



Proud to be your service provider for the collection of **Recyclables**, **Garbage**, **Food Scraps**, & **Yard Trimmings**.

Single Family Residential News

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2026

Avoid Wishcycling and Contamination

Wishcycling occurs when people place unrecyclable items into the **recycling split-cart** in hopes that they can be recycled. Unfortunately, this generates contamination, as does placing recyclable items that weren't empty or dry into the **recycling split-cart**. This in turn can:

- damage sorting machinery
- injure employees
- increase collection costs
- send entire recycling loads to the landfill

THESE ITEMS BELONG IN THE GARBAGE:



- bubble wrap, film plastic and plastic wrap
- plastic plates, cups & cutlery
- chip/snack packaging
- Styrofoam® blocks, foodware & packaging peanuts
- CDs, DVDs, Blu-rays, VHS tapes & Cassette tapes
- crockery & dishware
- masks & gloves

THESE ITEMS SHOULD BE EMPTY, DRY AND SCRAPED CLEAN OF RESIDUE BEFORE BEING PLACED IN THE RECYCLING:



- glass bottles & jars
- plastic bottles, jugs, tubs & trays labeled 1-7
- metal cans
- aseptic boxes (dairy cartons, juice boxes)

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

THANKSGIVING WEEK:

If your regular collection day is Thursday or Friday, service will be one day later.

NOVEMBER 23-28, 2026

If your collection day is:	Mon. 23	Tue. 24	Wed. 25	Thu. 26	Fri. 27
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 23	Tue. 24	Wed. 25	Fri. 27	Sat. 28

CHRISTMAS WEEK:

If your regular collection day is Friday, service will be one day later.

DECEMBER 21-26, 2026

If your collection day is:	Mon. 21	Tue. 22	Wed. 23	Thu. 24	Fri. 25
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 21	Tue. 22	Wed. 23	Thu. 24	Sat. 26

NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEK:

If your regular collection day is Friday, service will be one day later.

DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 2

If your collection day is:	Mon. 28	Tue. 29	Wed. 30	Thu. 31	Fri. 1
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 28	Tue. 29	Wed. 30	Thu. 31	Sat. 2

Household Battery Program

Batteries don't belong in any collection carts, but that doesn't mean we can't pick them up! Tape the terminals on your household batteries, put them in a clear, zipper-lock style plastic bag, and place the bag **on top of** (not inside) your **blue recyclables split-cart** for collection.

A, AA, AAA, C, D & 9-volt batteries are accepted.

Car batteries are not allowed.

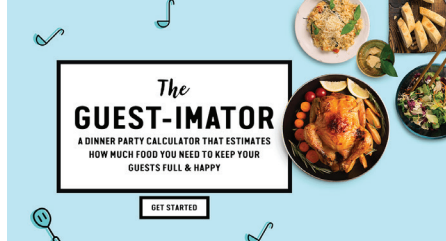
Prevent Food Waste

Californians throw away nearly 6 million tons of food each year. Manage food thoughtfully before it becomes part of the **food scraps** collection program: plan your purchases so you don't buy in excess, encourage guests to bring to-go containers and take leftovers home, and freeze leftovers so they last longer.



MORE TIPS

- **SHOP YOUR FRIDGE:**
Use food you already have.
- **MEAL PLAN:**
Use the Meal Prep Mate and Guest-imator tools at www.SaveTheFood.com.
- **STORE FOOD PROPERLY:**
Get the latest news, alerts, and tips about safe food handling and storage at www.foodsafety.gov.
- **CURBSIDE OIL COLLECTION:**
Contain your used cooking oil in a sealed 1-gallon, screw top, clear container/jug and place it on the curb (not in the gutter) next to (not inside) your **Blue Recyclables Split Cart** on your next service day. If you don't have an appropriate container, contact us and we'll deliver one on your next service day.



SEPARATE FOOD SCRAPS FROM GARBAGE - IT'S THE LAW (SENATE BILL 1383)

Find out why it's important to collect your food scraps.



Fall & Winter Leaf Clean-up



Place leaves and branches in your green yard trimmings cart every week to keep them off the street and out of the storm drains.

DID YOU KNOW?

Street Sweepers are designed to pick up smaller debris, not large piles of leaves. If the vehicle comes into contact with a pile of leaves, it will spread the leaves all over the street. During November and December, select neighborhood streets will be swept for excess leaves once a week.

Thank you! Your efforts keep our drivers safe and the collection program cost effective & efficient!



**Remember to:
Reduce, Reuse,
Recycle, Rot, & Donate!**

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