UNIVERSAL WASTE SYSTEMS of NEW MEXICO

Newsletter

Celebrate Summer:

Let's make this the best summer ever! Check out these tips.

PREVENTING LITTER

With so much time spent outdoors in the summer, litter is the last thing you want to see!

- Always bag ALL trash at home and keep a small trash bag in your vehicle. Blowing trash is a major cause of roadside litter.
- Properly tarp your loads when hauling trash and other refuse to your local solid waste facility.
- Seek out trash bins when you visit your local, state, and national parks. Always leave the area cleaner than you found it.
- Organize or take part in a neighborhood or community cleanup. It's a great way to meet people and enhance the appearance of your community.
- Email reports of any illegal dumps you might find to UWS at service@uwsnm.com.

GARDENING

- Be water wise. Select desert-friendly plants, mulch your beds, and water early or late in the day.
- Plant flowers in colorful containers. It's a great way to brighten up your front entry and patio.
- Mix it up! Combine vegetables and herbs with flowers to make the most of your garden space.
- Seek inspiration. Visit the ABQ Biopark botanical garden, local parks and nurseries to get new ideas. Many may be visited online. Even the smallest space can be beautiful!
- Listen to your favorite music while gardening to enhance your experience.
- Not planting a garden? Visit your local farmers' market to pick up fresh seasonal produce, such as watermelon, tomatoes, and squash.

SAFETY

- Keep a summer safety kit in your car for those spontaneous outings. Pack sunscreen, bug repellent, basic first aid products, and plenty of water. Know the symptoms of heat –related illnesses.
- NEVER leave children or pets in a vehicle, even for a few minutes and even in the shade.
- Every summer, more drivers hit the road for vacations. Be a defensive driver, not a distracted one.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

"Summer afternoon, summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." Henry James

FOR BEST SERVICE

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- Have your cart out by 7

 a.m. on your collection
 day. Please allow 3 feet
 of space around each
 cart.
- Don't overload your cart; make sure that the lid is able to close securely.
- Bag and tie all waste before placing it in the cart. This prevents blowing trash and unsightly litter.
- It's summer and that means yard work! The moisture in grass and weed clippings can cause clumping in your cart that keeps it from fully dumping into the truck. Bagging your yard waste will prevent this!
- NEED AN ADDITIONAL CART to handle your family's waste? Give us a call!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Independence Day Tuesday, July 4 ONE DAY DELAY Service will be delayed by one day the week of July 4th.

Labor Day Monday, Sept. 4 ONE DAY DELAY

Service will be delayed by one day the week of September 5.



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FREE DISPOSAL! HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE EVENT Saturday, July 22, 2023; 8 a.m.—12 noon Conejo Collection Center 1100 Manzano Expressway, Los Lunas, NM

DISPOSE OF HHW & E-WASTE THE RIGHT WAY!!!



What you CAN bring to the event (examples):

- Brake fluid, paint, paint thinner, pesticides or herbicides, cleaners with acid or lye, batteries and car batteries, pool chemicals, oil filters, anti-freeze, and fluorescent light bulbs
- Household electronic waste including computer monitors, televisions, computer CPUs, keyboards, printers, cell phones, etc.

What you CAN'T bring to the event:

- Waste from businesses
- Explosive, ammunition, or radioactive materials
- Household trash* (will be accepted at regular price)
- Controlled substances
- Medical waste

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IMPORTANT: Each customer may bring 2 items of HHW and 2 items of e-waste.

HOW TO PREPARE ITEMS FOR TRANSPORT

- Bring items in a sturdy box
- Separate HHW and E-Waste
- Ensure that the items are securely packed and will not spill during transport
- Don't damage television screens
- Be prepared to leave your containers and boxes.

For all of your summer projects, we have <u>ROLL OFF CONTAINERS</u> sized to meet your needs. For prices, give us a call at (505) 899-DUMP (3867).