



Bay Cities Refuse

Holiday Newsletter

December 2019



Garbage, Recycling & Compost Holiday Schedule

We do not operate on Christmas or New Year's Day. Since both holidays fall on Wednesday this year, our service will operate one day late, Wednesday through Friday, both weeks. **Wednesday pick up will be on Thursday, Thursday pick up will be on Friday and Friday on Saturday.**

Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees may be placed on the curb for recycling. Small trees (under 4'), may be placed in your green cart. Larger trees may be placed next to cart (at the curb). Please no metal stands, ornaments or flocked trees, OR drop your tree off at the MLK site (off Coloma) in the designated debris box from December 27th through January 18th.



FREE Electronic Waste Collection Event (January 2020)

Get rid of old TV's, cell phones, modems, printers, monitors, laptops, scanners, fax machines, keyboards, remote controls, DVD players and more. . . Look for date with your bill January 1st or in the City of Sausalito's Current Events enews.

Battery & Bulb Take Back

Batteries and fluorescent bulbs are considered hazardous waste because they contain toxic heavy metals and have corrosive properties. Small quantities of household bulbs and batteries may be dropped off at several participating businesses throughout Marin County:

- Waterstreet Hardware
318 Caledonia, Sausalito, (415) 332-4318
- Goodman Supply
775 Redwood Highway, Mill Valley, (415) 388-6233
- Jackson's Hardware
435 Du Bois Street, San Rafael, (415) 454-3740

Acceptable Items: Alkaline batteries, silver button batteries, fluorescent tubes of 4 feet in length or less, compact fluorescent bulbs, rechargeable nickel cadmium.



— See the reverse for more hints to reduce waste during the holidays!

Holiday Tips to Make Your Season Greener!

Reduce Waste During the Holiday Season

Reducing waste this holiday season begins with thoughtful shopping and gift giving. Please remember to shop smart and waste less this holiday season.

Give an Experience

Give friends and family members a memorable and personalized gift that requires little or no packaging.

- Tickets to the theater, ballet or symphony
- Concert or movie passes
- Membership to a museum
- A gourmet meal cooked at home
- Babysitting, gardening, or house or car cleaning gift certificates

Sustainable Gift Wrap

When wrapping your holiday gifts, instead of purchasing a new roll of wrapping paper and ribbon, consider these alternatives:

- Gift bags or reusable shopping bags
- Tins or baskets
- Old maps, newspaper or magazine pages
- Holiday fabrics
- Bows and paper from previous holidays

Never Burn Wrapping Paper!

It is illegal to burn trash and wrapping paper. If you must use wrapping paper, always purchase non-foil-based paper and remember to toss it in your recycling bin, or save and reuse it next holiday season. **Remember that bows, ribbons and wrapping papers that contain glitter or velvet surface treatments are not recyclable.** These items go directly to the landfill, so avoid purchasing them if you can.

Practice Smart Shopping

Check your pantry to see what you already have before going grocery shopping for holiday meals.

Make a List

Make a grocery list and stick to it, especially when planning a large holiday event! Avoiding impulse buys will help save money.

Shop Local

Support local farmers by shopping at one of the many farmer's markets in Marin.

Buy Only What You Need

To keep fresh items from spoiling, buy only enough for the week. If you are cooking for a crowd, only purchase items needed for that meal.

Prep Now, Enjoy Later

Consider prepping for your holiday events in advance to save time and avoid waste. Prep and freeze cookie dough, soup stock, excess meat, and sliced fruit and veggies in reusable containers to make them last longer.

Repurpose Holiday Leftovers

Leftover turkey? Don't toss it out! Turn your holiday leftovers into sandwiches, casseroles, soups and more.

Don't Let Good Food Go to Waste

Move food that is likely to spoil soon to a designated "eat now" area in the front of your pantry or fridge.

Tips from Zero Waste Marin and Bay Cities Refuse to reduce food waste in Marin County during the holidays!

Bay Cities Refuse—Carrying Our Community to Sustainability

Providing Residential & Commercial Service | Curbside Waste Removal
Recycling & Organics Collection | Debris Box Rental
Assistance with California Commercial Recycling Regulations



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