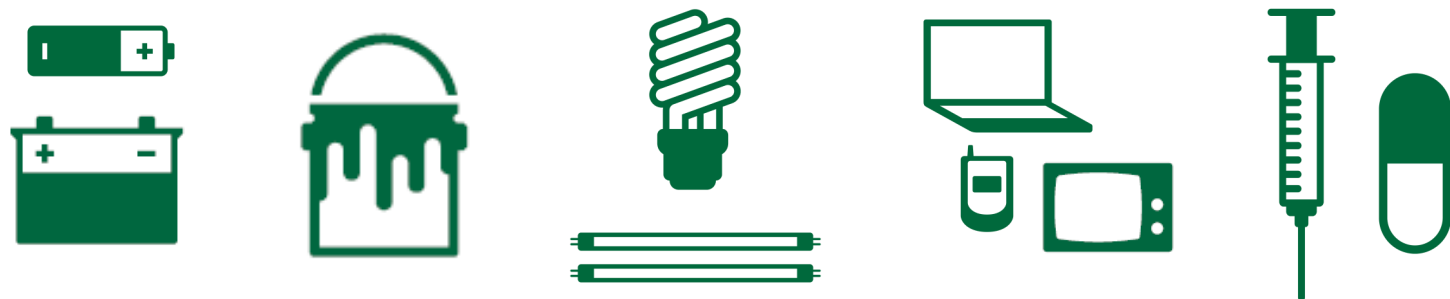


THESE ITEMS ARE RECYCLABLE!

Cereal boxes and similar material	Paper & plastic bags	Newspapers	Phonebooks, catalogs & magazines
Cardboard milk & juice	All paper & junk mail	Glass bottles & jars	Clean aluminum foil & tray
Flattened cardboard boxes	Plastic bottles & containers	Aluminum cans	Tin or steel cans

THESE ITEMS REQUIRE SPECIAL DISPOSAL!



DO NOT put any of these items in your trash or recycling bins! Household hazardous waste, like batteries, paint, compact fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, sharps and pharmaceuticals, and any other hazardous chemicals can be dropped off at the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC). Information below.

IMPORTANT CUSTOMER SERVICE INFORMATION

Phone - (661) 947- 7197

AVECC at the Antelope Valley Landfill

1200 West City Ranch Road in Palmdale

Open from 9 AM to 3 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month

Web - www.KeepingAVClean.com

HAVE A GREEN HALLOWEEN!

Halloween is spooky by nature, but it doesn't have to be a scary time for the environment. Here are some tips to help you go green this Halloween:

- Make sure to take reusable cloth or canvas bags trick-or-treating instead of plastic or paper. Old pillowcases also make great candy bags, and decorating them can be a fun family activity.
- Instead of buying a Halloween costume that you or your children will wear once and throw away, make your own costumes from old clothes and other items you already have around the house. Check out your local thrift store or yard sale and get creative! You can also recycle old newspapers by making a scary paper mache mask.
- There is a growing variety of eco-friendly candy—from organic chocolate to organic lollipops—available online and from local organic groceries, health food stores, or consumer cooperatives. These organic candies are often better for you, and they are produced using methods that are less harmful to the environment. Check out PlanetGreen.com's Green Halloween Candy Guide.
- Rather than drive to other neighborhoods to take the kids trick-or-treating, stick close to home this Halloween and walk from house to house to reduce fuel consumption and air pollution. If you are driving, make sure to carpool!



- Skip the disposable decorations and reuse everyday household objects to decorate your haunted house. Use a hammer and nail to poke holes in a scary shape in tin and aluminum cans, fill the bottoms with sand, and add a votive light for a spooky luminary. Cut up old newspapers to make a spider web garland. Make sure to recycle it after Halloween!

Remember, living an eco-friendly lifestyle and reducing waste and pollution should be a daily event, not a special occasion. With a little thought, you can apply the strategies you use to have a green Halloween to the way you live every day!

BURNING TRASH IS NOT PERMITTED

Burning garbage in burn barrels, fire pits and stoves is bad for your health and the environment! Today's household trash contains a lot of plastics and even paper treated with chemicals, coatings, and inks that escape into the air or is concentrated in ash. Both are hazardous if inhaled or released into the soil and water.

Waste Management can help you dispose of your trash and recyclables the responsible way. Contact customer service at (661) 947-7197 to order an additional trash cart for a nominal cost, or to add an additional recycling or greenwaste cart at no additional charge!



