

# City of California City

Residential Waste, Recycling,  
and Organics Service Guide

2026



## Proud to Serve California City

WM and the City of California City are proud to present you with this updated service guide to your recycling, organic waste, and trash collection services to comply with California State Senate Bill (SB) 1383. Thank you for being such an important part of our journey toward a greener tomorrow. For more information about Senate Bill 1383, visit: <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp>.

## Residential Cart Service

Your standard residential service includes:

- One 96-gallon trash cart collected weekly
- One 96-gallon recycling cart collected every other week
- One 64-gallon organics cart collected weekly

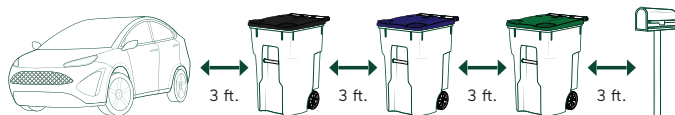
## Residential Service Rates

July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Residential Rates	Monthly Rate
Standard Residential Three Cart Service	\$43.24/month
<b>Rates for Additional Containers:</b>	
Additional Trash Cart (Weekly Service)	\$21.69/month
Additional Recycling Cart (Every Other Week Service)	\$21.69/month
Additional Organics Cart (Weekly Service)	\$21.69/month

## Cart Service Reminders

- Place all waste and recycling in the appropriate container and close the lid so that it fits tight to the cart body. Trash, organics, and recyclables left outside the carts cannot be collected.
- Roll carts into street and place them against the curb with the handles facing your home. Place carts at least three feet apart from other carts and objects.



- Place your carts at the curb by 6 a.m. on collection day. Emptied carts should be removed from curbside following service.

## Additional Carts

If your household regularly has more trash, recycling, or organics than your current carts can hold, you can request additional carts for an additional charge.

## Container Color Update

To meet California's requirements under SB 1383, collection containers across the state will gradually move to a standard color system by 2036.

In the City of California City, cart lid colors will be:

- Blue lid – Recycling
- Green lid – Organic waste
- Black lid – Trash

New carts will be delivered with these lid colors moving forward. Existing carts will be updated over time to avoid service disruptions, so you may see a mix of lid colors during the transition.

Always check the lid color or cart label for what goes in each cart. Following the labels helps keep recycling and organics clean and avoids contamination.



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## ADDITIONAL SERVICES & PROGRAMS

### Walk Out Service for Customers with Disabilities

Complimentary walk out service is available upon request for eligible single family residential customers with qualifying disabilities. For more information, please contact WM.

### Pay As You Throw Program

Looking to save on your trash service? The Pay as You Throw Program lets you lower your monthly cost by choosing a smaller trash cart and recycling more.

By switching your 96 gallon trash cart to a 64 or 35 gallon cart, you can receive up to a 20% discount on your monthly trash rate. You can request a cart change by logging into your My WM account or chatting with Customer Support online.

- Manage your account at [wm.com/mywm](https://wm.com/mywm)
- Chat with Customer Support at [wm.com/support](https://wm.com/support)

Residents experiencing financial hardship who are enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program through their electric or gas utility may also qualify for a 20% discount on residential trash service.

To apply, email a copy of your utility bill showing CARE enrollment to [wmcserv@wm.com](mailto:wmcserv@wm.com).

### Free Bulk Item Collection

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

### Residential Drop Off Facility

Residents with active WM accounts in good standing can take advantage of free drop off services at the Residential Drop Off Facility. Accepted items include recyclables, bulky items (such as mattresses, couches, and appliances), wood waste, green waste, and metal.

#### Location:

19201 Neuralia Rd  
California City, CA 93505

#### Please note:

- Household trash, commercial waste, and household hazardous waste are not accepted at this facility.
- Household trash may be taken to the Mojave–Rosamond Landfill, located at 400 Silver Queen Rd, Mojave, CA 93501.

#### Important information before you arrive:

- Drop off services are available to residents with a current WM account and balance in good standing.
- All visitors must check in with staff and sign in before unloading. Site staff will guide you on where and how to properly place materials in the roll off bins.
- Service is limited to one vehicle load per household per week.

