

The District is very excited to offer you an optional community trash and recycling program, the Cottonwood Water Trash Collection Program (“District’s Program”), designed to lower costs, simplify service, eliminate the need for individual trash contracts and limit the number of trash collection trucks in and out of the community Monday through Sunday to a single day per week! The District pursued trash collection services through a public bidding process which resulted in **Waste Management (“WM”)** meeting both the desired level of service and the lowest pricing.

What changes?

- ✓ Your cost – lower monthly rates
 - New rates will average approximately \$16.13/month – a savings of up to \$500 per year!
- ✓ Your billing statement
 - You will no longer receive a separate bill from **WM**. Your **monthly** charges will appear on your Cottonwood Water & Sanitation District bill.
 - **Note:** Any overlap payment you make to WM will be reimbursed to you by WM upon confirmation of your participation in the District’s program.
 - Should you move at any time, your service will be closed out with your water bill and service will be transferred to the next tenant or homeowner.
- ✓ Your neighborhood
 - Fewer trucks driving through the streets each day improves safety, noise and air quality.
 - A reduction in the number of trash containers lined along the roadways on multiple days throughout the week.
 - NEW - Annual community disposal day for large items.

What stays the same?

- ✓ Exceptional Service provided by **WM**
 - Weekly trash collection and biweekly recycling on **Thursday**, year-round (holiday delays apply).
 - WM will provide delivery of two 96-gallon totes (one for trash and one for recycling) to all participants in the program – please contact WM directly to lease additional totes. You can always lease additional totes directly from the WM; Extra Trash Tote: ~\$5.80/mo., and Extra Recycling Tote: ~\$7.52/mo.
 - Any trash outside of the totes will not be collected. **WM** uses automated collection equipment; thus, all trash and recycle will continue to be inside the totes they provide for collection.

What’s next?

- ✓ Determine eligibility
 - This program is only available to residential properties where community trash collection services are not provided by an HOA or a Metropolitan District.
 - Understand the terms and conditions Participation in this program is optional. However, to guarantee these low rates, existing WM customers, such as yourself,

will need to opt-in to the new Program through Cottonwood Water & Sanitation District by **April 1, 2026** in order to begin services on **May 1, 2026**. Once you opt-in, your participation is at least through the end of 2026.

- **Opt-Out** anytime with notice requirements:
 - You will have the opportunity to Opt-Out between November 2 – 16, 2026.
 - If you are satisfied with our Program and decide not to request to Opt-Out before November 16, 2026, you will be automatically enrolled for the next two (2) – one (1) Year Terms. We will send you a notice in advance to remind you of the cancelation requirements.
 - If opted-out, you will always be able to opt-in again at some point. However, different terms and conditions may apply to returning customers.
- As mentioned above, participation in this program is optional. If you choose not to participate, you can remain a WM customer under your individual contract but will not qualify for the District's Program rates and services.
- **To verify your intent to enroll in writing:**
 - Send us an email by April 1 to cottonwoodwater@mulhernmre.com
 - Email subject: CWSD Trash Collection Program Opt-In
 - Please provide your name, address, and phone number
 - **OR** call the District's customer service number: (303) 792-9509

The District's Program is Possible Because...

The District's Trash Collection Program is authorized pursuant to Colorado House Bill 20-1074, which permits water and sanitation districts to contract for solid waste and recycling services. The approved bi-partisan legislation further authorizes Special District, at their discretion, to implement mandatory participation for such services.

Even with this authority in place, Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District policy provides for **VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION ONLY**. Enrollment in the District's Trash Collection Program is limited to qualifying properties that elect to opt-in, and the District will provide opt-out opportunities consistent with adopted program terms and conditions.

For more details regarding the District's Program, please visit us at:
www.cottonwoodwater.org or email us at cottonwoodwater@mulhernmre.com.

Thanks,
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