



Collection service rate increase

CONTAINER	CURRENT RATE	NEW RATE
32-gallon	\$87.63	\$93.04
64-gallon	\$173.49	\$184.19
96-gallon	\$227.68	\$241.73

Recology service rates will increase beginning January 1, 2026 for commercial customers.

Monthly rates are based on the size of the gray landfill container and the amount of organics in excess of the bundled service. Weekly collection of recycling is included in the rate.

Please contact Customer Service if you have questions.

LA MICOACANA TURNED SORTING INTO SAVINGS

When owner Ubaldo Alcazar opened La Michoacana in 2006, sustainability wasn't his primary focus. Like many small business owners, he prioritized hard work and product quality. Nearly 20 years later, with 22 employees, he has found that smarter waste sorting is good for the environment and great for business.

Zero team and became more mindful of sorting food scraps and food-soiled paper into the green organics cart. The strategy worked.

Today, La Michoacana saves money by using a 2-yard garbage bin, a 2-yard organics container, a cardboard bin, and a 4-yard recycling bin.



"Everyone on staff is on top of it." — Emmanuel Alcazar

Initially, the family-owned business relied on a large 3-yard garbage bin, a single 96-gallon organics cart, a cardboard bin, and two 96-gallon mixed recycling carts. As garbage service costs rose, Alcazar partnered with the Recology Waste

The transition didn't happen overnight. "It was a curveball," admits manager Emmanuel Alcazar. It took about 1½ months for employees to adjust to separating organics, recycling, and landfill materials.

Business Highlight

The rules were simple: Food scraps and food-soiled paper go in green; glass, metal, and rigid plastics go in blue; everything else goes in gray. In-house, the system is streamlined with three main bins, broken-down cardboard, and several smaller containers for organics that are rotated and transferred to the larger outdoor bin as they fill up.

The Alcazars stayed involved, keeping a close eye on the bins and offering reminders when contamination appeared. Now, sorting is second nature.

For businesses just starting out, Emmanuel advises consistency and explaining the "why." When employees understand that correct sorting saves money and supports job stability, it becomes a shared goal.

*If your business needs training in recycling or composting, call Recology Vallejo at **707.552.3110** for a free on-site visit.*

RECYCLING RESOLUTION

Keep blue bin items clean and dry

Get ready for the new year by resolving to recycle right.

Put clean paper and cardboard (including cartons), metal cans and foil, glass bottles and jars, and most hard plastics in the blue cart. Recycling these items conserves valuable natural resources, such as trees and water, while providing materials for new products.

Non-recyclables — such as film plastics, coffee cups, and soiled paper — tossed in the blue cart can disrupt the sorting process and “wish-cycling” makes it

harder to recover materials for remanufacturing.

It's important to keep the items in the blue cart empty, clean, and dry. Please be sure to drain all liquids from containers and clean bottles and jars of excess food residue.

If you're unsure of where an item goes, try looking it up on whatbin.com.



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WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU SUCCEED

Recology wants to help your business or organization succeed in sending less to landfill and recycling and composting more.

Our Waste Zero team partners with you to make sorting discards easier and more efficient. We explore best practices for minimizing your waste stream, right-sizing bins, reducing contamination, and lowering overall service costs.

To support long-term success, we provide easy-to-use signage, flyers, and labels, along with staff training and presentations. Waste Zero services are free.

Give us a call and let us help you make waste reduction part of your daily operations.



SAFELY DISCARD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Batteries, cooking or motor oil, paint, antifreeze, electronic waste, medications, fluorescent bulbs, sharps, and propane tanks are useful, but are considered hazardous waste when their usefulness is through.

These materials need special handling because they can put our workers, our equipment, and our environment at risk. Do not put them in curbside containers.

WHY IT MATTERS

- Batteries and electronics can spark or short-circuit, which may start fires.
- Chemicals can leak into the waste stream, polluting soil, water, and air if not handled correctly.
- Proper disposal protects not only our team but also our communities and local ecosystems.

Take these items to approved sites or recycling centers so they can be managed safely.

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