City of California City

Business Waste and Recycling
2026-27 Winter Newsletter



Winter News & Service Updates

From holiday collection reminders to seasonal service tips, this issue includes helpful resources to keep your WM services running smoothly throughout the winter months.

Service Overview

Commercial trash service includes (1) 96-gallon recycling cart serviced once every other week, and one (1) 64-gallon organics cart serviced once weekly.

Recycling Collection



California law (SB 1383) requires most businesses to recycle and divert materials from the landfill unless they qualify for an exemption from the City of California City.

WM makes compliance easy with convenient recycling services designed to fit your business's needs. Recycling containers are available in a variety of sizes, including 96-gallon carts (every-other-week collection included), larger sizes are available for an additional fee.

Not sure what size is right for your business? Contact WM, and we'll help you find the best recycling solution for your needs.

Organic Waste Collection



Most California businesses are required to recycle organic waste under SB 1383 unless they have received an exemption from the City of California City.

To help your business stay compliant, WM provides a 64-gallon organics cart with weekly collection included in your service rate. This service is designed to help you conveniently recycle food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard waste.

Trash Collection



Whether you operate a small business or a large facility, WM can create a customized collection program that meets your needs and protects the environment. Trash containers are available in a variety of sizes. Roll-off containers and compactor services are also available for businesses with higher-volume waste needs.

Organic Waste Recycling: Small Actions, Big Impact

Why Recycle Organic Waste?

Keeping food scraps and yard waste out of landfills helps reduce methane emissions, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. Recycling organics is an easy way to support a cleaner, healthier community.

Prevent Food Waste

Plan meals carefully, store food properly and donate edible food whenever possible. Visit Safe Haven Kid's League at **https://www.shklcrc.org/** to learn about local donation opportunities.

Recycle Organics the Right Way

Place food scraps, yard trimmings and other organic materials in your green organics container. Please do not use plastic bags, as they can contaminate compost and damage processing equipment. Paper bags, cardboard boxes and certified compostable bags that meet ASTM D6400 standards are acceptable.

Benefits to Our Community

When organic materials are recycled instead of landfilled, they can be turned into valuable compost and other useful products. This helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions, supports soil health and protects our environment for future generations.

City of California City - Commercial Generator Waiver Program

State regulations allow the City of California City to grant recycling and/or organic waste diversion program participation waivers to qualifying businesses for lack of material generation or physical space constraints (lack of adequate space to store collection containers).

For more information and waiver qualifications, contact WM Recycling Manager Frank Vasquez at (661) 569-7626 or by email at fvasque1@wm.com.

Have a question? Visit **business.wm.com/california-city** for service information and online support, or scan the QR code for quick access.

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Container Color Transition

SB 1383 requires that collection containers be uniform colors across the state by 2036. In the City of California City, existing carts and bins will be gradually transitioning to the new color scheme—recycling carts will have a blue lid, recycling dumpsters will have a blue body with black lid, organic waste carts will have a green lid, and trash containers will have a black body with a black lid. We will make these changes gradually to minimize disruption to your service.

Let's Get Back To The Basics Of Recycling.

Remember these simple rules each time you recycle:



Recycle empty, dry bottles, cans, cups, tubs, paper and cardboard.



No food or liquid.



No bagged recyclables.



No batteries in the recycling or trash.

Holiday Schedule

Collection does not occur on the following holidays:

New Year's Day (January 1)
Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)
Independence Day (July 4)
Labor Day (1st Monday in September)
Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday in November)
Christmas Day (December 25)

When a holiday falls on a weekday, your collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week. If a holiday falls on Saturday, there will be no delay in service.

Account Management

Manage Your Account Anytime with My WM

My WM makes it easy to manage your services online, whenever it's convenient for you. View your collection schedule, set up AutoPay and paperless billing, request repairs, submit service requests and more, all in one place. Scan the QR code or visit **wm.com/MyWM** to get started.

Get the My WM App

Download the My WM app from the Apple App Store or Google Play for easy access to your account on the go.

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Right Materials - Right Container - Know Which Container to Use

SB 1383 aims to slow climate change by diverting organic materials from landfills, recovering 20% of edible food, and redirecting it to food-insecure Californians. Organic waste in landfills emits 20% of the state's methane, a climate super pollutant that heats 84 times more than carbon dioxide*. (*CalRecyle, https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp).

What Goes in the Organics Container:



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Food Soiled Paper, Coffee Filters & Tea Bags



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Dairy



Bread, Pasta, Rice, Grains, Coffee Grounds



Do Not Include:
Plastic Bags or Film
Serveware/Utensils
Plastic or Foam Containers
Palm Fronds
Rocks, Concrete, Dirt or Sod
Animal Waste
Hazardous Waste
Fats, Oils or Greases

Add organics directly to your cart, or use a compostable bag labeled ASTM D6400.
To reduce odors: use a paper bag, layer with yard trimmings, freeze scraps, or add baking soda.

What Goes in the Recycling Container:



Plastic Bottles, Cups & Containers



Paper & Paper Cups



Glass Bottles & Containers



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Food & Beverage Cans



Place recyclables directly into your recycling cart - Don't bag your recyclables.



Do Not Include:
Food or Liquids
Bagged Recyclables
Foam Containers
Furniture or Carpet
Batteries
Electronics
Hazardous Waste
Yard Waste

What Goes in the Trash Container:



Foam Cups & Containers



Garden Hose



Broken Ceramic Dishes & Pots



Candy, Snack & Food Wrappers



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Succulents & Palm Fronds



Do Not Include:
Food Waste
Recyclables
Hazardous Waste
Electronics
Batteries
Tires or Paint
Flammable Material