



City of Cortez
Service Center
110 West Progress Circle
Cortez, CO 81321

Commercial Recycling

Commercial recycling consists of weekly bulk cardboard and paper routes and a source separated route that will pick up aluminum cans, plastic type #1, plastic type #2, tin/steel cans, and small quantities of glass jars and bottles. Find answers to some of our most [frequently asked questions](#).

Bulk Cardboard: This route picks up 1-3 yard containers of cardboard up to three times per week, and is a great option for schools or businesses that produce a large volume of cardboard as part of their waste stream.

Cardboard mix includes: corrugated cardboard, brown paper, and paper board (i.e. cereal boxes, cracker boxes, beverage boxes, etc.)

Bulk Office Paper: This route picks up 2-3 yard containers once a week and is a great option for schools or businesses that produce a large volume of office paper as part of their waste stream.

*Office paper mix includes: magazines, junk mail, phone books, hard cover books (need covers removed), office paper, and plain paper. Sorry, **no newspaper at this time.***

Source-Separated Recycling: Our source-separated recycling truck picks up containers ranging from 18-gallon for heavy items such as glass bottles or paper, up to 35-gallon containers for plastics and cans. This route is picked up four times per week and is a great option for small businesses, offices, and restaurants. It can also be added as an option to our bulk collection service.

Source-Separated Recycling includes: plastics type #1 and type #2; aluminum cans, pans, and foil; tin/steel cans, and small ferrous items (i.e. pots & pans).

There is no cost to participate so call and sign up today! (Restrictions may apply)

Contact the city recycling division for service at 970-565-7320 Ext. 3352.

Holiday Pick-Ups: Residential recycling bins will not be emptied on holidays. Holiday pick-up schedules will be posted in the local newspaper and on the City website.

What happens to all this stuff? The city contracts with the [Montezuma County Landfill](#) to bale the paper and cardboard. The landfill then sells the material to recycling brokerage companies who, in turn, sell the raw material on the open market. The mixed glass and brown glass are being hauled to Durango and then trucked to Coors Recycling Center in Denver. The aluminum, tin, and steel cans are taken to local scrap yards for processing. The trees and bushes that are pruned by city employees are chipped and used at the golf course and in the parks as mulch.

View a list of [additional recycling resources](#) for Cortez and the surrounding area.