



## Fall and Holiday Schedule

### Thanksgiving Day

The Thanksgiving holiday is on Thursday November 25 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 26th and Friday's customers will receive pick-up service on Saturday the 27th.

### Christmas Day and New Years Day

Both Christmas and New Year's Day holidays falls on a Saturday 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 Saturday, January 8, 2022. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, please visit [www.troop905.org/xmastree](http://www.troop905.org/xmastree) after December 1, 2021. Reservations will be taken through 3 p.m. January 7, 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 10, 2022 through January 21, 2022. 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 tinsel 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

# Batteries and Fluorescent Lamps

State law requires all types of household batteries and fluorescent lamps to be recycled. They can no longer be thrown in the trash. These items can be recycled at all the Household Hazardous Waste facilities. Check the schedule for Livermore at: [www.StopWaste.org](http://www.StopWaste.org) or if you have questions call 1-800-606-6606 or email the HHW program at: [hhw@acgov.org](mailto:hhw@acgov.org).

## What else you can do as an individual

**Stockpile spent batteries** – use a 2 or 5 gallon bucket to store spent batteries in a cool dry place. Bring them in to your nearest HHW facility when the bucket is full.

**Switch to rechargeable batteries.** It will save resources and money too. Most common consumer devices that use standard batteries from AAA to D cells can use rechargeable Nickel Metal Hydride (NIMH) batteries with no loss of function and longer battery life than alkalines. A typical NIMH AA battery costs about \$ 2.50 retail versus about \$0.50 for a disposable AA battery – after only 5 uses the rechargeable will pay for itself. Rechargeables can last for hundreds of charge cycles potentially saving thousands of dollars over the course of a few years for today's battery hungry electronic devices and cameras.

**Single Family Residential Customers**  
may recycle their household batteries and cell phones by placing them in a clear sealed heavy duty zip type plastic bag. Place the sealed plastic bag ON TOP of your recycling cart on your regular collection day.



With a modest investment of about \$50.00 a typical family can reduce the number of spent batteries they generate by 80% or more by switching to rechargeable batteries. For as little as \$10.00 some drugstores and office supply stores are selling a starter kit of 4 AA batteries and a charger. Rechargeable Batteries are even cheaper purchased in bulk over the Internet. One area where you should be careful with rechargeable is in critical safety equipment like smoke detectors, critical medical devices, and emergency kit items like flashlights and radios. Disposable alkaline batteries still have an advantage over rechargeable batteries when it comes to shelf life. Follow the manufacturers recommendations for these items.

## Holiday Food Scrap Recycling

Did you know that between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, the amount of household waste increases by 25 percent? Food scraps and food soiled paper are the largest single item in our waste stream - making up approximately 35% of what we throw away in Alameda County. Food scraps are a resource, not a waste. By participating in the food scrap recycling program, food scraps and food soiled paper are sent to a composting facility. Instead of taking up space in the landfill, your food scraps become compost - a valuable resource used by landscapers and farmers. Plus, keeping food scraps out of your kitchen garbage disposal can help prevent clogged pipes resulting in expensive repair bills. Residents may contact AVI to request a convenient kitchen pail to gather food scraps.

### FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING. MAKE IT SECOND NATURE.

It's easy to collect food scraps and food-soiled paper in your kitchen pail or paper bag. Empty your food scraps into your green waste cart and set it by the curb for the weekly pick-up.

**Other containers  
to collect food in:  
Paper bags and  
Newspaper**



**StopWaste.org**

Visit [StopWaste.org](http://StopWaste.org)  
for more information  
about Food Scrap  
Recycling



**All Food Products,**  
including fruit, vegetables, breads, cereal, dairy and meat (including bones); coffee grounds, filters and tea bags; food-soiled paper, such as paper towels, plates, napkins, pizza boxes and lunch sacks. **NO PLASTIC, GLASS, METAL OR LIQUIDS.** No plastic coated paper products.

Source: Alameda County Waste Management Authority, [www.Stopwaste.org](http://www.Stopwaste.org) , (510) 891-6500

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