HOLIDAY RECYCLING & COMPOSTING TIPS

INFORMATION FOR RECYCLING HOLIDAY TREES IN ALBANY

Waste Management and the City of Albany want you to enjoy your holiday season and are offering you a convenient way to recycle your holiday tree.

- Place your tree at the curb next to your organics, recycling and trash carts on your regular pick up day.
- Trees taller than 6 feet must be cut into lengths of 5 to 6 feet or smaller.
- Remove all lights, tinsel, ornaments, nails, and tree stands. Green trees only. Flocked trees will not be accepted.

Please note: After Jan. 31, trees will not be collected curbside without additional charge unless they are cut up and properly placed into your green waste cart.

Questions? Call WMAC at (510) 613-8710.

RECYCLE THESE

Recycle paper bags, non-foil wrapping paper, tissue paper, cardboard, glass bottles, hard plastic bottles, tubs and jugs. Make sure all items are empty, clean and dry.

COMPOST THESE

Put your rotted pumpkins, turkey bones, and stale fruitcake in your green organics cart. Food-soiled paper products like uncoated paper plates or napkins can also go in the organics cart.

TRASH THESE

Before putting these items in your trash cart, consider reusing gift wrap and bows.

TIPS

Put used household batteries in a sealed, clear plastic bag and place on top of your gray recycling cart on your regular service day.

Do not place any type of plastic in your organics cart, even plastic labeled “compostable” or “biodegradable”. These items do not decompose in the standard composting procedure, resulting in contamination.

Electronic wires/lights are e-waste. Visit www.household-hazwaste.org for drop-off locations. For more information on HHW, see other side.

2020-2021 HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Collection services are not provided on the following holidays:

- Thanksgiving, (Thurs, 11/26/20) Thurs collection on Friday, Friday collection on Saturday
- Christmas Day (Fri, 12/25/20)
- New Year’s Day (Fri, 1/1/21) Wed collection on Thurs, Thurs collection on Friday, Friday collection on Saturday
Never place HHW in any of the TRASH, RECYCLING or ORGANICS collection carts. Look up what goes where at www.RecycleWhere.org.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)**

Fluorescent Bulbs, Paints, Stains, Solvents, Thinners, Adhesives, Pesticides, Cleaners, Household Garden and Auto Chemicals, Spray Cans, Electronic Waste, Non-Household Batteries

Take these items to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility at 2100 East 7th Street, Oakland. Limit is 15 gallons/125 pounds per vehicle. Call (800) 606-6606 for days and hours of operation.

**DRY CELL, AKALINE HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES** are accepted in the curbside recycling program. (Put in zip lock bags and place on top of recycling cart)

All other batteries, including LITHIUM, ION & RECHARGEABLE are HHW.

**OLD MEDICINE & SHARPS** If you have expired or unwanted medicines, or used sharps, proper disposal is important and easy. Visit med-project.org/locations/alameda/ for drop off locations and instructions.

**Don’t Pour Fats, Oils, & Grease Down the Drain!**

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) are a natural part of our food. FOG includes: cooking oils, shortening, dairy products, sauces and salad dressings. FOG does not belong down your drain because it can block sewer lines and cause overflows.

Follow these tips from the City of Albany and East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD):

1. Pour cooled FOG into a sturdy paper container like a box or egg carton.
2. Remove remaining FOG by scraping greasy pans and absorbing oil with a paper towel.
3. Dispose of these items in your green organics cart.

The El Cerrito Recycling Center accepts used cooking oil for recycling. Visit www.ecrecycling.org for hours and directions.

For more information about FOG, visit www.ebmud.com/fog

**Responsibly Dispose Used PPE**

Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as rubber gloves and face coverings, and used disinfectant wipes, should be disposed of responsibly in the trash cart. These items are neither recyclable nor compostable.

Want a more sustainable solution?

The CDC states that reusable cloth face coverings are an effective way to protect yourself and others from the virus, but they should be handled and washed appropriately (see CDC link below for more information).


Discard any cloth face coverings that are stretched or have holes or tears...but make sure you dispose of it responsibly, in the trash cart.