



FALL AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Day

The Thanksgiving holiday is on Thursday November 24 this year; the office will be closed and there will be no pick-up service that day.

Thursday's customers will receive pick-up service on Friday the 25th and Friday's customers will receive pick-up service on Saturday the 26th.

Christmas and New Years Days

Both Christmas and New Years holidays fall on a Sunday this year, so, household collection service will not be interrupted.

HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL

Boy Scouts of America Tree Recycling Fundraiser

For a \$5.00 donation per tree, local Boy Scouts will pickup holiday trees from Dublin residents on Saturday, January 7, 2012. Reservations are required. To make arrangements, please place your reservation online at www.dublin905.mytroop.us/node/1492 or call (925) 558 2709. Reservations will be taken through January 1, 2012. Only clean trees will be accepted. No flocking or tinsel allowed. Please remove the tree base or stand.

Special Holiday Tree Pickup

You may place your holiday tree at the curb by 5:30 A.M. on your regular service day beginning December 26, 2011 through January 6, 2012. A truck exclusively for recycling holiday trees will collect the trees. Only clean trees will be taken (no flocking or tinsel). Please cut trees down to 4-feet or less in height. Please remove bases or stand.

Recycle Holiday Tree in Organics Cart

You may place your holiday tree into your Organics Cart along with acceptable yard trimmings anytime after the holiday. Your cart will be emptied on your regular service day. Only clean trees are accepted (no flocking or tinsel). Tree branches and stumps must be cut up in lengths that will allow the lid to securely close.

Non-Recyclable Flocked Tree or Trees with Tinsel

Amador Valley Industries can pick up your non-recyclable holiday tree. Please call (925) 479-9545 to arrange for disposal of your flocked or tinsel tree. An additional fee may apply, unless you use one of the three Large Item Collections available to you per year at no cost.

We Want Our Service to Be The Best and You Can Help

Please place your carts at the curb edge with at least 3 feet of clearance from other objects, including other carts, basketball hoops and motor vehicles.



What Do I Put Into the Organics Cart?

The reason Organics Carts are so important is that using them helps divert materials away from our landfills which is better for the environment. Here is a list to help you use your cart efficiently. Thank you for helping us provide you with the best possible service.

Organics Acceptable List

- Grass and weed clippings
- Shrubs and tree prunings (less than 4" in diameter)
- Leaves, plants and flowers
- Food scraps and food soiled paper products

Non-acceptable Organics List

- No household garbage
- **No plastic bags**
- No dirt or rocks
- No overloading - lid must be closed

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Batteries and Fluorescent Lamps

State law requires all types of household batteries and fluorescent lamps to be recycled. They can no longer be thrown in the trash. These items can be recycled at all Household Hazardous Waste Facilities. Check the schedule for Livermore at: www.StopWaste.org or if you have questions call 1-800-606-6606 or email the HHW program at: hhw@acgov.org.

What else you can do as an individual . . .

Stockpile spent batteries – use a 2 or 5 gallon bucket to store spent batteries in a cool dry place. Bring them in to your nearest HHW facility when the bucket is full.

Switch to rechargeable batteries. It will save resources and money too.

Most common consumer devices that use standard batteries from AAA to D cells can use rechargeable Nickel Metal Hydride (NIMH) batteries with no loss of function and longer battery life than alkalines. A typical NIMH AA battery costs about \$ 2.50 retail versus about \$0.50 for a disposable AA battery – after only 5 uses the rechargeable will pay for itself. Rechargeables can last for hundreds of charge cycles potentially saving thousands of dollars over the course of a few years for today's battery hungry electronic devices and cameras.

With a modest investment of about \$50.00 a typical family can reduce the number of spent batteries they generate by 80% or more by switching to rechargeable batteries. For as little as \$10.00 some drugstores and office supply stores are selling a starter kit of 4 AA batteries and a charger. Rechargeable batteries are even cheaper purchased in bulk over the Internet.

One area where you should be careful with rechargeable is in critical safety equipment like smoke detectors, critical medical devices, and emergency kit items like flashlights and radios. Disposable alkaline batteries still have an advantage over rechargeable batteries when it comes to shelf life. Follow the manufacturers recommendations for these items.

Source: StopWaste.Org

Please keep Batteries and Fluorescent Lamps out of the trash.



SAVE YOUR PLUMBING THIS YEAR!

Holidays are a very busy time for the folks in the plumbing business. One of the number one calls are clogged drains, namely garbage disposals. A good rule of thumb is to only use a garbage disposal for what rinses off a plate before you put it into the dishwasher. Sinks full of cuttings like potato peelings or other such cuttings from food preparation should be put into your greenwaste cart. Save yourself a clogged drain this year!



HEY, STUFF THIS!

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