

SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
Programs & Services



City of Mesa Customer Service

480.644.2221

West Mesa Location:
55 N. Center St.

East Mesa Location:
6935 E. Decatur St.

City Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 7 a.m. -6 p.m.
Closed on Fridays

FIND US ON THE WEB 24/7
mesaaz.gov/waste
mesarecycles.org



MAKE RECYCLING AT HOME EASY!

As a welcome gift, we have left behind an in-home recycle container where you can store your items until you are ready to place them into your large outdoor recycle barrel.

Customers who do not have an in-home container may pick one up at the Solid Waste office, 730 N. Mesa Dr. (*Limit 1 per household*)

Dear Resident:

Welcome to the neighborhood. As your trash and recycling provider, the City of Mesa Solid Waste Management Department is committed to providing you with a variety of options to help you with your disposal needs.

Throughout this booklet, you will find useful information about the many programs and services offered by our department as well as helpful tips that will help you assist us in the collection process.

One important thing to remember is the City of Mesa services barrels on all regularly scheduled collection days, including holidays. To avoid missed service, we ask that you please have your barrel in the gutter by 6 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.

If you have any questions, or need information about anything not listed in this booklet, please feel free to visit us on the Web or call Customer Service at (480) 644-2221.

We wish you the best of luck in your new home!

City of Mesa Solid Waste Staff



*Esta información esta disponible en español. Favor de llamar al
(480) 644-3221 o envíe una nota por correo electrónico al
waste.info@mesaaz.gov.*



BLACK TRASH BARREL

The black barrel is designated for the disposal of all non-hazardous household trash. Per City and County health regulations, wet material, such as kitchen and bathroom waste, should be properly bagged and tied before placing it into the barrel. This will help to eliminate odors and the breeding of flies in addition to preventing trash from being scattered around your neighborhood. Please remember that all contents placed in the black barrel will be sent to the landfill.



BLUE RECYCLE BARREL

The blue barrel is for the recycling of acceptable materials listed below. Items placed into the blue barrel should not be bagged but they should be relatively clean, dry and empty. Lids and labels do not need to be removed.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- **Plastic cups & containers #1- #7** - Includes soda and water bottles, detergent bottles, milk jugs, margarine tubs, cups, yogurt containers and shampoo bottles. **NO PLASTIC BAGS OR STYROFOAM.**
- **Glass** - Food and beverage containers.
- **Paper** - White, colored, computer, printer, or writing paper and junk mail.
- **Cardboard & paperboard** - Food and packing boxes (i.e. cereal boxes, detergent boxes). Please remove any plastic wrap or inserts.
- **Aluminum & metal cans** - Food / beverage cans and containers.
- **Newspaper** - Including inserts.
- **Magazines** - Soft cover magazines and catalogs; no hardback books.
- **Telephone books** - All phone books.
- **Milk and juice cartons** - Includes ice cream containers.

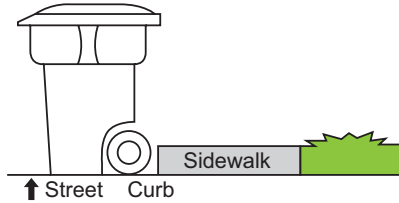


GREEN YARD WASTE BARREL

The green barrel, collected weekly on the same day as the blue barrel, is designated for the recycling of green yard waste material such as grass, leaves, branch clippings, etc. Because of processing requirements, yard waste placed in the green barrel should not be bagged. A monthly fee is charged for this service and collected material is converted into fertile mulch.

BARREL DO'S & DON'TS

- Roll barrel to the curb by 6 a.m. on scheduled pickup day to ensure collection and remove by 6 a.m. the following day.
- Place barrel in the gutter with the handle of the barrel facing the house. Avoid blocking pedestrian access on sidewalk.*



*(*Placement exception: Only customers residing on streets that have a 35 MPH or higher speed limit should place their containers on the sidewalk.)*

- Do not overfill the barrel. The lid must be closed in order for the container to be serviced. Call the City of Mesa if additional barrels are needed. Blue recycle barrels are provided at no charge, however, a monthly fee is assessed for each additional black or green barrel.
- Avoid placing non-acceptable items into the blue barrel. Mesa maintains a “three strikes and you’re out” policy, which means that if your blue barrel is found contaminated three times, City inspectors will remove the barrel.
- Avoid placing barrel near objects that may prevent collection. (i.e.— vehicles, light poles, mailboxes, planters, etc.)
- Do not park vehicles near or in front of barrels that are placed out for service.
- Do not place items next to or on top of the barrel itself.
- Do not use any other containers other than City provided barrels for garbage, green waste or recyclables.

