



# January 2025 Community Newsletter

## New Year, New Goals: Embrace Sustainability in 2025

The new year is the perfect time for new beginnings and new goals. As we step into 2025, why not consider setting some sustainability goals for you and your family? By setting small, achievable goals to reduce waste and embrace a more sustainable lifestyle, you'll build strong, positive habits throughout the year.



If you received upgraded or new items that replaced older ones, consider donating functional and reusable items to Goodwill or passing them along to someone who could use them. Reusing items for another purpose is always better than recycling. If reuse isn't possible, make sure to recycle what you can. By taking small steps to reduce our environmental footprint, we can create lasting change and contribute to a more sustainable future.

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## Winter Weather & Waste Collection: How to Ensure Your Containers are Serviced

We face many challenges on Utah's winter roads including snowy and icy conditions. Our waste and recycling drivers encounter these same obstacles, along with other difficulties that may not be immediately obvious to those unfamiliar with our equipment's operation.

When snow accumulates near the curb, it's important to place your containers in front of the snowbanks to ensure they can be serviced. Our truck arms are unable to reach containers if they are placed on top of or behind snowbanks.

To ensure that your containers are emptied for the week, please place them in a clear, accessible location for our drivers. Your cooperation helps us maintain smooth and efficient services during winter weather.



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## Winter Tips for Proper Recycling: Protect Your Containers from Snow and Water

Please ensure your recycling containers are not overloaded and properly sealed. This simple practice helps prevent snow and water from entering the recycling stream which can cause problems during processing.

When water infiltrates recyclable materials like paper and cardboard, it makes them waterlogged and difficult for our recycling partners to handle. By ensuring that your recycling container lid closes completely, you help minimize water contamination, increasing the likelihood that more of your recyclables will successfully make it through the process.



If your container has a broken lid, damaged body or wheels, please contact us at (385) 468-6325 or visit our website at <https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/report-a-problem-or-request-service/> to request a repair or replacement.

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## REMINDER: Christmas Tree Collections

We offer Christmas tree removal for your post-holiday convenience. During the month of January, we will begin picking up trees from residents who complete our request form on our website ([www.wasatchfrontwaste.org](http://www.wasatchfrontwaste.org)) or call the WFWRD office at (385) 468-6325.

**We ONLY accept REAL trees – no artificial trees.** Trees must be free of decorations, ornaments, lights, and snow. Please place trees curbside, not in bins.

To have your Christmas tree picked up, please ensure you remove all decorations and place your tree at the curb. Trees will be collected the day after your regularly scheduled pickup day. Due to high demand, it may take more than one week to complete all requests.



Happy New Year!