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Fall and Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving Day

The Thanksgiving holiday is on Thursday November 24 this year. The office will be closed and there will be no pick-up service that day.

Thursday's customers will receive pick-up service on Friday the 25th and Friday's customers will receive pick-up service on Saturday the 26th.

Christmas Day and New Years Day

Both Christmas and New Year's Day holidays falls on a Sunday this year, therefore, garbage, recycling and greenwaste collection service will not be delayed.

Holiday Tree Disposal

Boy Scouts of America Tree Recycling Fundraiser

For a \$10.00 donation per tree, local Boy Scouts Troop 905 will pickup holiday trees from Dublin residents on Sunday, January 1, 2023. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, please visit <https://www.dublintroop905.org/> after December 1, 2022. Reservations will be taken through 3 p.m. December 31, 2022. Only clean trees will be accepted. No flocking or tinsel allowed. Please remove the tree base or stand.

We Want Our Service to Be The Best and You Can Help



Please place your carts at the curb edge with at least 3 feet of clearance from other objects, including other carts, basketball hoops and motor vehicles.

Special Holiday Tree Pickup

You may place your holiday tree at the curb by 5:30 A.M. on your regular service day beginning January 2, 2023 through January 13, 2023. A truck exclusively for recycling holiday trees will collect the trees. Only clean trees will be taken (no flocking or tinsel). Please cut trees down to 4-feet or less in height. Please remove bases or stand.

Recycle Holiday Tree in Organics Cart

You may place your holiday tree into your Organics Cart along with acceptable yard trimmings and food scraps anytime after the holiday. Your cart will be emptied on your regular service day. Only clean trees are accepted (no flocking or tinsel). Tree branches and stumps must be cut up in lengths that will allow the lid to securely close.

Non-Recyclable Flocked Trees or Trees with Tinsel

Amador Valley Industries can pick up your non-recyclable holiday tree. Please call (925) 479-9545 to arrange for disposal of your flocked or tinselized tree. An additional fee may apply, unless you use one of the three (3) Large Item Collections available to you per year at no cost.

What Do I Put Into the Organics Cart?

The reason Organics Carts are so important is that using them helps divert materials away from our landfills which is better for the environment. Here is a list to help you use your cart efficiently. Thank you for helping us provide you with the best possible service.

Organics Acceptable List

- Grass and weed clippings
- Shrubs and tree prunings (less than 4" in diameter)
- Leaves, plants and flowers
- Food scraps and food soiled paper products

Non-acceptable Organics List

- No household garbage
- No plastic bags
- No dirt or rocks
- No overloading - lid must be closed

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Recycle Cart Awareness During the Holidays

During the holiday season we generate 25% more waste than usual. But that means a higher percentage of waste ends up in the Recycle Cart over the holidays than during the rest of the year. Most people try to do the right thing, but some people are trying to put everything into the Recycling Cart. That increases the total volume of material we get, but more of that volume is actually trash. These non-recyclables such as: large plastic toys with metal parts, batteries, electronics, food soiled paper and plastic bags can contaminate the good recyclables and the whole load can end up in the landfill. Recycling streams that require more sorting are less likely to be able to be recycled economically – and more likely to be sent to the landfill. Here are some tips that can help:

1. Much of the glossy or laminated gift wrap that's popular around Christmas can't be recycled; neither can many of the ribbons, especially those with wire mesh. Please consider using recyclable gift wrap or get creative with newsprint, paper grocery bags or other natural-fiber paper. Gift bags that can be used several times are also a great alternative.
2. Reusable shopping bags or totes can cut down the use of plastic bags dramatically.
3. As online shopping increases, so do the number of boxes being shipped. Most cardboard boxes are high-value recyclables, but the sheer volume of them means they often overflow the Recycling Carts and end up in the trash. Break down the cardboard boxes to save space and make sure they end up in the recycling.
4. Soiled paper cups, plates and napkins aren't recyclable. Throw disposable plates, napkins and paper towels in Greenwaste Cart because they are compostable. Most plastic food ware, which is usually made of mixed or low-grade plastics, with the exception of some plastic cups are not recyclable and have to be put in the trash. It's best to skip the disposables in favor of reusables when possible.



Bag Your Bags – Not Your Recyclables



Putting recyclables in a plastic bag tangles up the recycling equipment, so let your recyclables “loose” in your blue cart. Reuse bags and collect all clean, dry, loose plastic bags in one plastic bag and seal. Take your “bags in bag” and drop it off at a retail store near you. For a great Drop-Off Locator, go to the Plastic Film Recycling website, www.plasticfilmrecycling.org, to find a location near you. You will be surprised how many stores near you that have plastic bag recycling containers. **Please, keep unusable plastic bags, wires, string, old Christmas light strings out of the Recycle Cart and place them in the Garbage Cart.**

Also, it is *very important to keep plastic bags out of your Greenwaste Cart* because just a few misplaced bags can cause an entire semi-load of greenwaste to be deemed contaminated, therefore, that load can't go to a compost location but has to be sent to the landfill... such a big waste of good compost material.

Keep Our Recycling Clean



For both recycling and greenwaste carts, please don't contaminate your load with plastic bags, wire, string or anything else that can jam up our equipment. It stops our processes and creates additional work for our employees.



Please never put hazardous waste in any cart. Chemicals, especially if they accidentally combine, cause fires, toxic fumes/gases and poison landfills. See StopWaste.org for disposal options.



Lithium batteries cause fires and are very dangerous. Please, never dispose of any electronic device that is “rechargeable.” Any battery can leak caustic chemicals, please never put batteries in the trash or recycling carts.