

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT &
SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT

Trash & Recycling 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!

The City of Mesa offers single-family households 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 may pick up a container at the Solid Waste office located at 730 N. Mesa Dr. Office hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, closed Fridays and holidays. (Limit one per household)



Dear Resident:

As your trash and recycling service provider, the City of Mesa Environmental Management & Sustainability 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 out for service 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.

City of Mesa Environmental Management & Sustainability Staff



*Esta información esta disponible en español. Favor de llamar al
(480) 644-2221 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, material 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 instead be loose, relatively clean, dry and empty. Lids and labels do not need to be removed.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- **Plastic cups & containers** - Includes soda and water bottles, detergent bottles, milk jugs, margarine tubs, cups, yogurt containers and shampoo bottles.
- **Glass** - Food and beverage containers.
- **Paper** - Office paper, junk mail, newspaper, magazines and telephone books.
- **Cardboard & paperboard** - Food and packing boxes (e.g. cereal boxes, detergent boxes). Please remove any plastic wrap or inserts.
- **Aluminum & metal cans** - Food / beverage cans and containers.
- **Milk and juice cartons** - Includes ice cream containers.

NON-ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- **Bagged recyclables** - Due to unknown contents, bagged recyclables will be landfilled to avoid contaminating other material. Items should always be loose, dry, empty and relatively clean.
- **Foam products** - Cups, take out containers, plates, packing material, etc. (There is no current market for these types of items.)
- **Specialized glass & ceramics** - Window & auto glass, lightbulbs, bakeware, drinkware, mirrors, tile, picture frame glass, etc. (Due to their specific use, these items contain additives and can't be recycled with regular glass.)

- **Hoses & cords** - Garden hoses, light strands, extension cords, strapping material, etc. (These items get tangled in the sorting equipment.)
- **Plastic bags & wrap** - Plastic bags, bread/produce bags, storage bags, tarps, case wrap (bottled water, paper towels, bathroom tissue), shrink wrap, soft plastic packaging, etc. (This material gets tangled in the sorting equipment.) Clean and empty plastic bags and wrap should be recycled at your local retailer.
- **Paper plates & napkins** - Paper towels, facial tissue, greasy pizza boxes, etc. (Paper items that are dirty and/or greasy eliminates their ability to be recycled.)
- **Pet food bags** - These bags are typically made of different components such as paper, plastic and/or wax lining which can't be separated for recycling.
- **Pouches** - Coffee & liquid soap refill bags, baby food & drink pouches, etc. (Pouches have different material layers which can't be separated for recycling.)
- **Lumber & yard waste** - Grass, branches, plywood, etc.
- **Textiles** - Clothes, shoes, rags, linens, rugs, etc.
- **Food waste**
- **Wire hangers & scrap metal** - Appliances, electronics, batteries, pots & pans, auto parts, etc. (These items damage the sorting equipment. Contact a local scrap metal recycler for available options.)

Placing non-acceptable items in the blue recycle barrel can jeopardize Mesa's recycling efforts. Under the City of Mesa's recycling contract, the vendor reserves the right to refuse contaminated loads or impose substantial penalty fees so please remember to only recycle accepted items. If you have a recycling question, please send an email to waste.info@mesaaz.gov.

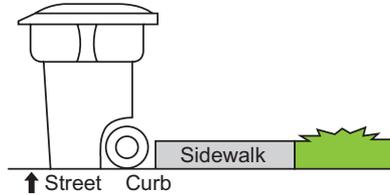


GREEN YARD WASTE BARREL

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 and branch clippings. Please note that due to their composition, palm fronds, citrus, food waste, lumber, cacti, animal waste and oleanders are not accepted. Also, please remember that yard waste placed in the green barrel should be loose to assist in the composting process. A monthly fee is charged for green barrel 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 (Mesa City Code 8-3-5).
- 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. Contaminated barrels cost your community money and jeopardize our recycling efforts.
- 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.

