



# Manhattan Beach • Winter 2017 Residential Recycling News



## Tips to Reduce Holiday Food Waste

'Tis the Season for lots and lots of food! Unfortunately, those holiday feasts often end with a lot of waste. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, the volume of household waste in the U.S. increases about 25 percent — That's one million extra tons! You can help reduce holiday food waste by keeping these simple tips in mind:



### Be thankful and spread holiday cheer while reducing food waste:

- Shop Smart. Plan meals, use grocery lists, and avoid impulse buys.
- Buy exactly what you need. Buy loose produce instead of packaged and buy grains, nuts and spices from bulk bins.
- Practice "First In, First Out:" When unpacking groceries, move older products to the front and place newer items in the back of the fridge/freezer/pantry.

## Go Green in 2018!

### As you ring in 2018, make reducing waste part of your New Year's resolutions:

- Hosting a New Year's party at home? Clearly label recycling containers so guests can conveniently recycle bottles, cans and paper.
- Holiday parties always mean lots of leftovers! Store them in reusable containers and have a compost bin for food scraps- they're great for your garden!
- When shopping for party decorations or food, don't forget to bring your reusable bags along with you!

## Holiday Tree & Light Recycling

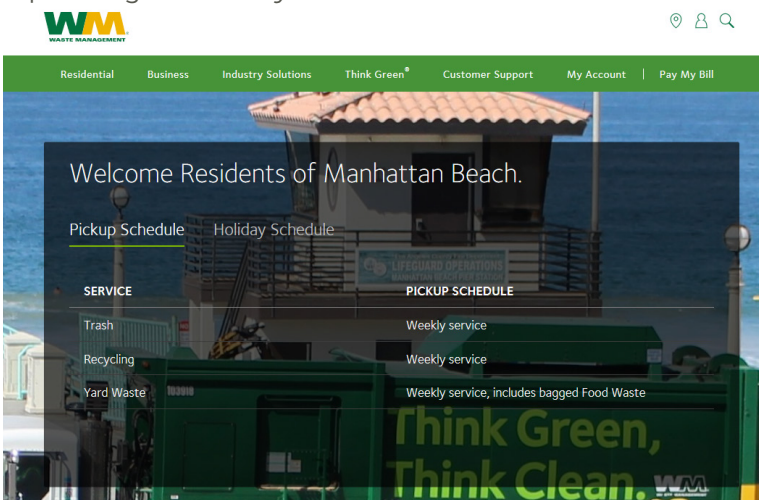


Between December 26, 2017– January 13, 2018, single and multi-family residents may place holiday trees next to their carts/bins by 7:00 AM on collection day for free pick up and recycling. Trees must be no taller than 7 feet long or cut into 7-foot sections. Please remove all lights, decorations, tinsel, ornaments and metal stands. Flocked trees will be collected but cannot be recycled.

Need to recycle holiday lights? Contact **At Your Door Hazardous Waste Collection** for a doorstep pick up of household hazardous waste, including unwanted holiday lights (which are e-waste). Call (800) 449-7587 M-F, from 5:00 AM – 5:00 PM, to schedule a pick up.

## Updated Website

Waste Management's new residential website for Manhattan Beach is now live! The website has a modern look and fresh content, along with an updated site address: [home.wm.com/manhattan-beach](http://home.wm.com/manhattan-beach). Please bookmark the new website and check it out for information like holiday schedules, special programs and upcoming events in your area!



# Waste Management Facility Tour Dates



Learn more about what happens to material after it leaves the curb! Visit the Azusa MRF (Material Recovery Facility) to learn about what happens to recyclable material in your blue cart and visit the CORE facility (2050 N. Glassell, Orange, CA 92865) to learn more about what happens to the food waste placed in your green cart. Please note, tour attendees must be over the age of 14 and wear closed toe shoes. Space is limited. Please email [askgreen@wm.com](mailto:askgreen@wm.com) or call (310) 924 -0402 to confirm your attendance.

## 2018 Facility Tour Dates and Locations:

**Monday, September 17th at 10:00 AM**  
**Azusa Material Facility**

(Learn about what happens to the material in your blue recycling cart)

1501 W. Gladstone Ave., Azusa, CA 91702

**Monday, October 22nd at 10:00 AM**  
**Orange County Recycling Center—**  
**CORE Facility**

(Learn about what happens to the food waste in your green cart)

2050 N. Glassell, Orange, CA 92865

**Monday, November 19th at 10:00 AM**  
**Azusa Material Facility**

(Learn about what happens to the material in your blue recycling cart)

1501 W. Gladstone Ave., Azusa, CA 91702

# FREE Composting Classes

Join us at the Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden inside Polliwog Park for a FREE one hour class to learn about backyard composting and our curbside food scraps program! All levels are welcome, classes are free, open to the public and reservations are not necessary. For more information, please call Waste Management Customer Service at (310) 830-7100 or visit [home.wm.com/manhattan-beach](http://home.wm.com/manhattan-beach). Discount bins are available to Manhattan Beach residents for purchase year round (please call Waste Management Customer Service to order).



