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HOLIDAY WASTE FACTS

- According to CalRecycle (www.calrecycle.ca.gov) an estimated 2.6 billion holiday cards are sold each year in the U.S., enough to fill a football field 10 stories high!
- Half of the paper consumed in the U.S. every year is used to wrap and decorate consumer products.

What can you do to help?

- If you have internet access, consider sending electronic holiday cards this year. Check the selection at commercial sites like hallmark.com, bluemountain.com or 123christmascards.com. (*these are just a few suggestions*)
- Instead of purchasing new gift wrap or bags, make your own gift wrap from brown paper bags, newspaper, kitchen towels or cloth napkins, etc.



- If you need to purchase gift wrap, buy recycled content wrapping and holiday cards.
- Use old holiday cards for name tags or use them in an art project.
- Bring your own bag when you go shopping- whether it is the grocery store or the department store!
- Use a reusable shopping bag for gift wrap.

There are many helpful hints to reduce waste during the holidays and throughout the year, go to www.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicEd/Holidays/NoWaste

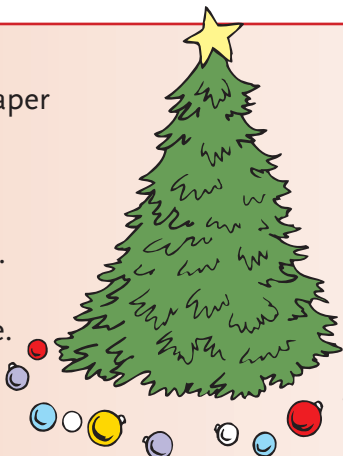


HOLIDAY WRAP RECYCLING

During holidays, there is much more paper recycling than other times of the year.

Please remember the following:

- Tape on wrapping paper is acceptable.
- Tissue wrapping paper is acceptable.
- Foil wrapping paper is NOT recyclable.
- Ribbons and bows are not recyclable, but they are reusable!



CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Before setting your tree out on your curb for recycling pick-up:

- Cut trees into three-feet by three-feet sections
- Remove all decorations and tinsel
- Remove tree stand (*especially if it is drilled inside the trunk*)
- Flocked trees are acceptable



HOLIDAY COLLECTION

This year, there is no service interruption for Christmas Day and New Year's Day, since they both fall on a Saturday.

For Thanksgiving, service will be delayed by one day. (see calendar)

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE					
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
NOV 22 Regular service	NOV 23 Regular service	NOV 24 Regular service	NOV 25 NO SERVICE	NOV 26 Service for Thursday Customers	NOV 27 Service for Friday Customers
DEC 20 Regular service	DEC 21 Regular service	DEC 22 Regular service	DEC 23 Regular service	DEC 24 Regular service	DEC 25 Christmas Day
DEC 27 Regular service	DEC 28 Regular service	DEC 29 Regular service	DEC 30 Regular service	DEC 31 Regular service	JAN 1 New Year's Day



SAN MARTIN TRANSFER STATION will be closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Remember- you can add kitchen scraps to your green yard waste cart!

Since 2005 Gilroy residents have been able to put food scraps, along with grass and clippings, in their yard waste cart. Whether you home compost or add food to your yard waste cart, you are decreasing the amount of material that ends up in our landfills!

The keys to keeping your kitchen neat and clean are to place your scraps in a container that will not leak and transfer them to your green yard waste cart before they begin to break down. Usually that means taking them out once a day, such as after dinner.

Place all food scraps from the preparation of meals and plate scrapings from unfinished meals in an interior compost container. In Gilroy, we have a small black bucket and lid as an option. **(see photo)** If you would like one of these buckets, you may pick one up at our office at 1351 Pacheco Pass Highway, Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm.



7 1/2" tall

Stores selling kitchenware may offer countertop compost containers of different styles and price ranges. People typically rinse their countertop container with a little soap and water after use. Another option is to line the container with a little soiled paper; such as a paper napkin, to absorb moisture.

Paper grocery bags can also be used to hold food scraps. To control moisture, line paper bags with a little newsprint or a few used paper towels, then toss leftovers inside. Once a day, you can roll the top of the paper bag shut and toss it into your green yard waste cart. Some people simply wrap food scraps in newspaper like a burrito. Newspaper and food soiled paper, such as napkins, mix with food scraps at the compost facility and compost well.

Examples of unacceptable items:

- Toiletries
- Plastic bags/plastic wrap
- Liquids
- Hazardous waste
- Animal waste
- Palm tree (any part)
- Yucca (with palm-like leaves)
- Poison ivy, poison oak
- Ashes
- Dirt
- (this is not a complete list)

Some examples of what is acceptable in your green yard waste cart:

- Branches (less than 6 inches in diameter)
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Meats
- Poultry
- Bones
- Seafood
- Cheese
- Coffee grounds
- Food contaminated paper (like pizza boxes)

And much more!