BACKYARD COMPOSTING PROGRAM

Composting at home is a great way to recycle yard and kitchen waste. Finished compost is an earthy, dark, crumbly substance that is excellent for adding to house plants and enriching garden soil. It conditions the soil to require less water, eliminates the need to buy fertilizer, promotes healthy root growth and can help save money on disposal fees. Backyard compost containers are available to Mesa residents for a \$5 delivery fee. The container may be kept for as long as needed. For more information or to request home delivery of a compost container, please contact City of Mesa Customer Service at (480) 644-2221.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FACILITY & SWAP SHOP



Many items that are used or found in our homes do not belong in the trash barrel, or recycle barrel, and should not be poured down the drain or poured into the street. Instead they can be reused, recycled or disposed of properly to prevent pollution. City of Mesa residents should bring these hazardous and other accepted items to the Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) Facility for proper disposal. Our convenient drive-thru provides a quick and easy drop-off process.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:

- *Latex and oil-based paint – limit 10 gallons*
- *Motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze & transmission fluid – limit 10 gallons*
- *Pool chemicals*
- *Fluorescent & compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs*
- *Pesticides & herbicides*
- *Grill / Camping propane tanks*
- *Computers & electronics – limit 2 “tube” TVs*
- *Appliances – limit 2*
- *Automobile tires – limit 5 (rims accepted if tire has been removed)*

For a complete list of accepted items and allowable daily limits, visit mesarecycles.org. Please note that business and industrial waste are strictly prohibited and will not be accepted.

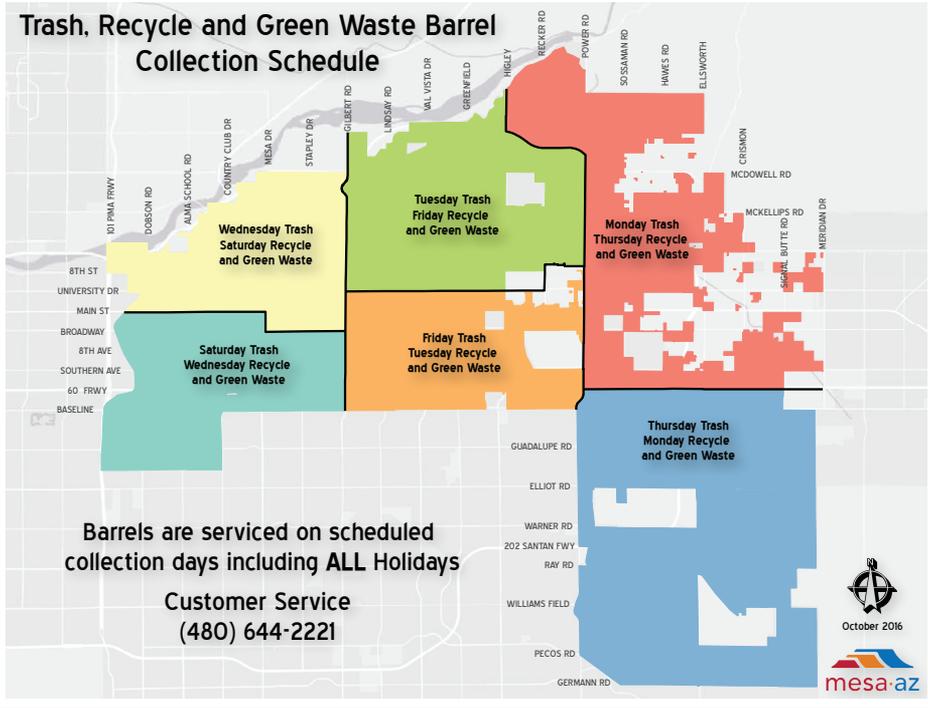
The HHM Facility is located at 2412 N. Center St. and is open Wednesday-Saturday 7 a.m.-noon. The facility is open to City of Mesa residents ONLY and guests must provide proof of Mesa residency such as a driver’s license with City of Mesa address OR a current utility bill or rent receipt with a Mesa address AND a photo I.D. with matching name.

SWAP SHOP

Accepted items that are dropped off at the HHM facility and are in usable condition, such as paint, will be made available to Mesa residents at no charge in our Swap Shop. The Swap Shop is located inside the Household Hazardous Materials Facility and is open during normal facility hours. Items are available on a first come, first serve basis and cannot be reserved. Residents must sign a liability release form to pick up items.

