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## HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

**PLEASE READ THE SCHEDULE CAREFULLY AS YOUR PICK-UP DAY MAY CHANGE DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS**

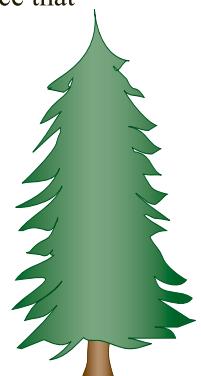
**THANKSGIVING** is on Thursday November 27; the office will be closed and there will be no pick-up service that day. **Thursday's customers will receive pick-up service on Friday the 28th and Friday's customers will receive pick-up service on Saturday the 29th.**

**CHRISTMAS DAY** falls on a Thursday this year so Thursday and Friday's garbage, recycling and organics collection service will be postponed by one day. In other words, **Thursday pickups will be on Friday and Friday pickups will be on Saturday.**

**NEW YEARS DAY** also falls on a Thursday this year therefore, **Thursday pickups will be on Friday and Friday pickups will be on Saturday.**

### 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 3, 2009. Reservations are required. To make arrangements, please place your reservation online at [www.troop905.org/trees](http://www.troop905.org/trees) or call (925) 875-2216. Reservations will be taken through January 2, 2009. 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 starting on December 26, 2008 through January 9, 2009. 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

# NEW SHARPS DISPOSAL LAW

## HYPODERMIC NEEDLE TRASH BAN TO BEGIN IN CALIFORNIA

Californians who use hypodermic needles in their homes need to find alternative ways to dispose of them, the result of a law banning needles in trash cans that **takes effect as of September 1, 2008.**

The law, passed in April, forbids hypodermic needles – or “sharps” – from being thrown away in residential garbage, including recycling and green waste bins.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF SHARPS, GO TO [WWW.STOPWASTE.ORG](http://WWW.STOPWASTE.ORG) OR CALL 1-877-STOPWASTE (786-7927)

## FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING. MAKE IT SECOND NATURE. [WWW.STOPWASTE.ORG](http://WWW.STOPWASTE.ORG)



**ALL FOOD PRODUCTS**, including fruit, vegetables, breads, cereal, dairy, meat (including bones), coffee grounds, filters, tea bags, and food-soiled paper such as paper towels, plates, napkins, pizza boxes and lunch sacks.

**PLEASE, NO PLASTIC, GLASS, METAL OR LIQUIDS IN GREENWASTE CART**

## 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.

### 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

### DISPOSE OF SHARPS FREE

The Alameda County Department of Environmental Health now provides a better, safe and practical solution for residents that generate “sharps” waste. As of July 1st, 2005 the HHW program is accepting home generated “sharps” waste from Alameda County residents. Alameda County residents can now dispose of their own home generated “sharps” waste safely and conveniently at any of Alameda County’s Household Hazardous Waste facilities, FREE!

This program is applicable to home generated “sharps” waste only. All businesses that generate sharps are required by the Medical Waste Management Act to have their biohazardous waste picked up by a registered biohazardous waste hauler. For more details call 510-670-6460 or toll-free 800-606-6606 or email [hhwsharps@acgov.org](mailto:hhwsharps@acgov.org).

It's easy to collect food scraps and food-soiled paper in your kitchen pail or another container, such as a milk carton, ice cream carton or paper bag. Empty your food scraps into your greenwaste cart and set it by the curb for the weekly pick-up. For more information please see [www.StopWaste.Org](http://www.StopWaste.Org)

### OTHER CONTAINERS TO COLLECT FOOD IN

- Ice Cream Cartons
- Milk Cartons
- Newspaper
- Paper Bags



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.

### TAKE YOUR OWN TOTE WHEN SHOPPING

Take a reusable tote bag when Christmas shopping and avoid bringing home an armload of plastic or paper sacks.

### 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.