

Recycling

City of Palm Springs Recycling Program

- **Single-Stream Recycling**

Palm Springs residents should place all their recyclables in the **BLUE** dumpster supplied by Palm Springs Disposal Services (PSDS). PSDS uses clean-burning, CNG-powered vehicles to pick up the recyclables and haul them to a central material recovery facility where they are sorted and shipped to be processed into new products. It is important to keep in mind that only recyclables should be placed in the dumpster – no garbage or trash.



The following products can be placed in the blue bins to be recycled:

- Metal – steel and aluminum beverage, food and aerosol cans. Clean aluminum pie plates, dinner trays and foil.
- Paper – newspaper, magazines, catalogs, phone books, bulk mail, office paper, computer paper, envelopes, gift wrap, cardboard, food boxes, shoe boxes, paper towel and toilet paper tubes, paper egg cartons.
- Glass – any color of beverage bottles, food jars
- Plastic – any bottle, jug or container and plastic shopping bags.

Please DO NOT put the following in the recycle dumpster: animal waste, bubble wrap, cactus, concrete, diapers, dirt, food waste, garden hoses, Kleenex, light bulbs, lumber, mirror glass, motor oil, padded envelopes, paper towels, plastic wrap, rocks, sharps, Styrofoam, trash or window glass. Dumpsters containing these or other contaminants may be tagged and left uncollected.

More information about the program is available from Palm Springs Disposal Services at either its Web site, www.palmspringsdisposal.com

Electronic Waste

When it's Time to Pull the Plug

Want to get rid of broken computers, TVs or cell phones? If it has a plug, it most likely can be recycled.

The City of Palm Springs E-Waste Program sponsors a twice-annual event and residents will be notified by postcard of upcoming E-waste recycling events.



Here's what homeowners and businesses can recycle:

- Computers and monitors
- TVs and radios
- Cell phones and telephones
- Printers and Personal Assistant Devices (PDAs)

Please call the City's Recycling Coordinator at 760-323-8263 for annual E-waste Program event dates.

Thermostats



The Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC) is a non-profit stewardship organization that facilitates and manages the collection and proper disposal of mercury-containing thermostats. Originally founded in 1998 by Honeywell, White-Rodgers and General Electric as a voluntary venture, we established our mission to promote the safe collection and proper disposal of mercury-containing thermostats. Today 29 manufacturers support the program. Our members' continuing financial support demonstrates their commitment to a cleaner environment. Our collective goal is simple: keep mercury out of the waste stream in order to protect the environment.

Our network of collection sites consists of HVAC wholesale distributors and HVAC contractors. In 2006 we expanded our program to include household hazardous waste collection sites and thermostat retailers.

Today more than 3,600 businesses and communities in 48 states are enrolled in our program. Since our founding we've collected over 2.1 million mercury-containing thermostats – that's kept 10 tons of mercury out of the waste stream.

Shredding

Protect Your Privacy

Identity theft is on the rise. The City of Palm Springs has free community shredding events twice a year where you can destroy documents containing confidential and sensitive information. After the community-wide shredding events, all materials are recycled to make products such as compost, tissue and other paper products. As a resident, you'll be notified by postcard of upcoming events.

Have an old Thermostat containing Mercury? Here's how to dispose of it properly. Click below to find a recycling collection site.



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Palm Springs Disposal Services also provides shredding services. Collection crews come to your house to pick up shreddable waste and take it to its facility. Please call 760-327-1351 for more information.

Items not accepted: metal clips, brackets, binders, cardboard, trash, hazardous waste, transparencies, food and beverages, paper towels, tissues or glass, aluminum or plastics.

Cleanup

Looking For a Fresh Start?

Want to get rid of an old couch or refrigerator? Just bring them down to the parking lot of City Hall on designated household cleanup days twice a year and we'll take them off your hands. Cleanups occur each April and October.



Or, bulky waste such as furniture, carpeting and appliances will be picked up twice a year curbside by Palm Springs Disposal Services at no charge.

Call 760-327-1351 for the schedule and what materials apply to this service.

Household

Mixing trash with recyclables wastes time, money and is extremely dangerous for our environment.

Medical and household waste such as syringes, medical needles, oil-based paints and batteries are easily disposed of by calling Curbside, Inc. for convenient pickup. Please call the toll-free Household Hazardous Waste Hotline, 800-HHW-PKUP to schedule collections. Hotline operators answer calls from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Prior to collection day, participants receive an HHW Kit that will hold their Household Hazardous Materials.



Other collectable items include: aerosol cans, household cleaners and furniture cleaners, charcoal fluid, mineral spirits, nail polish, shoe polish, varnish and stains, and household poisons such as herbicides and fungicides.

Hazardous Waste Drop-off Facility

The Palm Springs Regional Permanent HHW Collection Facility will accept household hazardous waste from residents at the facility located at 1100 Vella Road. The facility is open on Saturdays, regular hours (October - May): 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and summer hours (June – September): 7:00 am to noon. Closed on holiday weekends.



Residents can bring up to five gallons or 50 pounds of chemical waste per trip. Items include: household cleaners, syringes, oil- or water-based paints, chemicals, motor oil and filters, electronics, Mercury products and batteries.

For more information: <http://www.rivcowm.org/opencms/hhw/index.html> or call Riverside County Waste Management Department 1-800-304-2226

Public Awareness

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

Landfill space is decreasing and disposal costs continue to increase. To this end, the City of Palm Springs is dedicated to being environmentally conscious and offers many recycling programs to protect the environment as well as the future of our City.

Did you know?

- Recycling saves you money
- By recycling, the waste you generate can be significantly reduced

Thanks For Your Participation! We thank you for joining us in this effort and for taking pride in keeping your city and community clean.

If you have any suggestions or questions about recycling in Palm Springs, please contact the City's Recycling Coordinator at 760-323-8263.

General Solid Waste

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Carpets Recycling

Universal Waste

Have you wondered what to do with hazardous products such as batteries, pesticides, mercury-containing equipment and lamps? Residents can bring these items and more to a Household Waste Collection Event.

The list below gives you an idea of eligible items:

- Fluorescent tubes and bulbs and other Mercury-filled lamps
- Certain medical devices
- Thermometric and thermostats
- Non-empty aerosol cans
- Batteries of all sizes

For more info call 800-304-2226 or visit rivcoeh.org.

