**POLICIES**

**Collection Time:** Please have your City of El Mirage barrel(s) out at the curb by 5:30 a.m. on your pick up days as trucks will start collecting at that time.

**Barrel Placement:** Barrels must be placed in the street directly in front of your home. The barrel front should be facing the street (handles facing your home) with the wheels adjacent to the rolled or vertical sidewalk curb. Do not place barrels near anything that might be damaged by the automated arms. **Provide at least four feet of clearance in all directions from any obstacle.** (City Code § 52.16(A)). Placing barrels near obstacles may prevent your trash or recycling from being collected.

**Containment:** Bag and tie all trash before placing in the barrel. **Do not bag your recyclables.** All trash and recycling must be contained in your barrel(s) provided to you by the City of El Mirage and cannot protrude more than one foot beyond the barrel. **Refuse not contained in your City of El Mirage barrel(s) will not be collected and overstuffed barrels will not be serviced!** Customers will be required to partially empty overstuffed barrels and a truck will not return until the next regularly scheduled collection day.

**Unacceptable Waste:** Remodeling or construction debris, dirt, rocks, cement, or roofing shingles cannot be taken with the regular collection. If you need to dispose of these types of items, contact Parks & Sons Customer Service to make special arrangements (additional charges will apply).

**Hazardous Waste:** Materials such as motor oils, tires, car batteries, chemicals, and paint cannot be placed in the regular trash as they are considered hazardous. For proper disposal methods, contact Parks & Sons Customer Service or visit us online at parksandsons.com/hazardous.

**Large/Bulk Item Disposal:** If you have an excessive amount of trash or large items to be disposed of that will not fit in your barrel, contact Parks & Sons Customer Service to arrange for a special pick up and pricing.

**CONTACTS**

**Billing:** Billing is provided by the City of El Mirage.

**El Mirage Customer Service**
Phone: (623) 933-1228 | Web: elmirageaz.gov
Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am to 5:30 pm

**Service:** Trash and recycling services are provided by Parks & Sons of Sun City, Inc.

**Parks & Sons Customer Service**
Phone: (623) 974-4791 | Web: parksandsons.com
Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

**COLLECTION & HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Following is a list of the observed holidays this year.

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<th>Holiday</th>
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<td><strong>NEW YEARS DAY:</strong> Friday, January 1</td>
<td>Section 1 collected on Monday (12/28) – no change.</td>
<td>Section 2 collected on Thursday (12/31) – no change.</td>
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<td><strong>MEMORIAL DAY:</strong> Monday, May 31</td>
<td>Section 1 collected on Tuesday (06/01).</td>
<td>Section 2 collected on Friday (06/04).</td>
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<td><strong>LABOR DAY:</strong> Monday, September 6</td>
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<td>Section 2 collected on Friday (09/10).</td>
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<td><strong>THANKSGIVING:</strong> Thursday, November 25</td>
<td>Section 1 collected on Monday (11/22) – no change.</td>
<td>Section 2 collected on Friday (11/26).</td>
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If a holiday is not mentioned in the schedule, your collection will not be affected.

**COMMINGLED RECYCLING PROGRAM**

### PAPER (PAPEL)
- Newspaper, junkmail, envelopes
- Magazines, catalogs, paper bags
- Telephone books

### CARDBOARD (CARTÓN)
- Cardboard without packing materials
- Chipboard
- Boxes

### PLASTICS (PLASTICOS)
- Plastic cups, bottles, jugs, cartons, containers
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### ALUMINUM & TIN (ALUMINIO)
- Aluminum, steel, tin cans
- Aerosol cans (must be empty)
- Foil and foil baking pans

### GLASS (VIDRIO)
- Food jars
- Beverage bottles

### Recyclables Preparation
Please use this guide to assist you in properly preparing and disposing of your recyclable items.

- Recyclables need to be relatively clean, dry, and empty. Examples of this include a mayonnaise jar wiped clean of residue with a spatula or emptying a soda bottle completely in the sink.

- Lightly rinse the recyclable container, if necessary, to remove food particles. Please be conscientious of your water use while rinsing the containers – recyclables do not need to be run through a dishwasher, but simply cleaned of residue.

- Remove non-recyclable material from the items (such as plastic cereal inserts). Plastic and metal caps and labels do not need to be removed from the recyclables.

- **Do not place recyclables in plastic bags** – they should be uncontained when placed in your recycle container(s). Continue to bag and tie your trash placed in trash receptacles.

### Non-Recyclable Items
- Household trash
- Plastic bags
- Paper towels, napkins, facial tissues, diapers
- Styrofoam
- Construction waste, wood
- Fabric (clothing, bedding, etc.)
- Landscaping, yard clippings, trimmings
- Appliances, vehicle parts

**Placing non-recyclable items in the recycling bin can result in contamination and recyclables going to the landfill.** Parks & Sons may charge fees to customers placing unacceptable material into the recycling bin, and reserves the right to suspend their participation in the recycling program. Thanks for doing your part to recycle right!

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