

# WASTE MANAGEMENT

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## CITY OF OURAY

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

### TIPS ON TRASH

- Trash should be placed bagged in plastic and, per City of Ouray Code section 12-4, placed in a container of sturdy construction consisting of durable plastic or metal and fully enclosed with tight-fitting lids that have well-secured locking mechanisms sufficient in design and strength to withstand opening by wildlife, protect from weather, and discourage 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 or appliances, call Waste Management at 249-1699 to schedule a pickup. Pickup of extra items must be prepaid at time of scheduling. Appliances containing Freon and any other household hazardous waste cannot be placed in your trash.
- 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 or visit [thinkgreenfromhome.com](http://thinkgreenfromhome.com) for information on Med Tracker.

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. **FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR EMPLOYEES AT THE RECYCLE FACILITY, PLEASE DO NOT PUT CONTAINERS WITH SHARP OBJECTS IN THEM WITH THE RECYCLE.** Wrap broken glass and mirrors in newspaper and label them for the driver's safety.

### LANDFILL HOURS

- Ouray County (Ridgway) Transfer Station:
    - 12-5pm Tues, Thurs, Sat Mar 1<sup>st</sup>-Oct 31<sup>st</sup>
    - 12-4pm Tues, Thurs, Sat Nov 1<sup>st</sup>-Feb 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Montrose Landfill:
    - 7-5pm M-F, Sat 8-4, Closed Sunday Mar 1<sup>st</sup>-Oct 31<sup>st</sup>
    - 7-4pm M-F, Sat 8-4, Closed Sunday Nov 1<sup>st</sup>-Feb 28<sup>th</sup>Montrose Landfill now offers electronic waste recycling.
- Call 249-8078 for directions or other landfill questions.

### COLLECTION DAYS

Trash and recycle must be placed outside for collection no later than **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 for pickup **before 6:00 AM** on the morning of scheduled collection service.

MON – TUES – **WED** – THU – FRI

### HOLIDAYS

**\*We observe New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas.**

**NOTE:** If pickup day falls before a holiday, there is no change in service. If pickup falls on or after the day a holiday is observed, service will be delayed by one day.

### MISSED PICKUPS

Call City Hall at 970-325-7211 to report a missed pickup.

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!

**Recycling reduces your trash volume and is good for our environment.**

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).

**COMMINGLE RECYCLE:** (All commingle can be combined; sorting is not necessary.)

**Aluminum, Tin, Steel:** Cans are accepted crushed or not. No foils or aluminum food trays.

**Plastics:** All rigid containers, lids and caps labeled #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 including bottles, rinsed food trays, berry containers, flower nursery pots, tubs, lids, drink cups, jugs, food storage containers, yogurt cups, detergent, butter, cottage cheese tubs, juice containers, prescription bottles, clear clamshells, pails without metal handles.

**Glass:** All colored glass including bottles and jars. Remove lids and toss in too for recycle.

**Unacceptable:** Un-rinsed frozen entrée microwave trays, shrink/plastic wrap, plastic bags, automotive chemical containers including motor oil and antifreeze bottles, pesticide containers, polystyrene containers, compostable bottles or cups marked “compostable”, tarps, drop cloths, packing peanuts.

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. Most WM processing is done by machine to minimize labor costs, which keeps recycling a viable option for protecting our environment.

**RESIDENTIAL CARDBOARD RECYCLE:** (Separated from commingle.)

Corrugated cardboard and pressboard such as cereal boxes and shoe boxes are accepted. NO beer cartons, etc. You must remove all packing materials. Cardboard with wax coating is NOT accepted, i.e. produce boxes or any box that was made to be put in a freezer or cold storage.

All boxes must be broken down and flattened, and be no larger than 36” x 36”, and a maximum of 5 such pieces. We can accept brown paper sacks and brown craft paper with the cardboard.

**PAPER RECYCLE:**

All newspaper, Nickel Savers, real estate papers, phone books. If it comes with the newspaper, it can be recycled. Magazines (no thicker than ¾ inch, no big catalogs). Computer paper, white ledger, color ledger, fax paper, white envelopes (with or without windows), glossy or slick paper (pamphlets), construction paper (no neon colors, please), manila and bleached file folders, cardstock, and carbonless forms. No water-repellant papers.

Slip newspapers and magazines into a brown paper bag, or tie them with a string.

***The three types of recyclables must be kept separated from each other in your recycle bin!!!***

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.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT RECYCLING: 970-240-8326**