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HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

THANKSGIVING On Thursday November 22 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 23rd and Friday's customers will receive pick-up service on Saturday the 24th.

CHRISTMAS DAY falls on a Tuesday this year so most of the week of garbage, recycling and organics collection service will be postponed by one day. In other words, **Monday pickups will be Monday but Tuesday pick-ups will be on Wednesday, Wednesday pickups on Thursday, Thursday pickups on Friday and Friday pickups on Saturday.**

NEW YEARS DAY falls on a Tuesday this year, therefore, like Christmas week Monday pickups will be on Monday but Tuesday through Friday's pickups will be delayed by one day following the New Year's Day holiday.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TREE RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

For a \$5.00 donation per tree, local Boy Scouts will pickup holiday trees from Dublin residents on Saturday, January 5, 2008. Reservations are required. To make arrangements, please place your reservation online at www.troop905.org/trees or call (925) 875-2216. Reservations will be taken through January 4, 2008. Only clean trees will be accepted. No flocking or tinsel allowed. Please remove the tree base or stand.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY TREE PICKUP

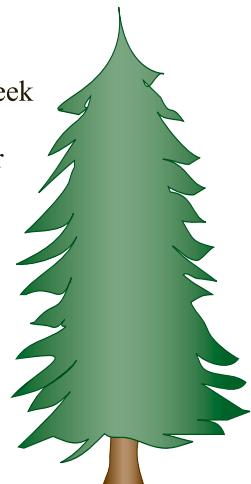
You may place your holiday tree at the curb by 5:30 A.M. on your regular service day beginning the week of December 26, 2007 through January 11, 2008. A truck exclusively for recycling holiday trees will collect the trees. Only clean trees will be taken (no flocking or tinsel). Please cut trees down 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 anytime after the holiday. 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 TREE 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 tinseled tree at an additional disposal fee.



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.



What Do I Put Into the Organics Cart?

The reason Organics Carts are so important is that they help divert tons of materials away from our landfills which saves costs and is better for the environment. Here is a list to help you utilize 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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FALL AND WINTER RECYCLING TIPS!

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, we traditionally produce 25 percent more trash, mostly wrapping paper, ribbons, party decorations and mail order catalogues that are the by-products of the holiday season. Nation-wide we generate about 5 million tons of trash during the week following Christmas alone. So, here are a few tips from AVI to lighten the trash load in coming months.

TAKE YOUR OWN TOTE WHEN SHOPPING Take a reusable tote bag when shopping for Christmas sales and avoid bringing home an armload of plastic or paper sacks.

AVOID GLOSSY FOIL WRAPS Foil wrapping paper may be attractive, but it cannot be recycled. It's environmentally sensible to buy wrap made of recycled paper. Or, avoid using commercial paper and substitute sheets of Sunday comics or glossy magazine pages to wrap packages. Cheery holiday gift bags are increasingly popular. Best of all, they can be used over and over again if they are folded and stored neatly from season to season.

RECYCLE CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR NEXT YEAR Cut the fronts off this year's Christmas cards to reuse as holiday "postcards" next season. Postcards take up less room in mailbags and are far less expensive to mail. Or, send the fronts of Christmas cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude's St., Boulder City, Nevada 89005-1618 for recycling.

REMOVE YOUR NAME FROM UNWANTED CATALOGUE LISTS The average American home receives more than 200 mail order catalogues each year, mostly at holiday time. Call the toll free number of catalogues that you no longer want and ask that your name be removed from mailing lists. Or, write to the Direct Marketing Association at P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735-9008 to have your name removed from third-class mailing lists.

HERE ARE FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BUY RECYCLED:

Saves Natural Resources: By making products from recycled materials instead of virgin materials, we conserve land and reduce the need to drill for oil and dig for minerals.

Saves Energy: It usually takes less energy to make recycled products; recycled aluminum, for example, takes 95% less energy than new aluminum from bauxite ore.

Saves Clean Air and Water: In most cases, making products from recycled materials creates less air pollution and water pollution than making products from virgin materials.

Saves Landfill Space: When the materials that you recycle go into new products, they don't go into landfills so, landfill space is conserved.

Saves Money and Creates Jobs: The recycling process creates far more jobs than landfills and recycling can frequently be the least expensive waste management method for cities and towns.



BUY RECYCLED MYTHS DEBUNKED

Myth #1 - Recycled content products are hard to find. This used to be true, but no longer. From the neighborhood grocery store to the national retailers, stores sell thousands of products made from or packaged in recycled content material.

Myth #2 - Recycled content products are inferior in quality. This is simply not true. Recycled content products have the same quality, reliability, and dependability. These products undergo the same stringent testing and exacting performance documentation to which virgin materials are subjected.

Myth #3 - Recycled content products cost more. Many recycled content products are priced competitively with their non-recycled counterparts. In fact, some may be less expensive.

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