



City Spotlight!

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“Waste Not, Want Not: Yuma’s Guide to Garbage”

Let’s talk a little trash and remind everyone about the proper use of our rubbish containers to ensure that our waste management system runs smoothly and efficiently. Let’s all do our part to keep Yuma clean and green!

First, our black rubbish containers are designated for household trash only. This includes everyday waste like food scraps, non-recyclable packaging, and general household items. It’s important to use these containers correctly to avoid contamination and ensure proper disposal.

For recyclable items such as cardboard, tin cans, aluminum, shiny cardboard, and glass, please take these materials to our recycling bins located on East 2nd Avenue. Ensure that these items are clean and sorted properly before disposal. Recycling correctly helps us reduce waste and conserve resources.

We also need to address the proper disposal of construction debris, especially in light of the recent hail storm which has caused significant damage. This type of debris should not be placed in the black or green containers. Most homeowner insurance policies cover the cost of debris removal as part of damage claims, so please check with your local insurance agent about the specifics of your policy. This will help you handle the debris responsibly and efficiently.

Our green containers are exclusively for vegetative waste. This includes grass clippings, leaves, and garden foliage. However, please remember that tree branches or any kind of wood material are not allowed in these containers. We compost the material from our green containers, and the presence of branches or sticks disrupts our composting process. Your cooperation is crucial to maintain the quality and efficiency of our composting efforts.

The City of Yuma is committed to managing our composting and household garbage disposal effectively. We depend on each resident to follow these guidelines to help us achieve our goals.

Here’s a quick recap:

1. Black Containers: Use for household trash only.
2. Recycling: Take recyclables to the bins on East 2nd Avenue.
3. Construction Debris: Do not use black or green containers; check your insurance for removal coverage.
4. Green Containers: For vegetative waste only—no branches or wood.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to making Yuma a cleaner, more sustainable community. Let’s all do our part to keep our city at its best!



“Building Without Bloopers: Why Permits Matter”

As our community continues to grow and develop, it's crucial to understand the significance of building permits in ensuring safe, high-quality construction. This is especially important now, in the wake of the recent hail storm that caused significant damage across our city. With repair efforts expected to continue for months, obtaining the necessary permits for any construction project is a critical step that benefits everyone involved.

Building permits are designed to protect you, the homeowner, by ensuring that all construction work meets established standards. When you apply for a permit, your project plans are reviewed by professionals to ensure they comply with local building codes and regulations. This process helps guarantee that your contractor is delivering the quality of work you're paying for, reducing the risk of subpar craftsmanship and future costly repairs.

The primary purpose of building permits is to ensure safety. Proper construction practices are vital to preventing accidents, structural failures, and fire hazards. By adhering to building codes, you are not only protecting your own property but also ensuring the safety of your neighbors. Safe construction practices reduce the risk of injuries and accidents that could affect the entire community.

Permits create a legal obligation for contractors to follow approved plans and codes. This accountability ensures that your contractor can't cut corners or bypass essential safety measures. It also provides you with a documented trail of compliance, which can be invaluable if disputes arise or when you decide to sell your property in the future.

Building inspectors play a crucial role in maintaining the integrity and safety of construction projects. These professionals visit construction sites at various stages to ensure that work is being performed according to the approved plans and codes. Their presence helps catch potential issues early, preventing problems from escalating into significant hazards. Inspectors bring a wealth of knowledge and experience, providing guidance and advice to contractors, helping them navigate complex building codes and regulations. This expertise ensures that projects are completed to the highest standards of safety and quality.

By ensuring that all construction meets local codes, building inspectors help maintain the overall quality and safety of our community's infrastructure. This diligence protects property values and contributes to the long-term stability and attractiveness of our neighborhoods.

As a homeowner, it's your responsibility to ensure that any construction project on your property has the necessary permits. Start by consulting with your contractor to make sure they understand and agree to obtain the required permits before starting work. Verify that the permits are in place and properly displayed at the construction site. Stay informed about the inspection schedule and attend inspections if possible. This involvement can give you peace of mind that your project is proceeding correctly.

With the extensive repairs needed after the recent hail storm, adhering to these guidelines is more important than ever. By securing the proper permits and cooperating with building inspectors, you play a vital role in promoting safe, high-quality construction in Yuma. Let's work together to ensure that our community remains a safe and beautiful place to live.

