

City of Tombstone

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NOTICE TO BUSINESSES

Change in Cardboard Collection Service – Effective November 1, 2025

Dear Business Owner,

Effective **November 1, 2025**, the City of Tombstone will no longer provide cardboard collection service for businesses. After contacting all local waste collection providers, we confirmed that none currently recycle cardboard due to rising costs.

Businesses may place cardboard in their regular trash bins or drop it off at the Cochise County Solid Waste Transfer Station.

This decision is based on the following facts:

- The City currently spends approximately \$36,000 per year to pick up cardboard three times a week.
- The annual revenue from cardboard sales is under \$5,000, making the service financially unsustainable.
- Public Works staffing is limited and must prioritize essential services.
- The three trash companies servicing Tombstone confirmed they no longer recycle cardboard separately due to rising costs.

The City also explored the option of charging a monthly fee for continued cardboard collection. However, the cost per business would have been unreasonably high and would only work if every business participated. This approach was not considered fair, especially for businesses that generate little to no cardboard each month.

Please note: The City will not be providing an additional can or dumpster for cardboard.

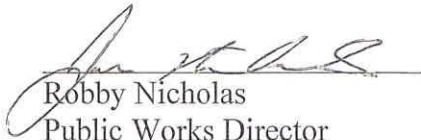
We recommend the following options for businesses:

- Contact your trash provider to inquire about obtaining an additional trash can.
- Break down cardboard and deliver it to the Cochise County Solid Waste Transfer Station. Located at 912 N. Gun Club Road, Tombstone. 520-368-4647

We also ask that businesses not place cardboard in the public trash cans within the Historic District, as these receptacles are intended for visitor use.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we continue to focus on essential city services. If you have questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 520-457-3415 or email publicworks@cityoftombstoneaz.gov.

Sincerely,



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