*The City of Mesa services all barrels on
scheduled collection days including all holidays.*

LANDFILL USE PROGRAM

For an additional fee, residents may dispose of large amounts of trash directly at the Salt River Landfill or Waste Management’s San Tan Transfer Station. Additional information, including program rules, facility operating hours and locations, can be found by visiting the City’s Web site or calling the City of Mesa. Electronics recycling is also available at the Salt River Landfill.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE / PAINT REUSE PROGRAM



Certain materials are considered harmful to the environment and therefore should not be placed in the trash or recycle barrel. Residents seeking to dispose of their hazardous waste can take advantage of the City's household hazardous waste collection events at no additional cost. Solid waste customers may drop off the following items:

- *Paints, polishes & varnishes*
- *Turpentine & paint related materials*
- *Aerosol cans*
- *Adhesives*
- *Motor oil, antifreeze & transmission fluid*
- *Gasoline & fuel additives*
- *Pool chemicals*
- *Batteries*
- *Fluorescent & compact fluorescent light bulbs*
- *Mercury*
- *Pesticides & herbicides*
- *Grill / Camping propane tanks*
- *Televisions, computer equipment & other home electronics*
- *Prescription & non-prescription medication*
- *Appliances (limit 2)*
- *Automobile tires (limit 5)- rims accepted only if tire has been removed*

Collected latex paint is sorted, mixed and stored in five-gallon containers. It is then made available, free of charge, to Mesa residents and non-profit agencies for non-commercial use through the paint reuse program.

Residents seeking to recycle motor oil, electronics and fluorescent light bulbs can also visit earth911.com to find year-round disposal options.

A.C.E. EXPRESS

With technology changing everyday, electronics recycling has become one of the fastest growing segments in the recycling world. Because of the potential harm to the environment, appliances, computers and electronics should not be buried in the landfill. Instead, residents can bring these items to a City sponsored A.C.E. Express event where they will be recycled.



APPLIANCE RECYCLING / BULK ITEM COLLECTION PROGRAM

Many of the appliances we use everyday contain chemicals, such as Freon, that are harmful to the ozone layer - our planet's natural protection against the sun's ultraviolet radiation. Freezers, window air-conditioners and refrigerators are examples of such appliances. Due to environmental laws that prohibit the release of Freon into the atmosphere, it must be recovered from the appliance prior to disposal.

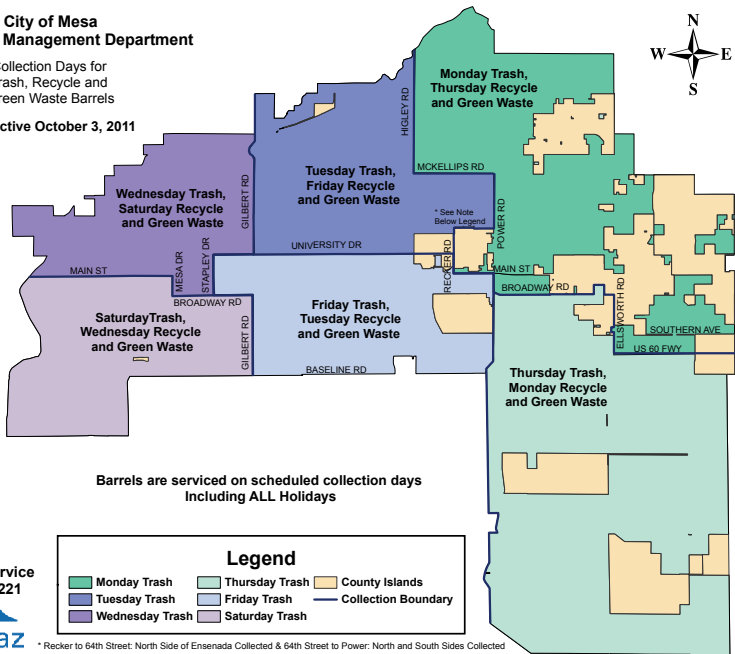
By using the City's convenient curbside appliance recycling program, you'll be assured that the Freon is safely removed and the scrap metal recycled. Other large items such as water heaters, washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers and evaporative coolers are also accepted.

