



## Reducing Holiday Waste

The holidays can generate a lot of waste—from wrapping paper, packaging, to single-use items. Try these simple swaps to celebrate sustainably:

### Wrapping & Packaging Tips

- Use reusable materials like scarves, fabric, newspaper, or gift bags.
- Repurpose baskets, tins, or boxes for creative gift wrapping.
- Choose wrapping paper made with post-consumer recycled content if you buy new.

### Shopping & Gifting Tips

- Bring your own bags when shopping for gifts.
- Make your own gift tags and cards or choose ones printed on recycled paper.
- Give gifts that encourage sustainability—like reusable totes, food containers, water bottles, or travel mugs.



### Tips to Prevent Food Waste

When we waste food, we waste all the energy, water, and resources that went into producing that food and getting it to our kitchens. Taking the time to plan meals, store food properly, and eat what we have can save food and money.

- ✓ Plan: Use a shopping list to help plan meals and save money.
- ✓ Store: Keep fruits and vegetables fresher with proper storage.
- ✓ Eat: Consume perishable food first and use your leftovers.



## Where Your Compost Goes and Why Sorting Matters

AVI delivers compost collected in Dublin to the Altamont Landfill's Covered Aerated Static Pile (CASP) composting facility. The facility turns 156,000 tons of organic material into over 346,000 cubic yards of nutrient-rich compost annually. Ton per ton, CASP composting reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 80% compared to traditional windrow composting—making it a major win for climate action.

To protect the integrity of the compost, proper sorting at the source is essential. By composting correctly, residents help reduce methane emissions, improve soil health, and contribute to a more sustainable, circular economy. Composting just one ton of organic waste can cut emissions equivalent to removing a car from the road for two months.

## SB 1383 Reminder: Compost Your Holiday Food & Decor

Reminder that SB 1383 requires all organics, including holiday food waste and decorative organics like pumpkins, poinsettias, and wreaths to be sorted into your compost cart. Composting your organics reduces landfill waste and greenhouse gas emissions.





## 2025 Holiday Service Schedule

**No collection services or office hours on the following holidays:**

Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day

If your regular pickup day is Thursday or Friday those weeks, service will be delayed by one day.

## Tree Recycling & Disposal Options for the Holidays

Choose a natural tree this season—it's easy to recycle and helps turn holiday cheer into nutrient-rich compost! Below are your options for holiday tree recycling and safe disposal.



### Compost Cart Option

Cut your clean tree to fit fully inside your compost cart with the lid closed. Include branches with yard waste and food scraps. No flocking or tinsel. Your cart will be emptied on your regular service day.



### AVI Curbside Tree Pickup

Place your clean tree at the curb by 5:30 AM on your regular service day between January 5–31, 2026.

Trees must be under 4 feet or cut into smaller sections. No tinsel, flocking, bases or stands.



### Holiday Tree Drop-Off Sites

Bring your clean holiday tree to the Dublin Sports Grounds parking lot and place it into the holiday tree collection boxes between January 5 and January 31, 2026.



### Boy Scouts Tree Pickup

Dublin's Troop 905 will pick up trees on Saturday, January 3, 2026 for a \$10 minimum donation.

Reservations required at [Troop905.org](http://Troop905.org) starting December 1, 2025 through 3 PM, January 2, 2026.

Only clean trees accepted—no flocking, tinsel, or stands.



### Flocked or Tinselled Trees

Call (925) 479-9545 to schedule a special pickup. Fees may apply unless using one of your three **free bulky** item pickups.



### Got Extra Waste?

Remember not to overload your carts. If you have extra garbage or compost, call AVI to arrange an extra pickup or large item pickup.

Extra cardboard may be placed next to your recycling cart for collection at no additional cost.



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