City of West Sacramento

SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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SMART TRUCK COMING TO A STREET NEAR YOU

Did you know properly sorting trash, recycling and organics is a big deal? Well, it is! Our partner, Waste Management (WM), has a state-of-the-art sorting facility where your recyclables get separated into sellable materials. Did you also know our nearby compost facility converts your landscape clippings and food scraps into high-quality compost? That's also true! These programs preserve resources, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and build a sustainable future. Here's the bad news: improperly sorted materials are a major disruption. Even things as small as plastic bags can halt an entire sorting facility, and contamination from a few carts can cause an entire truck load of otherwise recyclable and compostable materials to be landfilled.

To honor your best efforts, and to keep us on track toward a sustainable future, WM is launching Smart Truck. This technology uses photo and video monitoring to ensure we all put the right thing in the right place. If something goes into the wrong cart by accident, residents will receive a courtesy notice with an explanation of the issue, and even a video showing what went wrong. The Smart Truck program will also check for overflows. Overfilled carts create litter on the street, extra work for drivers and delays across the city. Please make sure the lids on your carts are fully closed before service. We all make mistakes. It's okay. The goal of the program is education.

However, if the same issue continues after two courtesy notices, residents may receive a fee on their next bill. The good news is that residents can order up to two recycling carts and up to four organics carts at no additional cost. This will give you extra cart space and will reduce the need to overfill your carts. To learn more about this program, please visit **wsac.city/sustainability**. There you will find the Smart Truck Fact Sheet, FAQs and our Sorting Guide. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 916-617-4590.

FREE INDOOR RECYCLING BINS AND FOOD SCRAP PAILS

To help you sort correctly, request a free indoor recycle bin and a free countertop food scrap pail, delivered right to your door!

To request a free food scrap pail, call WM at (866) 844-1508.

To request a free three-gallon indoor recycling bin, call the City at (916) 617-4590 or email your request to **recycling@cityofwestsacramento.org**.

Property managers can also take advantage of these services for their tenants at no additional cost.

LEAF SEASON

During Leaf Season (Nov 1st - Jan 31st), excess leaves that won't fit in your organics cart may be bagged and placed beside your organics cart for collection. Individual bags must not weigh more than 50 pounds. Only paper or ASTM D6400 rated compostable bags may be used. Loose leaf piles left in the street, and leaves bagged in non-compostable bags, will not be picked up.

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN

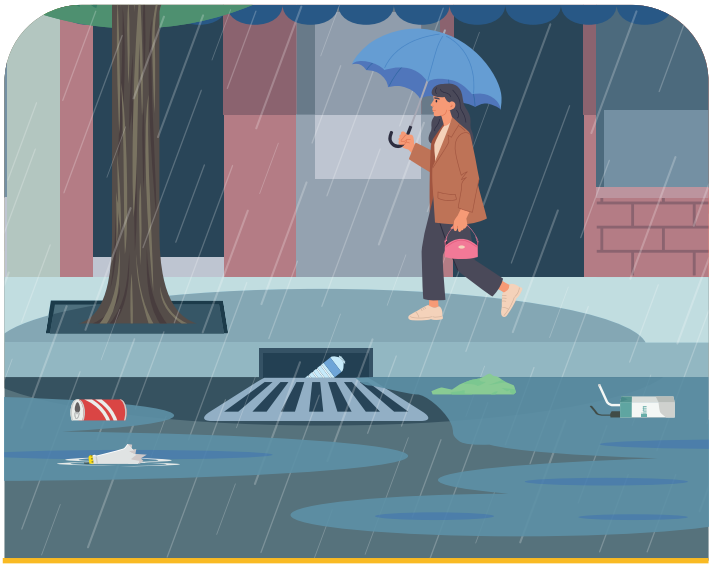
Unlike wastewater, which goes through the City sanitary sewer system to a water treatment plant to remove toxins, urban stormwater runoff flows untreated through the storm drain system and discharges directly into our local water bodies.

How Are You Affected?

Illegal dumping, litter, and animal waste clog catch basins and can significantly decrease the quality of life. These issues attract rats and cockroaches and create foul odors, affecting neighborhood aesthetics and property values. Additionally, they can cause local flooding during rain events as debris clogs the storm drain system. Furthermore, they discharge pathogens, excess nutrients, heavy metals, and other toxins, which negatively impacts the health of aquatic life.

What Can You Do?

- Avoid littering and do not discharge anything into the storm drain system.
- Contact the Sustainability Division at (916) 617-4590 or visit WestSacRecycles.org for proper waste disposal information.



Report Illicit Discharges

Call 911 or non-emergency dispatch at (916) 372-3375 for **hazardous or unknown materials**, or

City of West Sacramento Public Works at (916) 617-4850 for **non-hazardous nuisance discharges**.

WM HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday, Nov. 25	Tuesday, Nov. 26	Wednesday, Nov. 27	Thursday, Nov. 28	Friday, Nov. 29	Saturday, Nov. 30
NO CHANGE			Thanksgiving Day NO COLLECTION	THURSDAY COLLECTION	FRIDAY COLLECTION

Monday, Dec. 23	Tuesday, Dec. 24	Wednesday, Dec. 25	Thursday, Dec. 26	Friday, Dec. 27	Saturday, Dec. 28
NO CHANGE		Christmas Day NO COLLECTION	WEDNESDAY COLLECTION	THURSDAY COLLECTION	FRIDAY COLLECTION

Monday, Dec. 30	Tuesday, Dec. 31	Wednesday, Jan. 1	Thursday, Jan. 2	Friday, Jan. 3	Saturday, Jan. 4
NO CHANGE		New Year's Day NO COLLECTION	WEDNESDAY COLLECTION	THURSDAY COLLECTION	FRIDAY COLLECTION

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