

Trash & Recycling Guide

A Reduce, Reuse, Recycling Resource



How to Use This Guide

The City of Carlsbad and Waste Management want to make it easy for residents to get rid of their waste in a way that helps protect the environment. This guide is intended to provide residents with important information on waste and recycling services, and other recycling and diversion programs available in Carlsbad.



Small – 35-gallon cart



Medium – 64-gallon cart



Large – 96-gallon cart

Trash, recycling and green waste carts are available in three sizes, 35, 64 and 96-gallons, so you can select the carts that will work best for your household. Automated pickup requires all trash, recyclables and green waste fit inside the carts with the lids closed for collection.

Cart Service

With an automated collection program, the monthly rate you pay for collection is based on the trash container size. By following the tips on reducing waste and taking advantage of the available recycling and diversion programs, residents can significantly reduce the amount of waste produced. Standard residential service consists of one trash, one recycling and one green waste cart per household. To make it convenient to recycle more and reduce waste, residents are allowed up to three recycling carts and three green waste carts at no extra charge. Extra trash carts can be provided at an additional monthly charge. Call Waste Management at 760-929-9400 to order more carts.

Self Haul

Residents can dispose of their overflow trash at the Palomar Transfer Station, located at 5960 El Camino Real in Carlsbad. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. A fee will be charged at the time of disposal. For more information please call 760-603-0153.

Cart Guidelines

Please follow these guidelines for waste and recycling collection:

1. Separate trash, recycling and green waste and place into the appropriate cart. All material must fit into the cart with the lid closed.
2. Roll carts out to the curb line by 6 a.m. on your collection day and place with the handle facing away from the street. Carts must be off city streets by midnight on your service day.
3. Carts must be placed a minimum of 2 feet from cars, mail boxes and other objects and 1 foot from other carts. Also make sure carts are out from under trees or any overhead obstructions.
4. Only Waste Management provided carts will be serviced. Each cart type is serviced by a different truck on the same collection day.

Overage and Contamination Guidelines

If one or more of your carts are identified as overloaded, or trash is mixed with recycling or green waste resulting in contamination, you will receive a notice of non-collection, and collection will not be made.

Residents will be required to either remove all trash out of recycling and green waste carts and/or remove the overfilled material and place the carts out for collection on the following week.



Exchanges

If your cart sizes do not meet your household service needs and a change is necessary, you may call for a one time exchange of any type or size cart, at no charge. Any additional exchanges will result in a \$10 delivery charge. Call Waste Management at 760-929-9400 to schedule a cart exchange.

What Goes in the Carts

Recycle*

- Aluminum/tin cans
- Empty aerosol cans
- Pie tins
- Glass bottles/jars
- Plastic containers 
- Water bottles/juice bottles/milk jugs
- Laundry detergent boxes/bottles
- Junk mail/magazines/phone books
- Newspapers/inserts/magazines
- Computer/white paper
- Office papers
- Juice/milk cartons
- Brown paper bags
- Cardboard egg cartons
- Cardboard/12-pack soda boxes
- Cereal boxes (lining removed)
- Tissue boxes
- Clean pizza boxes
- Polystyrene packaging (no peanuts)



* Please keep free of trash

Used Batteries and Cell Phones

Residents may place unwanted cell phones and used household batteries in a clear plastic storage bag on top of their recycle cart for collection. It is recommended that you remove any personal data from your phone before collection. Used batteries accepted for collection include AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, alkaline, rechargeable, lithium and coin cells, and small button-size.



Green Waste*

- Lawn clippings
- Leaves and weeds
- Tree branches and shrubs
- Garden trimmings
- Sawdust
- Wood (untreated, not painted)

* Please keep free of trash



Holiday Trees

Holiday trees are collected curbside for the first two weeks following Christmas on your regular collection day. Trees taller than 6 feet must be cut in half and placed next to your green waste cart. When possible, residents are asked to cut down the tree so that it fits inside the green waste cart, with the lid closed, for collection. Please remove all decoration including tinsel, lights, ornaments and tree stands. Flocked trees cannot be recycled, and must be disposed of through regular trash service. Flocked trees must fit into the trash cart, with the lid closed for collection.

Drop-off locations are also provided around the city. Visit the city or Waste Management websites after the holiday for the list of locations.



Trash

- Waxed paper
- Food wrapping
- Ceramic dishware and pots
- Floor sweepings
- Candy wrappers
- Paper towels and tissues
- Broken glass and mirrors
- Polystyrene takeout containers & peanuts*
- Food waste*
- Dirty or food soiled paper*



* Look for shipping stores that reuse peanuts

* These materials are compostable.