#### Hours of operation:

- Monday–Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
(closed from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – Noon
- Closed on holidays

If you have larger disposal needs, residents may drop off household trash, appliances, bulky items, recyclables, electronic waste, and green waste at the Mojave–Rosamond Landfill at no charge.



## Household Hazardous Waste

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

### Mojave

#### Mojave Special Waste Facility

17035 Finnin Street (Southwest corner of Finnin & Sabovich Streets on the Mojave Airport property)

Hours: 1st Saturday of every odd 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.

### Bakersfield

#### Bakersfield Special Waste Facility

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

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

#### One-Day Kern County Collection Events

For upcoming dates and locations, call Kern County Public Works at (661) 862-8900 or visit [kernpublicworks.com](http://kernpublicworks.com).

### Holidays

WM observes the following holidays

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

When your collection day falls on or after one of these holidays, your collection will be delayed by one day that week only. Visit [home.wm.com/california-city](http://home.wm.com/california-city) for a collection calendar

## SB 1383 Organics Recycling

### Why Organic Waste Matters

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 directly into your green container. You may also use a paper bag, cardboard box or a compostable bag that meets ASTM D6400 standards. Do not use plastic bags. Looking to take the next step? Consider starting a backyard compost pile. Learn more at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/homecompost](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/homecompost)

### 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](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp).

### From Kitchen to Cart

Easy tips for preparing your food waste



#### Tip 1: Prep your kitchen container

Line your bowl or bucket with newspaper or a paper bag before adding acceptable food scraps. This helps absorb moisture and makes cleanup quick and easy.



#### Tip 2: Empty into your organics cart

Before your collection day, simply empty your kitchen container into your WM organics cart.



#### Tip 3: Clean and refresh

Wipe out your container to remove any residue. If needed, lightly spray with a vinegar solution and let it air dry. Re line with newspaper or a paper bag to help control moisture and odors between uses.

For more information about organic waste recycling, visit the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) website at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp).



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### Connect with WM

#### Your Community Website

Visit [home.wm.com/california-city](http://home.wm.com/california-city) to check pickup schedules (including holidays), review service guidelines, submit requests, and contact us—all in just a few clicks.

It's your one-stop hub for staying informed and in control.

#### Let's Chat

Visit [wm.com/support](http://wm.com/support) to chat with our virtual assistant or connect with a customer service representative who's ready to help.

### Manage Your WM Services and Billing

#### My WM Account

With My WM, you can easily view your service and holiday schedules, manage your account, pay bills, and even set up autopay and paperless billing for added convenience. Getting started is simple—Visit [wm.com/mywm](http://wm.com/mywm) or download the My WM App from Google Play or the Apple App Store.

#### Additional Ways to Pay

**By Mail:** Send payments to P.O. Box 541008, Los Angeles, CA 90054-1008.

**In Person:** Drop off your payment at the WM office located at 416 N. Dennison Rd, Tehachapi, CA 93561.

### What Goes Where: A Quick Reference to Your Waste and Recycling Containers

#### What Goes in the Organics Container:



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Dairy



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Bread, Pasta, Rice, Grains, Coffee Grounds



Food Soiled Paper, Paper Towels, Napkins, Coffee Filters



#### Do Not Include:

Serveware/Utensils, Plastic Containers, Foam Containers, Hazardous Waste, Fats, Oils, or Greases, Diapers or Pet Waste

Place organics materials directly into your organics cart - **To reduce odor, put food waste in a paper bag.**

#### What Goes in the Recycling Container:



Plastic Bottles, Cups & Containers



Food & Beverage Cans



Glass Bottles & Containers



Paper & Paper Cups



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



#### 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



Garden Hose



Broken Ceramic Dishes & Pots



Candy, Snack & Food Wrappers



Plastic Bags & Film



Diapers



Pet Waste



Clothing & Textiles



#### Do Not Include:

Organics/Recyclables, Electronics, Batteries, Tires or Paint, Flammable Material, Needles



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