

THE CITY'S BIG SERVICE ROLL-OUT

The City is making a big push to help all businesses comply with State recycling and organics recycling requirements before enforcement penalties go into effect on January 1, 2024. Businesses that have not been identified as compliant through either **service subscription, approval of a City issued exemption, or registration and reporting as a self-hauler**, will be provided with a WM recycling and/or organics service bin.

Recycling and organic recycling are mandated by the state because of their many social benefits. Both types of recycling reduce greenhouse gas emissions and return resources, that would otherwise be landfilled, back into something useful. All recycling extends the useful life of landfills.

You can help the City, and the environment, by being a proactive recycler. If your business does not already have mixed recycling and/or organics services, call the City today at **(916) 617-4590**. We can help you determine if you are eligible for an exemption to the service requirements. If service is required, we can help you select the appropriate service level and provide you with resources such as indoor bins and posters to help you successfully sort your waste. There is no additional cost to add mixed recycling services when you are a new or existing WM front-load or cart trash customer, and by subscribing to recycling services, you may save money by diverting waste and downsizing your trash services. There is an additional service fee for adding organics recycling services. Billing for the entry level organics services provided by WM start at approximately \$30 a month for a small 35-gallon residential type cart.



Please note, mixed recycling and organics recycling services are open market in West Sacramento, so all businesses may switch to another permitted waste service provider for these services. Businesses may apply for an exemption to the service requirements and/or register as a self-hauler by visiting <https://connect.re-trac.com/registration/cityofwestsacramento>. To learn more about the City's recycling program, visit us online at wsac.city/bizrecycle. Let us know how we can help you be a West Sacramento recycling champion!



SIGN-UP FOR FREE LEAK ALERTS!

Did you know the City now offers free leak alerts for your business? It's true! By signing-up for the City's "Water Portal" you will be able to view your water usage at a daily level, compare usage across months, and get alerted if you have a leak. To learn more, and to sign-up, please visit wsac.city/waterportal. Please note, not all businesses are fully equipped to access the portal. If you are unable to create an account, please call Utility Billing at **916-617-4589**.

KNOW WHEN TO GO PRO

Advice for Hiring Landscape & Pest Control Professionals

Don't have the time or equipment to safely manage your pest problem? Then it might be time to hire a pest control service to do the job for you! Licensed professionals have specialized equipment, pesticides, and technical training to get the job done. A landscape or pest control professional who practices **Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** methods and stays up to date on the latest information can provide you with the safest and most effective management strategies.

Here's what to do before you hire a landscape or pest control professional:

- 1. Consider your options** – Ask pest control companies about their methods and policies to see what options best suits your needs.
- 2. Check certifications** – Make sure the company has the required licenses, registration, certificates, and insurance. Verify the status of a pest control company's license at <https://search.dca.ca.gov/>
- 3. Ask about Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** – IPM is an eco-friendly and effective method of pest control. Before hiring, check if your pest control or landscaping professional practices IPM. Three programs that certify and list pest control companies that provide IPM services are:



- 1. EcoWise**
(<https://www.ecowisecertified.com/index.html>),
- 2. GreenPro**
(<https://www.npmaqualitypro.org/available-credentials/greenpro/>), and
- 3. Green Shield**
(<https://greenshieldcertified.org/>).

LEARN MORE!

Visit **Our Water, Our World** at <https://ourwaterourworld.org/hiring-a-pest-control-company/> or the **UC Integrated Pest Management Program** at <http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn74125.html> for more information about hiring a professional pest control or landscaping company.

RECYCLEBELLE SAYS “PROPER DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE IS NOT ONLY THE RIGHT THING TO DO, IT’S THE LAW!”



Got dead batteries, fluorescent bulbs or other hazardous waste? Yolo County Central Landfill offers commercial hazardous waste disposal services for West Sacramento businesses. Drop-off appointments are available every Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fees apply. Call **800-207-8222** to schedule a drop-off time. To learn more about their services, visit YoloCounty.org/Landfill.