



## FALL AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

### Thanksgiving Day

The Thanksgiving holiday is on Thursday November 28 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 29th and Friday's customers will receive pick-up service on Saturday the 30th.

### Christmas Day and New Years Day

Both Christmas and New Year's Day holidays falls on a Wednesday this year, therefore, garbage, recycling and greenwaste collection service will be delayed by 1 day, in other words, Wednesday pickups will be on Thursday, Thursday on Friday and Friday pickups on Saturday.

## HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL

### Boy Scouts of America Tree Recycling Fundraiser

For a \$5.00 donation per tree, local Boy Scouts Troop 905 will pickup holiday trees from Dublin residents on Saturday, January 4, 2020. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, please visit [www.troop905.org/xmastree](http://www.troop905.org/xmastree) after December 1, 2019. Reservations will be taken through 3 p.m. January 3, 2020. 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, 2019 through January 10, 2020. 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.

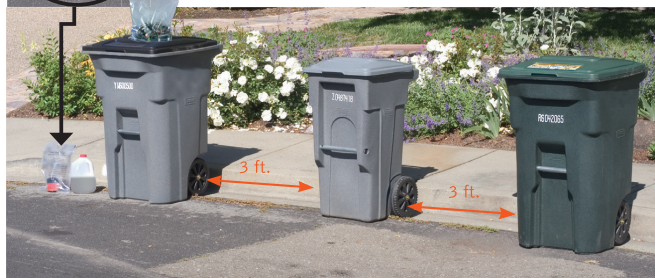
### Non-Recyclable Flocked Trees or Trees with Tinsel

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 (3) 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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# Recycling is Not Dead

Take That Extra Step! Please Rinse And Clean Your Recyclables

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Recently, some international headlines have proclaimed we're approaching an "end to recycling." While the recycling landscape has changed nationally due to China's decision last year to stop importing some mixed plastics and mixed paper, it is far from dead, especially in Alameda County and the Bay Area.

Although the new stricter contamination standards make it more challenging for recycling companies to find markets for some materials, much of the material in Alameda County recycling carts is still making its way to facilities where it can be processed and recycled into new products and packaging.

In fact, the recycling industry and the way that materials are processed varies dramatically across the county, and even city to city. In some areas, recycling facilities have altered their policies in terms of what is accepted, while others have not. Therefore, nationwide coverage of the industry can be confusing and does not necessarily depict the full story at the local level.

StopWaste and its partners continue to encourage residents to continue recycling, but with added attention to proper sorting and keeping the streams clean. Here are our recommendations to recycle right:

## Use Less Paper and Plastic

- Reduce and reuse come before recycling. The less waste we generate in the first place, the less of it we need to manage.
- Visit [www.StopWaste.org](http://www.StopWaste.org) for tips on using less.

## Keep It Clean

- Only put what's allowed in your recycling and organics (green) bins. Check with your city or waste hauler to see what's accepted.

- Recycling bin: Items going in the recycling bin should be empty, clean, dry, and free of food and liquids. Avoid "wishcycling" – just because an item has a chasing arrow symbol doesn't mean it's recyclable in your city. For a chasing arrow guide see:

[www.acmeplastics.com/content/your-guide-to-plastic-recycling-symbols/](http://www.acmeplastics.com/content/your-guide-to-plastic-recycling-symbols/)

- Organics (green) bin: No plastic, glass, or metal should ever go in the green bin—quality compost starts with yard trimmings and food scraps.



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## Keep it clean.

Recycling works best when items are clean, empty, and dry.

With your help, we can keep our recycling clean in Alameda County and ensure we continue to have strong markets for recyclables into the future.

## Other Reasons to Keep Our Recycling Clean



For both recycling and greenwaste carts, please don't contaminate your load with plastic bags, wire, string or anything else that can jam up our equipment. It stops our processes and creates additional work for our employees.



Please never put hazardous waste in any cart. Chemicals, especially if they accidentally combine, cause fires, toxic fumes/gases and poison landfills. See [StopWaste.org](http://StopWaste.org) for disposal options.



As you have heard before, lithium batteries cause fires and are very dangerous. Please, never dispose of any electronic device that is "rechargeable." Any battery can leak caustic chemicals, please never put batteries in the trash or recycling carts.

In the spirit of conservation we are providing our newsletter online, but please feel free to print it out.