






# THE CONNECTION

Keeping Us Connected to the Communities We Serve



 **Starting this year, Recology will provide regular collection service on Thanksgiving Day. If Thursday is your regular service day, please remember to set out your carts by 6 AM.**

## \* 2023-24 Holiday Collection Schedule \*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>12/25</b>  <b>No Service</b> <i>Christmas Day, Office Closed</i>	<b>12/26</b> Service for Monday Customers	<b>12/27</b> Service for Tuesday Customers	<b>12/28</b> Service for Wednesday Customers	<b>12/29</b> Service for Thursday Customers	<b>12/30</b> Service for Friday Customers
<b>1/1</b>  <b>No Service</b> <i>New Year's Day, Office Closed</i>	<b>1/2</b> Service for Monday Customers	<b>1/3</b> Service for Tuesday Customers	<b>1/4</b> Service for Wednesday Customers	<b>1/5</b> Service for Thursday Customers	<b>1/6</b> Service for Friday Customers

**San Martin Transfer Station**

**Open** Tuesday–Saturday, 8 AM – 4 PM. Hours subject to change without notice.  
**Closed** on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's days.

### CREATE LESS WASTE AT HOLIDAY PARTIES

During this season of parties, festivities, and fun the amount of recycling and composting generated in households and offices significantly increases. It starts with Thanksgiving, the biggest food week of the year.

Here are some strategies to reduce waste during the holiday season and any time you're entertaining:

- Put containers for food scraps, recycling, and garbage next to each other so guests can easily compost and recycle.
- Consider renting or borrowing dishes, glassware, and cloth napkins to make the party more elegant and eliminate the waste from disposable items, especially single-use plastic.
- Put leftovers into containers and send them home with your guests. According to the hunger-relief organization Feeding America, 119 billion pounds of food is wasted. We all should do our part to reduce that waste.



**CONTACT US!**

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**OTHER RESOURCES**

[HHW.org](http://HHW.org)  
[RecycleStuff.org](http://RecycleStuff.org)  
[ReduceWaste.org](http://ReduceWaste.org)

## RESPONSIBLE BATTERY DISPOSAL

Many holiday gifts, decorations, and everyday gadgets use batteries. When they run down, please recycle them.

Recology accepts regular household batteries (AAA-D, 9V, button cell, and rechargeable) for recycling. Please tape the ends of batteries to help prevent fires. Place household batteries in a clear, zippered bag and set them on top of your recycling cart on collection day.

Please do not put batteries in the garbage.



## HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

Join us at the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center from **10 AM to Noon on Saturday, October 21** for a free home composting workshop.

Led by a Santa Clara County Master Composter, this two-hour workshop teaches basic composting techniques and benefits.

Pre-registration is required. Register at 408.918.4640 or [bit.ly/44Ys0tc](http://bit.ly/44Ys0tc). Must be 18 years or older to attend.

## HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING

Recology accepts holiday trees for recycling! Flocked trees (sprayed with artificial snow) are not accepted.

1. Remove all decorations, tinsel, and tree stands.
2. Cut tree into **three-foot sections**.
3. Place small branches/pieces inside the cart.
4. Make sure your organics cart is at the curb alongside your tree.



## TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL ORGANICS PROGRAM

Remember to put your green cart out for weekly collection. And:

- Prep your cart by placing materials such as leaves, grass, newspaper, paper towels, or a paper bag at the bottom of the cart. This helps prevent food from sticking to the bottom.
- Make sure cart lids are entirely closed.
- Keep a collection container near your food prep area to dispose of food scraps. Recology provides a free, dishwasher-safe pitcher for kitchen scraps. **Call Customer Service at 408.842.3358 to request yours.**
- Line the container with a paper towel, paper bag, or newspaper to help absorb liquids and keep the container clean.
- Every day or two, empty the contents into your green cart.
- Paper bags are acceptable. Plastic or bags labeled "compostable" or "biodegradable" bags are unacceptable.
- Store food scraps in your freezer and empty them into your green cart the night before service.



## NEVER PLACE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR GARBAGE CAN

- Sharps and Medication  
South Valley Pharmacy, 408.847.6160
- Fluorescent Lamps  
Ace Hardware of Gilroy, 408.847.5890
- Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste  
Call 408.299.7300