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Earth Friendly Holiday Guide

Deck the Halls with Less Waste this Year



This year, instead of dreaming of a White Christmas, how about we think about a Green Holiday Season? With the holiday season in full swing, Sonoma County residents can be on the alert for ways to avoid holiday waste. It is estimated that between Thanksgiving and New Years, and extra one million tons of waste is generated nation wide each week. Over 28 billion pounds of edible food will be thrown away and wasted. On part of an ongoing effort to cut trash in half, Redwood Empire Disposal and the California Intergrated Waste Managment Board would like to reduce the amount of trash that is landfilled in the upcoming holiday season.

Gift Giving Tips

- ★ Rather than piling stuff up under the tree, make sure your material gift will get used. Think about what friends and family really want and need.
- ★ Give a consumable gift. Local honey, cookies, or a home cooked meal will always be appreciated and used.
- ★ Share a service you can provide. Offer baby-sitting time, house cleaning help, or weeding a neighbor's yard.
- ★ Try giving gift certificates or simply make a donation in his or her name to a favorite charity. Adopt an endangered animal, plant a tree, or provide a family in need with a cow.

Break the Gift-Wrap Habit

- ★ Purchase gift wrapping materials that have a recycled content.
- ★ Package in reusable tote bags or baskets.
- ★ Design your own gift wrap by using paper bags and adding decorations such as drawings, stamped patterns, or pictures cut from magazines.
- ★ Let the kids do the designing. This is a great way to keep them busy during stormy days.
- ★ Wrap gifts in the funny pages, old posters, or maps.
- ★ Reuse your bows and ribbons. Save gift boxes and bags to use again. Many gift boxes fold down and take very little room to store for future use.

Collection Schedule

Service will be delayed by one day for customers whose service days falls on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day.

- ★ Buy local, or think creatively and make your gifts.
- ★ Shop for gifts at antique stores, estate sales, thrift stores or flea markets.
- ★ Think about the amount of packaging involved with an item and if it can be recycled. Avoid using excess shipping materials.

Have Old Lights?

We have all unpacked the holiday box to find a tangled mess of unworking holiday lights. Don't put them in the trash, but recycle your old lights! Visit http://www.holidayleds.com/holidayledscom_christmas_light_recycling_program for more information. Purchasing new light decorations? Choose LED lights instead of incandecient strands to reduce your energy usage.

Holiday Trees

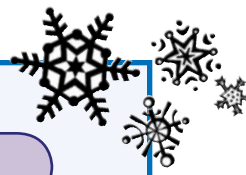
If your family chooses to use a tree to help celebrate the holidays, you may be considering if you should buy a live, cut, or a plastic tree. If you choose a cut tree, make sure you recycle it when your finished.

- Trees may be cut into 4 ft. sections and placed in the yardwaste cart at any time.
- You can place your tree on the curb on the night before your normal collection day during the weeks of January 4-22 or dropped off at the city corporation yard at 550 Westside Rd. between Dec. 26-Jan. 15.
- Please remove all tinsel, ligths and decorations before recycling. No flocked trees are accepted.

Visit www.unicycler.com for more information.



Single-Stream Recycling Guide



Place all Recycling Together inside the Blue Cart

Mixed Paper and Cardboard

Flatten or cut boxes to fit loosely inside cart. Place shredded paper in clear plastic or paper bag.

YES

- White & Colored Paper
- Office Paper & Junk Mail
- Newspaper
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Cereal & Shoe Boxes
- Corrugated Cardboard

NO

- Napkins, Towels, Tissues
- Food-Contaminated Paper
- Pizza Boxes
- Photographs or Blueprint Paper
- Waxed Cardboard or Paper



Milk Cartons and Juice/Rice/Soy boxes

Remove straws & tops
Empty before recycling

YES

- Milk Cartons
- Drink Boxes

NO

- Plastic-Lined Cartons
- Straws or Pop Tops



Glass Bottles & Jars

Remove caps & tops
Empty before recycling

YES

- Clear & Colored Glass
- Food & Beverage Jars

NO

- Window or Mirror Glass
- Ceramic, Dishes or Stemware



Plastic Containers

Wash & squash, remove caps
Empty before recycling

YES

- Plastic Containers
- Milk & Water Jugs
- Soda & Juice Bottles
- Yogurt & Deli Tubs

NO

- Plastic Caps
- Styrofoam



Metal Cans

Wash & squash, leave labels on
Empty before recycling

YES

- Aluminum Cans
- Steel & Tin Cans
- Bimetal Cans
- Empty Paint/ Aerosol Cans

NO

- Plastic Caps
- Styrofoam

Shop Locally for Re-Use Gifts

This year, avoid the stress of the mall and shop locally. Buying and reusing items closes the recycling loop. Don't forget to bring your own bag!

- ★ Salvation Army Store, 200 Lytton Springs Rd. 433-7404
- ★ Goodwill Industry, 513 Healdsburg Ave. 431-8408
- ★ Sprout, 177 Healdsburg Ave. 433-7355
- ★ Consignment Cottage, 44 Mill St. 433-3180
- ★ Favorites, 435 Center St. 433-2660
- ★ Recycletown, 166 Alexander Valley Rd. 433-0321



Holiday Recycling Guide

- ★ Recycle cardboard and chipboard gift boxes in your blue recycle cart. Better yet, save them to use again.
- ★ Recycle basic wrapping paper. However, if the paper is metallic or plastic coated, it goes in the trash. Remove all ribbons and decorations.
- ★ If you don't want save for reuse, recycle tissue paper in the blue cart.
- ★ Recycle plastic bags by bundling clean and dry plastic bags in one bag, tie a knot, and place in your blue cart.
- ★ The following local mail stores will accept packing peanuts for reuse. Bag them carefully.
 - The UPS Store
1083 Vine St. 433-0396
 - Fitch Mountain Packaging
424 Center St. #A, 433-1247
- ★ Compost fruits, vegetables, breads, grains, pasta, peels and seeds in the yard waste cart.