SHARPS, BULKY ITEMS, RECYCLING KITS AND SEASONAL PROGRAMS

Don't forget about the numerous extra programs available to Lancaster residents to increase diversion and keep the community safe and clean!

FALL LEAF PROGRAM

Remember, don't sweep your leaves and extra greenwaste into the streets or gutters! Excessive leaves in street gutters can cause health and safety issues by clogging gutters and storm drain lines. Waste Management has a variety of programs to help you properly dispose of all that extra fall foliage.

Through the end of January, WM will accept unlimited bags of leaves and greenwaste placed next to your greenwaste cart on your usual collection day. Pick up free biodegradable bags at the Public Works Maintenance Yard located at 615 West Avenue H between 8AM-5PM.

For a more permanent solution, Waste Management allows you to order up to two additional greenwaste carts at no extra charge. Simply call WM customer service at (661) 947-7197 to order your additional carts.



BULKY ITEM PICK-UPS



Waste Management will pick up your bulky items from the curb. "Bulky item" means things that cannot typically be accommodated within a cart, like furniture, mattresses, appliances and scrap wood. Bulky items cannot exceed 300 lbs each. Call the Customer Service Center at least one day in advance, prior to your service day to arrange this **FREE** special service. You will be able to place a maximum of four bulky items at your curb four times per year on your regularly scheduled service. Additional items may be picked up for a fee.

Household Hazardous Waste can be safely disposed of at the AVECC (more information on pg. 4).

SHARPS

You now have the option to call customer service for your free container, and a representative will deliver it right to your doorstep! You can also visit a participating pharmacy and provide proof of residency with a copy of your WM statement. Once the container is full, follow the instructions for packaging and mail it in the postage-paid shipping box. On an annual basis, each resident is entitled one FREE kit and two additional kits for a \$5 co-pay.

Participating pharmacies include:

- Walgreen's: 2840 W. Avenue L
831 E. Avenue K
- Rite-Aid: 44226 10th Street West
1030 E Avenue J
- CVS Pharmacy: 43839 15th Street West
(Inside High Desert Medical Group)



FREE WM THINK GREEN FROM HOME KITS

Did you know that alkaline batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) contain harmful and often dangerous chemicals?

Think Green From Home Kits make it safe and convenient to do the right thing and recycle your batteries and CFLs. Just contact WM Customer Service to request your **FREE** kit and it will be delivered directly to your door while supplies last. To use your kit, simply fill them up and mail them back using the pre-paid shipping label on the box. There is a limit of one free box per resident, but additional kits can be purchased at

www.thinkgreenfromhome.com.



HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING

Starting December 26, 2011-January 6, 2012, Waste Management will be collecting Holiday trees at the curb at no additional charge. On your usual collection day, remove all decorations, including tinsel, lights, ornaments and tree stands, and place your tree on the curb. Waste Management will recycle the trees into mulch.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Waste collection does not occur on the following holidays:

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

When a holiday falls on a weekday, collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. Thanksgiving is on **Thursday, November 24th**.

Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on a **Sunday** this year, so there will be no interruption in your regular trash service during the Holidays.

RECYCLE AND REUSE THOSE OLD GREETING CARDS!

Everyone loves to receive greeting cards this time of year!

But soon the collection may start to pile up! Make sure you **RECYCLE** all old greeting cards and wrapping paper! But if you're in a creative mood, there are many ways that you can reuse your cards to make easy and beautiful decorations.

- Cut the front of a card into six smaller squares to use as gift tags. Attach them to gifts with tape, or punch a hole in one corner and tie them with ribbon.
- Cut a square or rectangle out of the middle of the card to create a festive Holiday border for all of your framed photos.
- Cut old cards into snowflakes, or other fun Holiday shapes, and hang them on the tree using ribbon.



- And for those super crafty types, try creating a three dimensional wreath!

All of these crafts are easy and green ways to spice up your Holiday décor! The sky's the limit, so be green and use your imagination!

FUN FACT!

In 1843, the Christmas card was invented by an Italian man named John Calcott Horsley. Ironically, the result was a card portraying a happy family, including a child sipping wine. Scrawled across the front of the card was "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You." This led to criticism as it was not socially correct for a child to drink alcohol. Despite this, the Christmas card was a hit and manufacturers found it difficult to keep up with the demand.

