



Bay Cities Refuse

Sausalito Newsletter

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As your service provider, Bay Cities Refuse understands the critical role our service provides in relation to maintaining a safe and healthy community.



Garbage, Recycling & Compost Holiday Schedule

Christmas Day and New Year's Day pick up will be delayed one day this year if your service day is FRIDAY and will be serviced on Saturday, both weeks.

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

Will you be Naughty or Nice this Holiday Season?

NAUGHTY* (not recyclable)

- Bubble wrap
- Foam peanuts
- Gift bags (coated, laminated, dyed)
- Metallic wrapping paper
- Ribbon and bows
- Sticky gift labels



NICE (recyclable)

- Gift bags (if paper)
- Gift boxes
- Holiday cards/envelopes
- Shoe boxes
- Tissue paper
- Wrapping paper (non-metallic)



**consider reusing these materials.*



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 28th through January 18th.

Tis the Season ... To Take out the Trash?

This holiday season of giving, receiving, feasting, and decorating can come with some additional baggage—trash baggage, that is! Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, the amount of trash produced in the United States increases by an estimated 25%—that's about one million extra tons of garbage each week.

Annually, Americans discard an estimated:

- 38,000 miles of ribbon (enough to wrap around the planet)
- \$11 billion worth of packing material
- 15 million used Christmas trees

When this holiday material is discarded it can be headed to landfills, where, far from making things merry and bright, it undergoes bacterial decomposition, which produces "landfill gas": a mixture of predominantly greenhouse gases including methane, carbon dioxide, and water vapor. The methane in particular makes landfill gas stand out—landfills are the third-largest source of human-related methane emissions in the United States. Methane, a greenhouse gas with an impact on climate change more than 25 times greater than that of carbon dioxide, is the second-most prevalent greenhouse gas emitted in the United States from human activity. Carbon dioxide, the other major ingredient in landfill gas, is the first.





Don't bag recyclables.

Here's why.

Recyclable items should be placed loosely in the **Blue Cart**, without a bag of any kind. Plastic bags hinder the recycling process by:

Preventing recycling driver and sorters from seeing if non-recyclable materials are in the Cart. This can lead to contamination in the recycling load.

Getting tangled in the equipment at the sorting facility. This can force haulers to shut down machines for cleaning, which slows down the sorting process.

Recycling: CARDBOARD

We are overwhelmed with cardboard at this time. Break down and flatten cardboard boxes to be placed in the blue bin.

Additional Boxes must be broken down, tied or taped in bundles and placed next to your recycling bin at the street.



No Paints or Batteries in Garbage, Recycling or Compost

LEFTOVER PAINT?
ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS?
BATTERIES?

Marin Household Hazardous Waste facility accepts these items.

The facility is located at 565 Jacoby Street in San Rafael.

Visit www.marinhhw.com or call 415-456-2665 for transport instructions.



Gloves, face masks and disposable wipes are NOT recyclable. **Place these items in the trash.**

COMPOSTABLES



RECYCLABLES



TRASH CAN/BIN



Be on the Lookout for Future Events

Events and updates are available in the [Sausalito Currents](#) weekly newsletter and our [Facebook](#) page.