



City of Cortez
Service Center
110 West Progress Circle
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CITY OF CORTEZ RESIDENTIAL TRASH AND RECYCLING SERVICES

Call City Hall to Set Up Service: 970.564.4012

WHAT IS INCLUDED WITH CITY TRASH SERVICE?

1. The City will place one polycart (96-gallon) at your residence for **household waste**. If you need a second cart, one will be provided and added to your bill. All polycarts need to be situated on a flat, level surface at the edge of your curb or alley for pickup on your regular pickup day no later than 6:00 a.m. If your polycart is overweight, it may not be picked up.
2. All yard debris (dirt, brush, leaves, etc.) should be bagged separately. Large amounts of yard waste outweigh the polycart and are hazardous to infrastructure and crews.
3. In addition to your polycart, you can put out three bags **or** three 33-gallon trashcans (in good working order) of yard debris and two **SMALL** bundles of tree limbs, tied together, **no longer than four feet (4')**. For the safety of our workers, please keep all additional material below fifty (50) pounds per bag or can. If your additional material is overweight, it may not be picked up.
4. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to keep these carts clean and sanitary.**
5. **DO NOT PUT HOT ASHES IN THE POLYCARTE;** the ashes will melt the cart.
6. **DO NOT PUT DEAD ANIMALS IN THE POLYCARTE.** Contact Animal Control at 970.565.8441 for information about disposal.
7. The City has free curbside recycling (see reverse side). If you want to recycle, let us know - we will place a recycling bin at your residence for once-a-week pickup.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. When do trash routes run?**
A. *Once a week, Monday through Friday. Your pickup day depends on location. When you sign up for water/trash service, you will be informed of the pickup day.*
- Q. Is there an additional charge for a second polycart?**
A. *Yes - if you generally overrun the capabilities of one polycart, you can order a second polycart for an additional monthly fee. Check online for current rates.*
- Q. Is there an online payment option?**
A. *Yes - set it up the same time you sign up for water/trash service. Call 970.564.4012.*
- Q. Can I order a temporary dumpster for residential cleanup?**
A. *Yes - call 970.564.4012. Check online for current rates.*



“Residential Recycling”

On their regular residential route, our Recycling Crew will pick up source-separated recyclables: **CLEAN** Aluminum Cans; Type #1 Plastic; Type #2 Plastic; Tin/Steel cans; and small quantities of glass, paper, and cardboard.

Please Separate

All Items must be clean and sorted into bags or containers so that our crew does not have to hand-sort them. Mixed containers, or materials that are not properly sorted, will be left on-site until either disposed of, or properly sorted by resident.

Type #1 Plastic: Check for the triangle symbol on the bottom of most plastic containers for either a #1 or #2 inside the triangle. All other numbers are currently not accepted and considered contamination by our mills. Lids are not accepted.

Type #2 Plastic: Check for the triangle symbol on the bottom of most plastic containers for either a #1 or #2 inside the triangle. All other numbers are currently not accepted and considered contamination by our mills. Lids are not accepted.

Tin/Steel/Ferrous: Clean Tin/Steel cans and small ferrous items such as pots, pans, brake rotors, etc. A good way to tell is that if a magnet sticks to it, it is a ferrous metal and should be put in with tin cans.

Aluminum: Clean aluminum cans, pans, and foil.

Glass Jars and Bottles: Clean glass jars and bottles - no plate glass, no windows, and no lids.

Cardboard Mix: *Corrugated cardboard, brown paper, and paper board (i.e. cereal boxes, cracker boxes, beverage boxes, etc.).*

Office Paper Mix: *Magazines, junk mail, post-its, office paper, shredded paper, and plain paper. Sorry, No Newspaper, No Books, and No Phonebooks at this time.*

There is no cost to participate in recycling so call and sign up today!

(Restrictions may apply)

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Holiday Pick-Ups: Residential recycling bins will not be emptied on holidays. Holiday pick-up schedules will be listed on the City website and on the City's social media pages.

What happens to all this stuff? The City contracts with the [Montezuma County Landfill](#) to bale the paper, cardboard, and plastic. The Landfill then sells the material to recycling brokerage companies who, in turn, sell the raw material on the open market. The aluminum, tin, and steel cans are taken to local scrap yards for processing. The trees and bushes that are processed by our chipper service are used at the golf course and in the City parks as mulch.