BARREL COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Trash, Recycle and Green Waste Barrel Collection Schedule



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP PROGRAM



Mesa residents interested in hosting a community cleanup event in their neighborhood are invited to submit their application for the Neighborhood Cleanup Program.

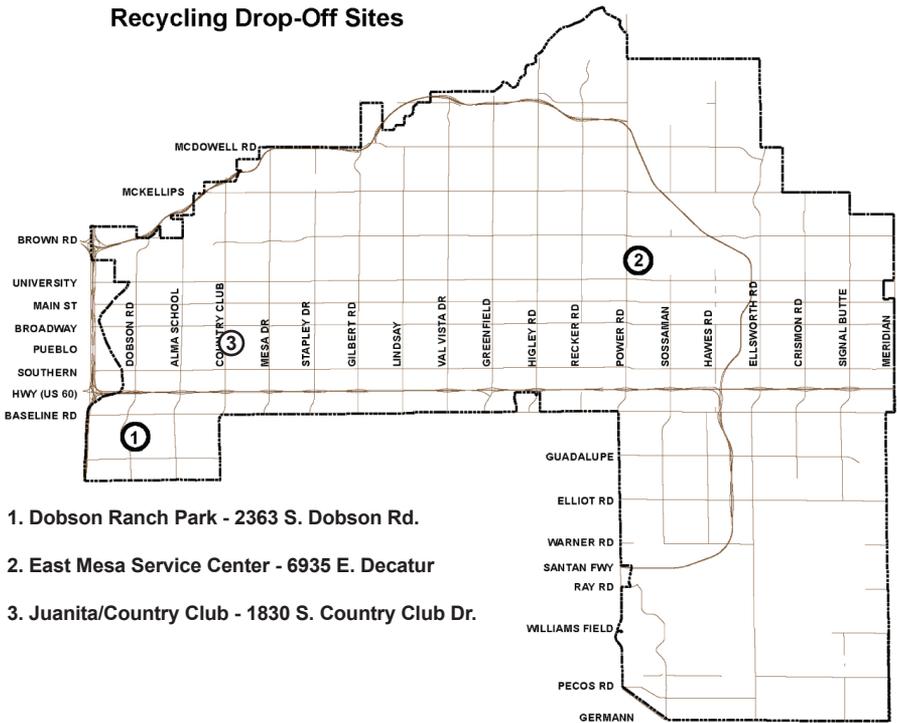
Under this program, the City of Mesa is able to provide large trash and green waste recycling containers to allow residents to clean their yards, remove litter from the neighborhood and haul off old furniture, mattresses and other non-hazardous debris. There is no additional charge to eligible Mesa residents 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 website to download an application form.

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 three convenient drop-off recycling centers that are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Each center has commingled recycle containers 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



1. Dobson Ranch Park - 2363 S. Dobson Rd.
2. East Mesa Service Center - 6935 E. Decatur
3. Juanita/Country Club - 1830 S. Country Club Dr.

TEXTILE RECYCLING

As an alternative to throwing out no longer needed textile materials, residents may recycle them in specially marked clothing and shoe recycling stations located at each of the City's drop-off recycling centers. Accepted items include clothing, shoes, linens, towels, hats, purses, belts and stuffed toys. Collected items are kept out of the landfill and instead repurposed for other uses.

BULK ITEM COLLECTION / APPLIANCE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Customers interested in disposing of large items such as 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.



Items such as refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, washers, dryers, window air-conditioners and dishwashers can be picked up through the curbside appliance recycling program. By using this convenient program, you'll be assured that the Freon is safely removed from any applicable appliances and the scrap metal recycled.

To schedule a pickup, please call (480) 644-6789. Disposal fees will apply.

ROLL-OFF TRASH CONTAINER RENTALS

The City of Mesa has 20-, 30- and 40-yard roll-off trash containers available for construction, roofing, cleanup and other large-scale projects. For rates and additional information, please call (480) 644-6789.



LANDFILL USE PROGRAM

For an additional fee, residents may dispose of large amounts of trash directly at the Salt River Landfill, Republic Services Mesa Transfer Station 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 website or calling Customer Service at (480) 644-2221. Electronics recycling is also available at the Salt River Landfill.

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.



