

City of Ridgecrest Residential Container Transition to Begin December 5

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RIDGECREST, CA — DECEMBER 2022 – As part of the City of Ridgecrest’s efforts to comply with new waste and recycling container identification and labeling requirements under Senate Bill (SB) 1383, WM will begin transitioning residential carts starting on Monday, December 5.

This container transition will include replacing the lids on existing 96-gallon trash carts with new black lids and delivering new organic waste carts and kitchen pails. There will be no changes to customer recycle carts. Each City of Ridgecrest residential customer with cart service will receive one (1) 35-gallon organic waste cart. Inside each cart will be one (1) 2-gallon kitchen pail and an updated guide to residential service.

This transition will begin on Monday, December 5 and will continue throughout the month of December until all 96-gallon trash lids are replaced and all organics carts have been delivered. No collection services should be affected by this process, but please note that some organic waste cart deliveries may occur on a Saturday.

In preparation, WM is asking residential customers to assist in the following ways:

- On your service days during the transition, if possible, please place your trash cart out before 6 a.m. and leave it out until 6 p.m. Please repeat this each week until your lid has been replaced.
- Please check the inside of your new organics cart for your kitchen pail and service guide. You are not required to use the kitchen pail, but it has been provided as a convenience to transfer your kitchen scraps to your organic waste cart each week.
- Weekly Organic Waste Collection is scheduled to begin the week of January 9, 2023. Do not place anything in your organic waste cart until just prior to your collection day that week.

If, after December 31, your 96-gallon trash cart lid has not been replaced or you have not received your organics cart, residential customers may contact WM Customer Service at (760) 463-6024. Please Note: for residential customers with 64-gallon or 35-gallon trash carts, we will be replacing the lids for those carts at a later date.

The City of Ridgecrest and WM are working together to make complying with SB 1383 regulations as easy as possible for residents and businesses. To learn more about what to expect, the public is invited to the 2nd Trash Talk Town Hall on Tuesday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

For more information, residents can also visit home.wm.com/Ridgecrest, and <https://www.ridgecrest-ca.gov/244/SB1383-Organic-Waste-Reduction>.

About WM

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