



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

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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. All polycarts need to be situated on a flat, level surface.
2. An additional 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')** with your polycart pickup. **For the safety of our workers, please keep all additional material below fifty (50) pounds per bag or can.**
3. Polycart weight limit is 330 pounds. If your polycart is overweight, 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 (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.
6. **DO NOT PUT DEAD ANIMALS IN THE POLYCARD.**



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 and 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.

Bulk Cardboard: This route picks up 1-3 yard containers of cardboard up to three times per week, 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 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, office paper, and plain paper. Sorry, **no newspaper, Phonebooks, or books 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: plastic bottles 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 in recycling so call and sign up today!

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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 hauled to Durango and then trucked to Coors Recycling Center in Denver or crushed and used in recycled beneficial aggregate applications. 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 as mulch in the City parks and at the golf course.