



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 only**. Do not put dirt, brush, limbs, or yard debris in it. If you need a second bin, one will be provided and added to your bill.
2. The City will pick up an additional three bags **or** three 33-gallon trashcans (in good working order) of yard debris and two **SMALL** hand-tied bundles of tree limbs **no longer than four feet (4')** with your polycart pickup. **For the safety of our workers, please keep all additional material below fifty (50) pounds/bag or can.**
3. If your polycart is overloaded, it may not be emptied.
4. The polycarts are provided by the City to put your household trash in.
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to keep these carts clean and sanitary.
5. The City has free curbside recycling – let us know if you want to recycle and a green recycling bin will be placed at your residence for once-a-week pickup.
6. **DO NOT PUT DEAD ANIMALS IN THE POLYCART.**
Contact Animal Control at 970.565.8441 for information about disposal.



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.*
- Q. Are there auto-billing options?**
A. *Yes, just set it up at the same time you sign up for trash service – Call 970.564.4012.*
- Q. Can I order a temporary dumpster for residential cleanup?**
A. *Yes, call or check online for current trash rates.*



Residential Recycling

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

All Items must be cleaned 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: 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)

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 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.