

City of California City

Residential Waste & Recycling Newsletter
Fall 2026



WM and the City of California City are pleased to share this Fall newsletter, featuring tips and resources to help you recycle right and make the most of your collection services. These programs support California's SB 1383 requirements. To learn more about SB 1383, visit <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp>.

Residential Cart Service

Residential service includes one 96-gallon recycling cart serviced every other week, one 64-gallon organics cart serviced weekly, and one 96-gallon trash cart serviced weekly.

Container Color Transition

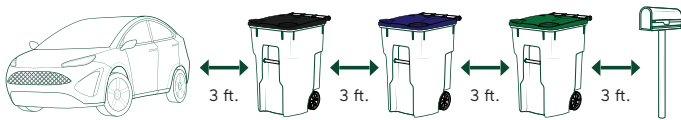
California regulations under State Senate Bill (SB) 1383 require collection containers to be uniform across the state by 2036. In the City of California City, the new cart color scheme will be as follows: recycling carts will have a blue lid, organic waste carts will have a green lid, and trash carts will have a black lid. While new carts will be delivered in this color scheme, existing carts will be transitioned gradually to minimize service disruptions. Make sure to check the lid or label for instructions on how to use your carts correctly and avoid contamination.

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 will not be collected.

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

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.



Holidays

WM observes the following holidays.

- New Year's Day
- Labor Day
- Memorial Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Independence Day
- Christmas Day

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 for a collection calendar.

From Kitchen to Cart — Tips for Separating Your Food Waste



Step 1

Properly prepare your organic waste for pickup by layering the bottom of a bowl or bucket with newspaper or lining it with a paper bag before filling it with acceptable organic waste.



Step 2

Empty contents into your WM organic waste cart prior to service.



Step 3

Wipe out any remaining residue from your kitchen counter bowl or bucket, then lightly spray the interior with a vinegar solution if needed. Allow it to dry completely, and line the container with newspaper or a paper bag to absorb moisture and minimize odors.

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

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Walk-Out Service for Disabled Customers

WM offers a walk out service at no charge for qualified disabled customers with a single-family residence. To request this service, contact WM Customer Service.

Bulk Item Collection

WM provides up to three (3) free bulky item pick-ups per year for residents. Please visit home.wm.com/california-city to schedule a pick-up. You must schedule your pick up at least 48 hours in advance of your regular service day.



Accepted Items Include:

- Furniture: chairs, bagged mattresses, sofas
- Appliances: dishwashers, microwaves
- E-waste: TVs, computers, monitors
- Yard waste: tree branches, scrap wood

Items We Cannot Accept:

- Loose trash
- Household hazardous waste (such as paint, household cleaners, etc.)
- Spas, pianos, camper shells
- Items requiring more than two people to safely handle

Holiday Tree Collection

Residents can recycle real, unflocked holiday trees and wreaths at no additional charge during the first two weeks after December 26. Simply bring them to the WM Yard at 19201 Neuralia Rd, California City, CA 93505. Trees over four (4) feet must be cut in half, and all decorations—including tinsel, lights, ornaments, and tree stands—must be removed.



Prefer curbside pickup? You can also place your real, undecorated, unflocked tree in your green organics cart for composting. Trees must fit completely inside the cart with the lid closed, so those taller than four (4) feet should be cut in half.



Additional Carts

Residents who regularly generate excess trash, recycling and/or organics can request additional carts for an additional charge.



Household Hazardous Waste

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

Metro Kern County Special Waste Facility

4951 Standard Street (Southwest corner of Standard and Foster Streets) Hours: Monday -Saturday - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

One-Day Kern County Collection Events

For upcoming dates and locations, call Kern County Public Works at (661) 862-8900 or visit kerncountypublicworks.com.

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Right Materials - Right Container - Know Which Container to Use

What Goes in the Organics Container:



Food Waste



Yard Waste



Food Soiled Paper, Paper Bags,
Coffee Filters & Tea Bags



Meat, Fish &
Poultry



Dairy



Bread, Pasta, Rice,
Grains, Coffee Grounds



Do Not Include:

Plastic Bags or Film
Serveware/Utensils
Plastic Containers
Foam Containers
Hazardous Waste
Fats, Oils, or Greases
Succulents & Palm Fronds

Put food waste in a paper, clear or compostable plastic bag and place in your organics cart.

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

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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!

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.

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.



Preventing Organic Waste

Plan meals and store food properly to reduce waste. Donate edible food whenever possible.

Manage and Pay Your WM Bill Online

Paying your WM bill is quick and convenient with My WM. View and pay invoices, enroll in AutoPay and paperless billing, manage your account, access service schedules, and request additional services, all in one place.

Get started today: Visit wm.com/mywm or download the My WM App.

Prefer to pay by mail? Send payments to:

WM
P.O. Box 541008
Los Angeles, CA 90054-1008

Connect with WM

Your Community Website

Access your WM service information in one convenient place. Find your collection schedule, local service information, and submit service requests. Visit home.wm.com/california-city.

Let's Chat

Get support for your WM service online. Find answers to common questions, access self-service resources, or connect with a customer service representative. Visit wm.com/support.



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