



### Isn't it Time You Start Composting?



Composting is nature's way of recycling food and yard waste into a valuable and organic fertilizer for your garden. Nearly 20% of waste that ends up in landfills could be composted. Adding compost to your soil reduces watering needs, adds nutrients to the soil, eliminates the need for chemical fertilizers and keeps these harsh substances out of our storm drains and waterways. Best of all, it's free!

Composting uses a simple recipe:

- 1. Organic material:** Greens (food scraps, yard trimmings, grass) and Browns (dry leaves, sawdust, straw, wood ashes, newspaper)
- 2. Water:** Add water occasionally to moisten the pile
- 3. Air:** Mix the pile every two weeks to add air to the pile

**To learn simple composting techniques, join Waste Management at the City of Mission Viejo's free composting class:**

**When:** Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 am  
**Where:** Kershaw Garden at City Hall  
200 Civic Center

Mission Viejo residents in attendance will receive discounts on Compost Bins and Worm Bins. For more information and reservations, contact Denise Matson at [dmatson@cityofmissionviejo.org](mailto:dmatson@cityofmissionviejo.org) or (949) 470-3010.

### Join WM at the City of Mission Viejo's Hometown Halloween!

Hometown Halloween includes carnival game booths, crafts, face painting, music and pony rides. After 6:00 p.m., check out the glowing haunted maze! Most activities are free, but there's a small fee for some. Kids are invited to come in costume for the trick or treat event, so don't forget to bring a bucket or a bag for candy!

**When:** Saturday, October 26 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm

**Where:** Oso Viejo Community Park, 24932 Veterans Way

**Cost:** Free Entry

#### Fun Fact:

Over 1.3 billion pumpkins are produced in the United States each year! Did you know you can recycle your holiday pumpkin in the green waste cart? Please ensure your pumpkin is completely empty of candles or decorations before placing it in the green waste cart.

### Mission Viejo Free Shred Event

Waste Management has proudly partnered with the City of Mission Viejo to sponsor free quarterly shredding events for Mission Viejo residents and business owners in 2019! Disposal of up to 10 banker-size file boxes (24" wide x 12" high) is permitted. Please ensure all documents and boxes are free of binders, paper clips, plastic sleeves and metal butterfly clips. Items not accepted include CDs, credit cards, three-ring binders, wire dividers, newspapers, magazines and spiral notebooks.

**When:** Saturday, November 9

**Where:** Mission Viejo High School  
25025 Chrisanta Drive, Mission Viejo

**Time:** 9:00-11:00 am, or until truck capacity is reached.

# Holiday Tree Recycling

Curbside tree collection for residents will take place on your collection day from **December 26, 2019, through January 16, 2020**. Please place trees at the curb, or in your green waste cart, on your regular collection day.

- Trees longer than six (6) feet must be cut in half.
- Please remove all decorations including tinsel, lights, ornaments and tree stands.
- Flocked trees will be collected but cannot be recycled.



You can also take your tree to the designated WM bin at any of these locations:

**Mission Viejo Animal Services Center**  
28095 Hillcrest

**Marty Russo Youth Athletic Park**  
22056 Olympiad Road

**Gilleran Park**  
24960 Felipe Road

## Need a New Cart?

If you would like to request a different sized trash, recycling or green waste cart, or if yours is damaged or broken, please contact Customer Service at (949) 642-1191. Please have your current cart size available. The size can be found in the first two digits of the imprinted serial number.



Trash



Recycling



Green waste

# Holidays

Waste Management observes the following:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- 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.



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## Recycling DOs & DON'Ts

**DO** recycle all empty bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.

**DO** keep foods and liquids out of recycling.

**DO** place your recyclables loosely in the cart.

**DON'T** include food-soiled items – they can turn an entire load of recycling into trash.

**DON'T** add sharp or dangerous materials like needles and electronics – they can cause injury to our workers.

**DON'T** toss in "tanglers" like rubber hoses and wires – they can shut down an entire recycling center!

**DON'T** include bulky items like propane tanks or construction debris.