

#### Earth Day - April 22nd



Celebrate Earth Day every day by recycling right! WM collects and sorts a significant number of recyclables from households across Chino Hills every day. However, many of the items placed in recycling carts are actually considered trash. Recycling contamination is caused when trash items are introduced to the recycling stream. Contaminants can include items such as hoses, wires, yard waste, and food waste. Recycling contamination has the potential to jeopardize otherwise good recyclables. For example, food or liquids placed in the recycling cart will contaminate paper and cardboard by saturating the materials and making them impossible to recycle. If it can't be recycled, it unfortunately becomes trash.

You can prevent this problem by following these simple rules to recycle right:

- Empty all bottles, cans, and paper products before recycling.
- 2. Keep food and liquids out of your recycling.
- 3. Place items loosely in your recycle cart.

#### Free Bulky Item Pick Up

If getting rid of junk is on your spring cleaning to-do list, WM can help! Residents with curbside cart service may request the free pick up of household bulky items three (3) times in a calendar year. To schedule this service, please contact WM Customer Care Center at (800) 423-9986 at least 24 hours in advance of your regular collection day.

- Residents may place up to ten (10) bulky items or ten
   (10) bags of yard waste per bulky waste collection request.
- Bulky items can include couches, washers, dryers, refrigerators, and electronic waste.
- Items are to be placed curbside and will be collected on your regular collection day.



#### Holidays

WM observes the following holidays. When your collection day falls on/or after one of these holidays, your collection will be delayed by one day that week only.

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



# Spring is the Perfect Season to Start Composting!



Planning to grow flowers or vegetables in your garden this spring? Try composting! It's a great way to reduce food waste while creating a nutrient-rich, organic fertilizer for your garden! Food scraps you would typically throw away like banana peels, apple cores, and egg shells are the perfect ingredients for your compost pile. Coffee grounds are also great for helping your garden grow. Here are the three basic ingredients to a successful compost pile:

- Organic material: Greens (food scraps, yard trimmings, grass) and Browns (dry leaves, sawdust, straw, wood ashes, newspaper)
- Water: Add water occasionally to moisten the pile.
- Air: Mix the pile every two weeks to add air to the pile.

To learn more about backyard composting, visit: calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/HomeCompost/

#### Join Us Online!

If you have not had a chance already, visit wm.com to create your online WM account. Here you can view and pay your monthly waste bill, sign up for



auto pay, and set paperless billing preferences. Please also confirm your contact information and communication preferences are up-to-date. This ensures you receive the latest information regarding your collection services.

#### **Backyard Service**

WM provides qualified disabled cart customers with backyard service at no additional charge. Drivers will assist by taking carts out to the curbside for service and return the carts to the designated location. To learn more and find out if you are eligible to subscribe, please contact WM Customer Care Center (800) 423-9986.

#### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

WM will not collect solid or liquid HHW. HHW is any product labeled: toxic, poison, combustible, corrosive, flammable, or irritant that is disposed of. HHW examples include paint (latex and oil-based), pesticides, pool chemicals, batteries, solvents, and explosive items. Chino Hills residents can drop off their HHW on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the City of Chino Public Works Service Center, located at 5050 Schaefer Avenue, Chino, CA 91710.



#### **Sharps Collection Program**

To order a sharps container, please call WM Customer Care Center (800)
423-9986 and one will be delivered to your home. Once the container has been filled, simply place it in the mail-back box and give it to your mail carrier. Residents are limited to four (4) containers at no additional charge per year. Only one sharps container can be requested at a time.



#### Need another cart?

Additional trash, recycle, and organic waste carts are available for a nominal fee. Residents with a cracked or broken trash, recycle, or organic waste cart are eligible for a free replacement. Contact WM Customer Care Center (800) 423-9986.



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# Save the Date!

Free Mulch Giveaway

Compost, Mulch, & Wood Chips Available
Saturday, April 1

7:30 a.m. - Until Supplies Last
The Shoppes Overflow Lot
Shoppes Dr. / Boys Republic Dr.
Chino Hills, CA 91709

City of Chino Hills Community
Cleanup Day
Saturday, April 22
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
The Shoppes Overflow Lot
Shoppes Dr. / Boys Republic Dr.
Chino Hills, CA 91709



Scan the QR Code for more information.



### What Goes in the Organics Cart:



FOOD WASTE & FOOD SOILED PAPER



YARD WASTE



PRODUCE



MEAT, FISH, & POULTRY



DAIRY



BREAD, PASTA, RICE, GRAINS, COFFEE GROUNDS, & FOOD SOILED PAPER

Place organics materials directly into your organics cart - To reduce odor, put food waste in a paper bag.



DO NOT INCLUDE:
PLASTIC BAGS OR FILM
SERVEWARE/UTENSILS
PLASTIC CONTAINERS
FOAM CONTAINERS
HAZARDOUS WASTE
FATS, OILS, OR GREASES

MAK

## What Goes in the Recycling Cart:



PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS



FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS



GLASS BOTTLES & CONTAINERS



FOOD & BEVERAGE CARTONS



PAPER



FLATTENED CARDBOARD & PAPERBOARD



CLOTHING, FURNITURE, OR CARPET

BATTERIES

**ELECTRONICS** 

HAZARDOUS WASTE

YARD WASTE

#### What Goes in the Trash Cart:

Don't bag your recycling materials.

Place recyclables directly into your recycling cart -



FOAM CUPS & CONTAINERS



GARDEN HOSE



BROKEN CERAMIC DISHES & POTS



CANDY, SNACK & FOOD WRAPPERS



PLASTIC BAGS OR FILM



DIAPERS



PET WASTE



CLOTHING & TEXTILES



DO NOT INCLUDE:
ORGANICS/RECYCLABLES
HAZARDOUS WASTE
ELECTRONICS
BATTERIES, TIRES, OR PAINT
FLAMMABLE MATERIAL