Bulky Items

Waste Management will collect up to five large items such as furniture or appliances from your home three times annually at no charge. To schedule a bulky item pick up, contact Waste Management at 866-WM RECYCLE or 760-929-9400 at least 24 hours in advance of your regular collection day.

Acceptable Bulky Items

Barbeque (no propane tank)	Dishwasher	Spa cover (cut in half)
Basketball hoop (6 feet or less)	Door	Stove
Bath tub (no shower)	Dresser	Swing set **
Bed frame	Dryer	Table (dining, end, coffee)
Bookshelf	File cabinet	Television
Boxspring/mattress	Ladder (8 feet or less)	Toilet
Chair/recliner	Lawn mower (no gas)	Washer
Closet doors (2 non-glass)	Microwave oven	Water heater (empty of water)
Computer/monitor	Mirrors **	Wood/lumber (4'X18" bundles, 4 bundles equals one bulky item)
Couch/sofa	Patio furniture (one item)	
Desk	Printer	
	Refrigerator/freezer	
	Rugs	
	Sink	

** REQUIRES SPECIAL HANDLING

Mirrors - Package between two pieces of cardboard, or completely tape the mirrored area with heavy duty tape to prevent shattering.

Swing Set - Disassemble and bundle

Tips to Reduce Waste

- Take reusable bags to the store when shopping
- Reduce or eliminate the use of paper plates and cups
- Store leftover foods in reusable containers instead of single use plastic bags or Polystyrene containers
- Eliminate or reduce the use of plastic bags and polystyrene
- Donate unwanted, slightly used clothing, furniture and other household items to local non-profit organizations
- Purchase foods in bulk or those that use less packaging
- Compost yard waste, which also helps enrich the soil and reduces water run off
- Take advantage of the many curbside and drop-off recycling opportunities



Buyback Center

Waste Management's Buyback Center is located at 5960 El Camino Real and open Tuesday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., closed daily 12:00 p.m.-12:40 p.m. Residents can bring **California Redemption Value (CRV)**** bottles and cans in for cash. Also accepted for drop off are non-CRV bottles and cans, newspaper, mixed paper and cardboard.

CRV Items

- Aluminum and Bi-Metal Beverage Cans
- Plastic Beverage Containers w/recycling symbols #1 - #7
- Glass Beverage Bottles (excluding wine and liquor)

Used household batteries, sharps and e-waste may also be dropped off at no charge. Proof of Carlsbad residency is required for the free drop-off of sharps and e-waste.

**** California Redemption Value (CRV):** Consumers pay CRV when they purchase beverages from a retailer, and receive CRV refunds when they redeem the containers at a recycling center. Most beverages packaged in aluminum, glass, plastic and bi-metal containers are eligible for CRV. Notable exceptions are milk, wine and distilled spirits, which are not included in the CRV program.

Composting

The City of Carlsbad has contracted the Solana Center for Environmental Innovation to provide compost bins, compost education and instruction on water wise gardening. Compost bins are available to Carlsbad residents through the Solana Center at a subsidized price. For more information about bin sales, composting, or using and improving the quality of your compost call the Solana Center's "Rotline" at 760-436-7986, ext 222.



Household Hazardous Waste

There are many types of household hazardous waste: electronic waste, used motor oil, sharps and needles, florescent bulbs and pharmaceuticals. Any home products labeled toxic, flammable, corrosive or reactive is a health threat to people, animals and the environment. Some examples of household hazardous waste are:

- Cleaners/bleach/disinfectants
- Bug sprays
- Paint/varnish/stains
- Pesticides/fertilizers/weed killers
- Auto filter/fluids/batteries
- Household batteries
- Florescent/CFL bulbs



One Day Event

Once a year, the City of Carlsbad holds a special household hazardous waste drop-off event. Residents need to schedule an appointment to participate. The event will be held on a Saturday in April. Residents can start scheduling appointments online on the City of Carlsbad website in late March or early April. Check the city's website for dates and sign up information.

Drop off Locations

Household hazardous waste collection service is provided by Waste Management and PSC. This drop-off service is free with proof of residency.

PSC Collection Facility

1145 East Taylor St.
Vista, CA 92084
800-714-1195
Saturdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
No appointment necessary 800-714-1195



Waste Management Recycling Facility

2880 Industry St.
Oceanside, CA 92054
Alternating Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
By appointment only 760-929-9400





Door-to-Door


The City of Carlsbad provides service through PSC to collect household hazardous waste material from the front door of residents' homes for a \$10 fee. This service is available by appointment only. Please call PSC at 800-714-1195 to schedule collection.




