

California City

Residential Recycling News

Spring 2026



Hello from WM!

We're excited to bring you this spring newsletter, packed with tips and resources to help make recycling and waste management easier and more effective for your community.

Thank you for being such an important part of our journey toward a greener tomorrow.

Pay as You Throw Program

With our Pay as You Throw Program, you can reduce your service cost by moving to a smaller trash cart and recycling more. Log into your My WM account at wm.com/mywm or chat online at wm.com/support to exchange your 96-gallon trash cart for a 64- or 35-gallon cart and receive up to a 20% discount on your monthly rate. Additionally, residents facing financial hardship who are enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program through their electric or gas utility may qualify for a 20% discount on residential trash rates. To apply, email a copy of your utility bill showing CARE enrollment to wmcserv@wm.com.

Why Organic Waste Matters (SB 1383)

Did you know? Keeping food scraps and yard waste out of landfills helps reduce methane emissions—a major contributor to climate change. Composting and recycling organics is a simple way to make a big impact!

Preventing Organic Waste

Plan meals and store food properly to reduce waste. Donate edible food whenever possible—visit <https://www.shklcrg.org/> for donation options.

How to Handle Organics

Place food scraps, yard trimmings, and other organic materials in your green container. No plastic bags, please. They clog machines and contaminate compost. You may use a paper bag, box, or a compostable bag that meets ASTM D6400 standards.

Health & Environmental Impact

Landfilling organic waste creates harmful greenhouse gases and leachate. Recycling organics protects air quality, soil health, and our community.

For more information about Senate Bill 1383, feel free to check out: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp.

Recycle Right® for Earth Day and Beyond

WM collects and sorts many recyclables from households across California City every day. However, many items placed in recycling carts are considered trash. Recycling contamination is caused when trash items are introduced to the recycling stream.

Contaminants can include hoses, wires, yard waste and food waste. Recycling contamination has the potential to jeopardize otherwise good recyclables. For example, food or liquids in the recycling cart will contaminate paper and cardboard by saturating the materials and making them impossible to recycle. If it can't be recycled, it unfortunately becomes trash.

Remember these three simple rules each time you recycle:

1. Recycle empty and dry bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.
2. Keep food and liquids out of your recycling.
3. No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.



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Residential Drop-Off Facility

Residents with active accounts in good standing can drop off recyclables, bulky items - mattresses, couches, appliances



- wood waste, green waste and metal for free at the Residential Drop-Off Facility located at 19201 Neuralia Rd, California City, CA 93505.

Household trash, commercial waste and Hazardous Waste are not accepted.

You can drop off household trash at the Mojave-Rosamond Landfill located at 400 Silver Queen Rd, Mojave, CA 93501.

- Residents who are not current on their payments, or who do not have an account with WM, will not be permitted to drop off materials.
- All residents must check in with staff and sign in prior to unloading their vehicle. They will tell you where and how to properly dispose of your waste in the roll off bins on site.
- The drop-off center is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed 10:30 am to 11 a.m.) and 8 a.m. to Noon on Saturdays, except holidays.
- One vehicle load of material per resident per week please. If the waste disposal needs are greater, residents may drop off household trash, appliances, bulky items, recyclables, electronic waste and green waste at the Mojave-Rosamond Landfill in Mojave for free.

Free Bulky Item Collection

Residents receive up to three (3) free bulky item pickups per year. Please schedule your pickup at least 48 hours before your regular collection day at home.wm.com/california-city.

Acceptable items include: Sofas, chairs, washers, dryers, toilets, etc.

Non-acceptable items include: Tires, batteries, paints, oils, construction debris, chemicals of any kind, Freon, rocks, sand, gravel, dirt, logs, carpet, hazardous or medical waste.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Locations

California City residents can dispose of Household Hazardous Waste, such as household cleaners, pesticides, paint products, swimming pool chemicals and automotive fluids at the following County Special Waste Facilities:



Bakersfield

Metro Kern County Special Waste Facility

4951 Standard Street (southwest corner of Standard and Foster Streets)

Hours: Monday - Saturday | 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed: New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

Mojave

Mojave Special Waste Facility

17035 Finin Street (southwest corner of Finin & Sabovich Streets on the Mojave Airport property)

Hours: 1st Saturday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November) 9 a.m. to noon

Ridgecrest

Ridgecrest Kern County Special Waste Facility

3301 W. Bowman Road at the Ridgecrest Landfill

Hours: 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Closed: New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

Propane Services

A variety of propane services are available to residents: on-call or full service, free lease for first year, new installations, leak testing, 24-hour emergency service. Call (661) 822-6871 for more information or to schedule service.



Septic Services

Residents can call to have the sludge removed from septic tanks and grease traps. Septic certifications and emergency response services are also available. Additional services include holding tanks and RV pumping. Call (661) 822-6871 for more information or to schedule service.



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Organics | Recycling | Trash

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 warms the atmosphere 84 times more than carbon dioxide. (Source: CalRecycle, <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 or Compostable Bags
- Plastic Film
- Serveware/Utensils
- Plastic Containers
- Foam Containers
- Hazardous Waste
- Fats, Oils, or Greases

Place organics materials directly into your organics container - **To reduce odor, put food waste in a paper bag. Resident may also use a compostable bag that meets ASTM D6400 standards.**

What Goes in the Recycling Container:



Plastic Bottles,
Cups & Containers



Paper & Paper Cups



Glass Bottles
& Containers



Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard



Food & Beverage
Cans



Do Not Include:

- Food Or Liquids
- Plastic Bags or Film
- Foam Containers
- Clothing, Furniture or Carpet
- Batteries
- Electronics
- Hazardous Waste
- Yard Waste



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

What Goes in the Trash Container:



Foam Cups,
Containers & Straws



Garden Hose



Broken Ceramic
Dishes & Pots



Candy, Snack &
Food Wrappers



Do Not Include:

- Organics/Recyclables
- Hazardous Waste
- Electronics
- Batteries, Tires or Paint
- Flammable Material



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles



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Every Other Week Recycling Schedule



Recycling service falls on your regular service day and alternates every other week. Make sure to put out your **Blue** recycling cart on your normal service day on the weeks marked in **Blue** below:

Recycling Service **Holiday**

January 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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March 2026

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April 2026

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May 2026

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June 2026

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July 2026

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August 2026

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September 2026

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October 2026

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November 2026

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December 2026

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Observed Holidays

- New Year's Day:** Thursday, January 1
- Memorial Day:** Monday, May 25
- Independence Day:** Saturday, July 4

- Labor Day:** Monday, September 7
- Thanksgiving Day:** Thursday, November 26
- Christmas Day:** Friday, December 25

If a holiday falls on a weekday, collections for the rest of the week will be pushed back a day. For example, for a Thursday holiday, service would be on Friday. For holidays on Saturday or Sunday, there are no delays.



Visit Your WM Service Community Page

At California City's dedicated community website, home.wm.com/california-city, you can stay up to date with program and service information, view your pickup schedule, submit service requests, contact our Customer Service team and more.