Customers interested in disposing of large items such as old furniture, yard waste or other household items that do not fit into their garbage container are encouraged to take advantage of the City's bulk item collection program. To schedule an appliance or bulk item pickup for a fee, please call Customer Service.

City of Mesa Solid Waste Management Department

Collection Days for
Trash, Recycle and
Green Waste Barrels

Effective October 3, 2011



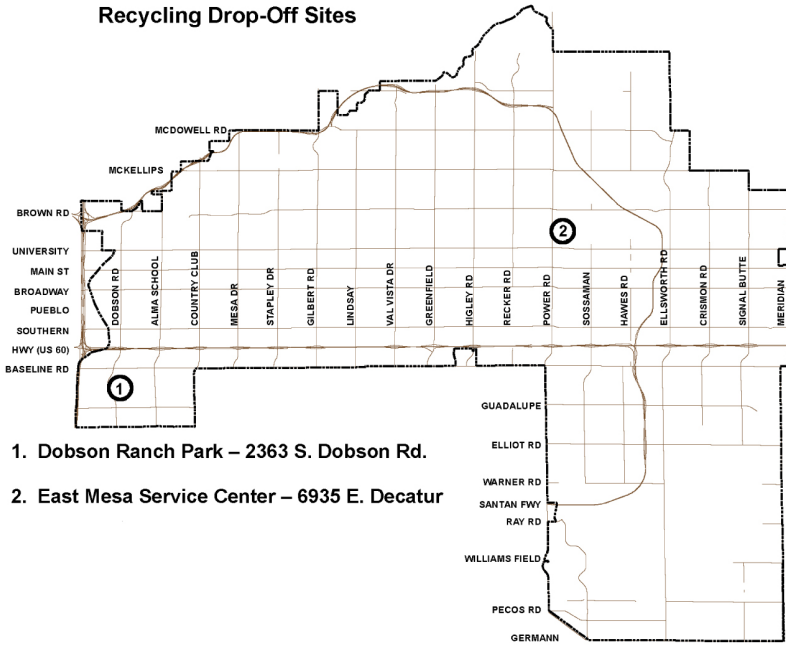
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DROP-OFF RECYCLING CENTERS

On occasion, particularly around holidays, you may find you do not have enough room in your blue recycle barrel at home for all of your items. The City of Mesa offers two convenient drop-off recycling centers that are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Each center has blue recycle barrels for plastic, aluminum and glass containers as well as large metal bins for cardboard boxes and newspaper. Please help us keep the area clean by placing acceptable items in the appropriate containers. No trash, Styrofoam or plastic bags please.

Recycling Drop-Off Sites



CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING



The City of Mesa offers residents a variety of environmentally friendly ways to dispose of their Christmas trees after the holiday season. Collected trees are taken to the Salt River Landfill and chipped into nutrient rich mulch. Benefits from recycling these trees include extending the life of our landfills and reusing our natural and limited resources.

CLEAN SWEEP / GREEN SWEEP NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM



Mesa residents interested in hosting a community cleanup event in their neighborhood are invited to submit their application for the Clean Sweep/Green Sweep Program.

Under this program, the City of Mesa is able to provide large trash and green waste recycling containers to allow residents to clean their yards, remove litter from the neighborhood and haul off old furniture, mattresses and other unsightly debris. There is no additional charge to eligible Mesa residents wanting to participate in the program.

Cleanup events are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis; subject to container availability and are limited to one cleanup per neighborhood per year. For more information, call (480) 644-4791 or visit our Web site to download an application form.

PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING



Because of sorting equipment limitations at the Materials Recovery Facility, plastic bags cannot be placed in Mesa's blue recycle barrel. Bags placed into the blue barrel can get tangled in the equipment and slow down the sorting process. Instead, residents should take their plastic bags back to a participating retailer who will recycle the bags and keep them out of the landfill.

Better yet...reduce & reuse!



Next time you are at the grocery store to pick up just one or two items, skip the bag. By doing so, you'll help conserve natural resources and keep our planet clean.

An even better option is to use reusable shopping bags instead. You'll fit more items into a heavier weight bag and reduce your reliance on one-time use bags.

NATURAL RECIPES FOR HOME & GARDEN

A Guide of Helpful Hints to Make Your Home & Garden Environmentally Friendly



As with other products used in your home, try these in small and inconspicuous areas first, and always follow manufacturers' cleaning recommendations on furniture, fixtures and carpets.

- **All-Purpose Cleaner:** Mix one-quarter cup of vinegar with one gallon of hot water. Keep on hand in spray bottle.
- **Abrasive Cleanser:** Mix equal parts of salt and baking soda. Scrub with mixture and wet sponge. Rinse with all-purpose cleaner and then with warm water.
- **Ant Repellent:** Place chili powder, talcum powder or powdered chalk at points of entry.
- **Bathroom Cleanser:** Scrub area with baking soda and wet sponge. Rinse with all purpose cleaner.
- **Brass or Copper Polish:** Mix one teaspoon salt, one tablespoon flour and enough vinegar to make a thick paste. Rub paste on surface and let dry completely. Rinse in warm soapy water and buff with clean soft cloth.
- **Drain Cleaner:** Pour one-quarter cup of baking soda down the drain and follow with one-half cup of vinegar. After “fizzing” stops, flush with boiling water.
- **Floor Cleaner:** Mix one-half cup of white vinegar with one-half gallon of warm water.
- **Furniture Polish:** Mix together one-half cup of lemon juice with one cup of mineral oil. Rub on wood furniture with soft cloth. A mixture of three cups olive oil and two cups vinegar can also be an effective polish, just rub on wood with a soft cloth.
- **Pet Stain Cleaner:** Mix together one-quarter cup of white vinegar and one-quarter cup of liquid soap. Rub into stain and then blot. Rinse with warm water.
- **Silver Polish:** Put a sheet of aluminum foil in the bottom of the sink and fill with two to three inches of warm water. Add one tablespoon each of salt and baking soda. Place silver in water, touching foil. Soak for one hour. Rinse in soapy water. Buff with soft, dry cloth.

- **Window Cleaner:** Mix together three tablespoons of vinegar and one quart of hot water. Put in spray bottle. Spray on windows and glass. Wipe off with crumpled newspaper or a squeegee.
- **Oven Cleaner:** Scour with baking soda and water. To prevent grease buildup, always clean spills as soon as the oven cools down.
- **Laundry Detergent:** Try borax or baking soda. Add a few drops of vinegar to keep colors bright.

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CITY OF MESA RESOURCES

Emergency..... 9-1-1

Police (Non-emergency)(480) 644-2211

Fire (Non-emergency).....(480) 644-2101

Animal Control / Dead Animal Pick-up.....(480) 644-2268

Customer Service(480) 644-2221

Electric Emergencies(480) 644-2266

Gas Odor or Emergencies (480) 644-4277 or 9-1-1

Water / Sewer Emergencies.....(480) 644-2262

Arizona Blue Stake (Call Before You Dig) 8-1-1

Code Compliance(480) 644-4273

Missed Trash/Recycle Barrel(480) 644-2221

Housing & Revitalization.....(480) 644-3536

Neighborhood Outreach(480) 644-5700

OTHER RESOURCES

No Burn Day Information.....(602) 506-6400

Valley Air Quality Forecast.....(602) 771-2367

West Nile Virus Hotline(602) 506-0700



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For the latest update on solid waste programs and services, visit mesarecycles.org. Please recycle this booklet in your blue barrel when no longer needed.