## 2018 Composting Class Schedule:

All classes start at **10:00 AM** at the Botanical Garden in Polliwog Park  
1601 Manhattan Beach Blvd (at Peck Ave):

**Saturday, May 12, 2018**

**Saturday, July 14, 2018**

**Saturday, October 9, 2018**

Waste Management observes the following holidays:

**New Year's Day**

**Memorial Day**

**4th of July**

**Labor Day**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**Christmas Day**

Residential collection service will be delayed one day following the above holidays. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delays.



# Turn Your Food Waste into Renewable Energy!

## Our Residential Food Waste Program is as Easy As 1-2-3!



1. Put food scraps in a bag
2. Tie the bag
3. Put the bag of food scraps inside your green waste cart



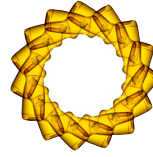
**You Can Use Any Plastic Bag**  
Reuse a bread, tortilla, or packaging bag, biodegradable or decomposable.



### What happens to it?

The food scraps and bags are placed in a large centrifuge at the Waste Management CORE facility, where it's converted to an Engineered BioSlurry (EBS). The EBS is then transported to the Carson Wastewater Treatment Plant, placed inside an anaerobic digester and converted into energy!

# Mandatory Business Recycling & Food Scrap Recycling



**AB 341** requires all businesses in California to participate in recycling their business waste.

**AB 1826** requires businesses in California to participate in an organics recycling program (food scraps and plant waste) based on how much business waste is generated weekly. The City already has programs available through Waste Management to assist with compliance. Not sure if your business is required to participate in AB 1826? Here's a quick breakdown:



<u>Year</u>	<u>Cubic Yards Generated Weekly</u>
<b>2016</b>	8 (organic waste)
<b>2017</b>	4 (organic waste)
<b>2019</b>	4 (all commercial solid waste, regardless of the amount of organic waste)
<b>2020</b>	2 (all commercial solid waste, regardless of the amount of organic waste)

To sign up for recycling services and food scrap services (both at no additional charge) contact Waste Management directly at (310) 830-7100.

## At Your Door Special Collection



Waste Management's At Your Door Special Collection<sup>SM</sup> program makes it easy for Manhattan Beach residents to dispose of items like household

chemicals, garden chemicals, and paint products. The materials are collected right at your front door, simply call (800) 449-7587 to schedule your pick up.

# What Goes in Your Cart?



## Blue Cart

Yes to Recycle...



- Corrugated Cardboard (Flattened)
- Newspaper, Office Paper, Magazines, Junk Mail, Telephone Books, Paper Bags
- Plastic Bottles & Containers (Empty, dry)
- Glass Bottles & Jars (Empty, dry)
- Aluminum, Tin & Steel Cans (Empty, no food)
- Cereal & Food Boxes, Egg Cartons



## Green & Food Waste Cart

Yes to Recycle...



- Grass Clippings (Loose, not bagged)
  - Tree Limbs & Branches (4 Inches maximum in diameter)
  - Brush, Tree Leaves & Trimmings (Loose, not bagged)
  - Wood Lumber Waste (Natural untreated wood)
- All Food Waste should be bagged
- Fruits/Vegetables
  - Meat/Poultry/Seafood

## Items requiring special handling

- **TV's, Computers & Electronics**



(Schedule a pick up with At Your Door Special Collection 800- 449-7587).

- **Household & Vehicle Batteries**



(Schedule a pick up with At Your Door Special Collection 800- 449-7587).

- **Fluorescent Tubes & Light Bulbs** (Schedule a pick up with At Your Door Special Collection 800- 449-7587).

- **Motor Oil & Filters**

(Schedule a pick up with At Your Door Special Collection 800- 449-7587).



- **Clothing or Textiles** (Donate to local thrift store).
- **Household Hazardous Waste** (Schedule a pick up with At Your Door Special Collection 800- 449-7587).

- **Needles** (Enroll in the Sharps Disposal Program : Residents simply contact Waste Management at 310-830-7100, request a "Mail-Back Sharps Kit" and one will be delivered to your home.

## **DO NOT Place in the Blue OR Green Cart....**

- **NO Plastic Bags** (Reuse or return to local grocery store) & **Shrink Wrap** (To gray trash cart)
- **NO Polystyrene Foam Cups & Containers** (To gray trash cart)
- **NO Clothing or Shoes** (To thrift store)
- **NO Garden Hoses, Cables & Plastic Straps** (To gray trash cart)
- **NO Tires**
- **NO Treated Wood, Painted, Stained Lumber** (To landfill, identify load at scale)
- **NO Vines, Ice Plant & Palm Fronds** (To gray trash cart)
- **NO Dirt, Sod & Ashes** (To landfill, ashes cold)