Safe Solutions for Your Home and Plants

 **Liquid soap** is a great alternative to toxic chemicals as a pesticide for indoor and outdoor plants. Mix two Tbs. of liquid soap or dishwashing liquid with one quart water, and pour into a spray bottle. Most indoor household plants tolerate this natural pesticide well. Spray leaves, stem and topsoil to deter insects from coming back. Aphids, mealybugs, whiteflies and mites are all affected by this soap remedy.

 Fight aphids and other pests by using your scrap **onion skins** and peels. Save onion skins, peels and ends then refrigerate in an empty margarine-sized tub or plastic storage bag. Once you have filled the container or bag, place the onion pieces in a pail and fill with warm water. Soak for a few days, up to a week. You can also keep this on the patio in the sun to steep. After one week, strain the onion bits out and store the onion water in spray bottles. Bury the onion bits around plants that are prone to aphids, spiders and other pests.

 **Vinegar** is a great natural cleaning product as well as a disinfectant and deodorizer. Mix a solution of equal parts water and vinegar in a spray bottle and you have a solution that will clean most areas of your home.

 **Lemon juice** is another natural substance that can be used to clean your home. Lemon juice can be used to dissolve soap scum and hard water deposits. Lemon juice is a great substance to clean and shine brass and copper. Try mixing lemon juice with vinegar or baking soda to make cleaning pastes.



Used Motor Oil

Used motor oil and filters can be recycled and taken to a certified used oil collection center for recycling. There are three located in Carlsbad:

Firestone

2545 El Camino Real
760-434-8392

Jiffy Lube

6021 Paseo del Norte
760-431-9875



The City of Carlsbad also offers household hazardous waste programs as an alternative way to properly dispose of used motor oil and filters.

Electronic/Universal Waste

Many electronic products can be reused, refurbished or recycled. Carlsbad residents can help reduce waste by discarding electronic waste at one of the household hazardous waste facilities, or Waste Management's Buyback Center. Residents can also schedule a bulky item/electronic waste collection through Waste Management or a door-to-door pick-up through PSC. Some common electronic products are:

- Computers
- Printers
- Fax machines
- Microwave ovens
- Televisions
- DVD players
- CD players
- VCR's
- Stereos
- Cell phones



Pharmaceuticals

The city has contracted with Waste Management to provide residents with an annual pharmaceutical collection event. The event will also feature a secure shredding location where residents can take confidential documents to be safely destroyed. For more information on the event, including timing issues, please check the city's website.



The current accepted practice for disposing of pharmaceuticals is to utilize the drop-off program established by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Residents are able to drop-off pharmaceuticals anonymously 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Drop-box locations and more information on the drop-box program can be found on the San Diego County Sheriff's website: <http://www.sdsheriff.net/oxycontin/dropbox.html>. Please do not flush unwanted pharmaceuticals down the toilet due to detrimental environmental effects on recycled and treated water.

Sharps and Needles

Carlsbad residents may take their sharps or needles to a household hazardous waste facility as part of the city's Household Hazardous Waste Program. Residents will be required to place their sharps and needles in the authorized container at the facility. Waste Management also offers residents the option to drop off sharps and needles at the Buyback Center, located at 5960 El Camino Real in Carlsbad, during normal operating hours.

The city has contracted with Waste Management to provide residents with a limited number of free mail-back sharps kits that are available at their main office located at 5960 El Camino Real, Carlsbad. These kits include an approved sharps container and a postage prepaid mail-back box for convenient sharps disposal. Due to limited availability, each household will be limited to one mail-back kit per year. Please call Waste Management at 760-929-9400 for more information.



Useful Contacts

Waste Management Main Office

5960 El Camino Real
Carlsbad, CA 92008
760-929-9400
<http://northcounty.wm.com>

City of Carlsbad Customer Service & Billing

1635 Faraday Ave.
Carlsbad, CA 92008
760-602-2420
Includes new service, disconnections, stop/start service, billing questions.

City of Carlsbad Trash Services

1635 Faraday Ave.
Carlsbad, CA 92008
760-602-4646
trashservice@carlsbadca.gov

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By appointment only

Solana Center for Environmental Innovation

137 N. El Camino Real
Encinitas, CA 92024
760-436-7986

Holiday Schedule

Residential waste collection does not occur on the following days:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- 4th of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

When the holiday falls on a weekday, collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be NO delays.