CLUB BLUE – MESA'S YOUNG RECYCLING SQUAD



Club Blue Mesa's Young Recycling Squad

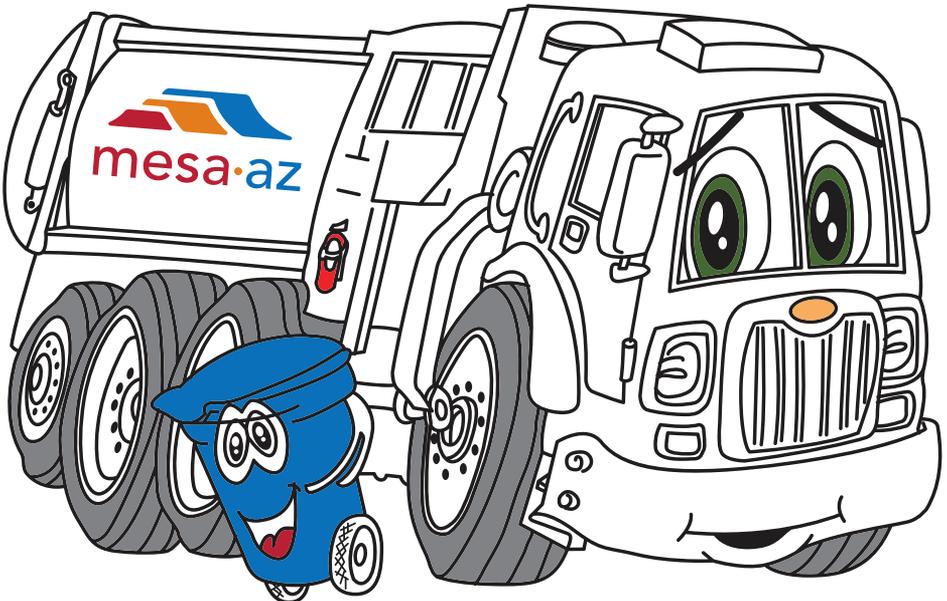


Mesa's young recyclers, ages four to ten, are invited to join one of Mesa's coolest clubs for kids. Club Blue teaches kids about recycling and how they can take care of the planet. The goal is to develop strong environmentally responsible habits at an early age for Mesa's youngest residents. Members will receive quarterly newsletters, birthday greetings, special event invitations and Club Blue exclusive opportunities and contests for a chance to win great prizes. Membership in this educational recycling club is free and enrollment is quick and easy. Simply visit mesarecycles.org and become a member today!

GARBAGE TRUCK SAFETY - STOP. WATCH. STAY AWAY.

Your City of Mesa Solid Waste garbage truck visits your neighborhood twice a week, 52 weeks a year. Keep yourself and your loved ones safe by remembering this simple rule provided to you by Gus the Garbage Truck and Benny the Barrel.

"When you see a garbage truck driving down your street, make sure you **STOP** so you don't get in the way. You can **WATCH** the truck empty your barrel from a safe distance but whatever you do ...be safe and **STAY AWAY!**"



WE ARE HERE TO ASSIST OUR CUSTOMERS

Whether residents have a need to request a bulk item pickup or report a barrel in need of repair, the City of Mesa is available to assist. In addition to calling Customer Service at (480) 644-2221, some programs and services may also be requested online from a computer, smartphone or other mobile electronic device. An easy to use Mesa CityLink app is also available, allowing residents to report a variety of issues, including a non-serviced trash or recycle barrel. For more information on contact options, visit mesaaz.gov/waste.



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
Arizona Blue Stake (Call BeforeYou Dig).....	8-1-1
Code Compliance	(480) 644-4273
Customer Service	(480) 644-2221
Electric Emergencies	(480) 644-2266
Gas Odor or Emergencies	(480) 644-4277 or 9-1-1
Housing & Revitalization	(480) 644-3536
Missed Trash/Recycle Barrel	(480) 644-2221
Neighborhood Outreach	(480) 644-5700
Report streetlight outage	(480) 644-3191
Trash / Recycling Services	(480) 644-2221
Water / Sewer Emergencies	(480) 644-2262
Roll-off Trash Container Rentals.....	(480) 644-6789

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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waste programs and services, visit
mesarecycles.org. Please recycle
this booklet in your blue barrel
when no longer needed.

