane tanks can cause dangerous fires if not disposed of properly. Please follow these basic rules to protect our neighborhoods, equipment and employees safe.



### HOT COALS

Make sure hot coals are fully extinguished before placing in the trash. Place in a metal container and drench in water and/or wait several days before placing in trash.



### BATTERIES

Household batteries (C, D, AA, AAA, etc.) should be disposed of at a household hazardous waste disposal site or placed in a plastic bag and left on top of your recycling cart. Never place batteries in trash, recycling or organics carts.

Lithium batteries, most commonly found in cell phones and other electronic devices must be disposed of at a household hazardous waste facility. Lithium batteries are extremely dangerous and can cause high temperature fire flareups when crushed.



### PROPANE TANKS

While convenient for a camping trip or a tailgate, small propane tanks can wreck havoc at a recycling facility, landfill or in the hopper of a collection truck. Please never place any type of propane tank in your trash, recycling or organics cart. These materials should be disposed of at a household hazardous waste facility.



## MAKE YOUR PROPERTY FIRE SAFE

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

WM can help by hauling away your yard debris. All you have to do is sign up for curbside yard waste disposal and never worry about waiting in line at the McCourtney Road Transfer Station to drop off your green waste!

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



## Remember to Recycle Right



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



Keep recyclables loose  
No plastic bags



Keep food and liquid out of recycling

## Yard Waste Cart Tips



Place only yard waste into your yard waste cart.



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



No bags.  
No bags of any kind are permitted in the yard waste cart