

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Under contract with
The **CITY OF OURAY**

Welcome! This letter is designed to help you understand our policies and procedures. If you have questions or concerns with your service or bill, please call City Hall at 325-7211.

----- TIPS ON TRASH -----

- Per section 12-4 of the Ouray City Code, all trash needs to be bagged, in plastic and placed in a container of sturdy construction consisting of durable plastic or metal, and shall be fully enclosed with tight fitting lids that have well secured locking mechanisms sufficient in design and strength to withstand the opening of by wildlife, to protect it from weather, and insects. Wildlife resistant refuse containers are encouraged and available for purchase through Waste Management. Please keep the weight under 55 pounds per container.
- Trash and recycle containers should be placed next to the curb, not on the sidewalk.
- We will not take debris such as dirt, concrete, rocks, bricks, building materials, sand and gravel. These items will damage our trucks and are too heavy for our drivers to lift safely.
- If you are disposing of large items, such as furniture or appliances: Please call our office to schedule a pick-up and to see if there will be an extra charge.
- Brush and branches need to be cut into 4-foot lengths and securely tied or taped into 18-inch diameter bundles.
- Please empty all liquid from containers before putting them in your trash.
- Make sure children's toys and bikes are not placed near the trash containers.
- You may place up to 3 containers, not larger than 30 gallons each, out per week per residence. If you have more trash than allowed, please call WM at 249-1699 to make arrangements. There will be an additional fee.
- Trash cans should be placed in the alley, unless other arrangements have been made with the City.

- HAZARDOUS WASTE AND MEDICAL WASTE -

Oil, gas, paint, insecticide, fertilizer, fluorescent light bulbs, nickel cadmium and vehicle batteries, acid, hot ashes, asbestos, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, appliances containing freon and any other household hazardous waste cannot be placed in your trash.

For disposal of hypodermic needles, please call WM at 249-1699 to obtain a sharps container that will be delivered to you by UPS, then picked up by UPS when full.

Place non-hypodermic needles, razor blades and/or other sharp items into hard plastic container with a lid that screws on. Bleach bottles and detergent bottles are good choices. Place the tightly sealed container in with your regular trash. Wrap broken glass and mirrors in newspaper and label them for the driver's safety.

----- LANDFILL HOURS -----

- Ridgway Transfer Station: 1-5pm Tues, Thurs and Sat.
- Montrose Landfill:
 - 7-5pm M-F, Sat 8-4, Closed Sunday Mar 1st-Oct 31st
 - 7-4pm M-F, Sat 8-4, Closed Sunday Nov 1st-Feb 28thMontrose Landfill now offers electronic waste recycling. Call 249-8078 for directions or other landfill questions.

----- COLLECTION DAYS -----

Please have your trash out by **7:00 AM** on your trash day, which is Wednesday, except after observed holidays as listed below*. Please note, as stated in section 12-5 of the City Code, refuse and recycle containers shall not be placed before 6:00 AM the mornings of scheduled collection service.

MON – TUES – **WED** – THU – FRI

----- HOLIDAYS -----

We observe New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, 4th of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

*If your pick-up day falls on or after a holiday, your service will be one day late. If your pick-up falls before a holiday, there is no change in service. Weekend holidays will not affect service days.

----- MISSED PICK-UPS -----

Call City Hall at 325-7211 to report a missed pick-up.

In winter months, WM trucks may not be able to access steep/narrow streets. If that occurs, WM will pick up trash for that street the following Friday. However, the recycle truck is only in Ouray on Wednesdays for pick up. We encourage you to bring your trash cans and recycle bin to the bottom of your street, if you want to ensure pick up under severe road conditions on Wednesdays.

**SEE OTHER SIDE FOR
RECYCLING INFORMATION**

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-- WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO RECYCLE --

Your recycling will be picked up on the same day as your trash. Please have it out at 7:00 AM. If you need a green recycling bin, it may be picked up at City Hall (one per residence).

CO-MINGLE COLLECTION IS HERE!

This is how easily the program works ...

The WM recycle truck has 3 collection bins:

- You can mix aluminum, glass, tin/steel cans, and plastic (Type 1 & 2).
- You can mix newspaper, magazines, and junk mail.
- Flatten and cut corrugated cardboard to 36"x36" and bundle. Maximum of 5 sheets.

HOWEVER, you must keep the above 3 types of recyclables separated from each other in your recycle bin!!!

TIP: For newspapers and magazines, slip them into a brown paper bag, or tie them with a string.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept: oil, pesticides, hazardous material containers (plastic bottles or glass jars), window glass, drinking glass, ceramics, pyrex or light bulbs at the recycle center.

Remember that recycling reduces your trash volume and is good for our environment!

TIP:

When recycling a glass jar with a metal lid, put the lid and the jar in the recycling bin *separately* (i.e. do not screw the metal lid on the glass jar). That is necessary for end processing, as a large magnet is used to sort metals from other recyclable materials. If the metal lid is screwed onto the glass jar, that item is considered "contaminated" and cannot be put through the recycling process after all. Most WM processing is done by machine to minimize labor costs, which keeps recycling a viable option for protecting our environment.