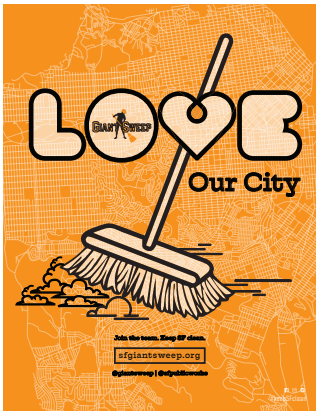




“Love Our City” – Help keep SF clean



SF residents and City officials participated in the kickoff of the “Love Our City” effort to clean up our neighborhoods.



The blossoming “Love Our City” crusade kicked off in September with a citywide cleanup in San Francisco, drawing hundreds of volunteers who collectively picked up 8.2 tons of litter while flexing their civic pride.

The event, organized by San Francisco Public Works in partnership with Recology, brought out families, neighborhood groups, and nonprofit organizations. San Francisco Mayor London Breed and Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru were joined by all 11 members of the Board of Supervisors. All grabbed brooms to help clean the City’s neighborhoods.

The goal of “Love Our City” is to create a public dynamic in which everyone who lives and works in San Francisco takes care of its neighborhoods. Some folks spruced up their blocks with people they already knew while others met neighbors for the first time.

“Love Our City” wasn’t just a one-day affair. San Francisco Public Works has a lot more planned, including focused cleanups involving schools, corporations, and City agencies. An extensive “Love Our City” holiday cleanup in Union Square and neighborhood commercial corridors also is being planned.

In the meantime, there are a lot of volunteer opportunities to keep San Francisco looking good. You can join the Adopt-a-Street or Graffiti Watch teams, or participate in the monthly Community Clean Team volunteer days. More information can be found at sfpublicworks.org. To sign up, email volunteer@sfdpw.org or call 415-641-2600.



2018–2019 holiday collection schedule, S.F.

Recycling, composting, and trash collection crews will work on **Thanksgiving Day**, Nov. 22.

Tuesday customers: Collection crews are not working on Christmas and New Year’s days, which fall on Tuesdays this year. Therefore, we will service Tuesday customers on three Saturdays during the holidays – **Dec. 22, 29, and Jan. 5.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
DEC. 17 Regular service	DEC. 18 Regular service	DEC. 19 Regular service	DEC. 20 Regular service	DEC. 21 Regular service	DEC. 22 Pre-Christmas service for Tuesday customers	DEC. 23 Regular service
DEC. 24 Regular service	DEC. 25 No service	DEC. 26 Regular service	DEC. 27 Regular service	DEC. 28 Regular service	DEC. 29 Pre-New Year’s service for Tuesday customers	DEC. 30 Regular service
DEC. 31 Regular service	JAN. 1 No service	JAN. 2 Regular service	JAN. 3 Regular service	JAN. 4 Regular service	JAN. 5 New Year’s service for Tuesday customers	JAN. 6 Regular service



Christmas Tree Collection program runs Jan. 2–11. Please place clean, unflocked trees at the curb. Remove all tinsel, decorations, plastic bags, stands, and lights. If your tree measures more than 6 feet tall, please cut it in half.



Gift ideas that please friends and protect the planet

Go green for the holidays and your gift giving will bring good cheer to loved ones and benefit the environment.

The amount of trash generated in San Francisco increases about 15 percent during the holidays. We can all do our part to reduce that number by recycling, composting, and rethinking gift-giving strategies.

So, rather than shopping for new products with a preponderance of packaging, much of it not recyclable, consider giving gifts that generate a lot of pleasure and no trash:

- Gift certificates to local restaurants and museums. San Francisco is home to some of the best in the nation.
- Mason jars filled goodies such as colorful bath salts or soaps, or starter plants, or tasty treats such as nuts, jams, or chocolates.
- Vouchers for activities such as kayaking, culinary classes, bay cruises, and spa days can be personalized to make anyone's wishes come true.
- Metal water bottles or travel mugs with designs that reflect the recipient's personality.
- Tickets to a concert, play, or special show keep the holiday spirit center stage throughout the year.



Giving is often better than receiving, especially when the gifts we give provide special experiences that celebrate our City's unique offerings and help San Francisco in its mission to reduce waste. That's a present for us all.

New Year's Resolution: Switch to reusable containers



National Geographic reports: "Globally 18 percent of all plastic is recycled. Europe manages 30 percent, China 25, the United States only 9."

Keep reusable bottles, containers, and tote bags handy. They reduce plastic waste.

When plastic came into being, it changed the world and became ubiquitous. Its use in industry, technology, medicine, and other walks of life is no doubt here to stay. But, our reliance on mass-produced disposable bags, cups, bottles, and packaging must stop.

The proliferation of plastic waste is trashing our oceans, strangling animal life, and polluting our planet. News agencies worldwide have proclaimed we are "drowning in plastic". An estimated 500 billion to 1 trillion plastic bags, sacks, and wraps are consumed worldwide each year; 380 billion in the US alone. Much of that ends up as litter.

It's time to resolve to reduce our consumption of single-use plastics. Here are three easy ways:

- Carry canvas bags when shopping.
- Use a metal water bottle or travel mug.
- Refuse to purchase items in plastic packaging.

Simple solutions can have a big impact. Remember, each choice and step toward independence from single-use plastics is an opportunity to make our world a cleaner, healthier place.

Rates for low-income households

San Francisco households that qualify to participate in PG&E's low-income rate program, CARE, may also receive a 25 percent discount on trash, recycling, and compost service. Premium services are not eligible for this program.

To confirm your qualification, simply mail, fax, or forward by email to Recology a copy of your current PG&E bill showing participation in the CARE program. The name and address on your PG&E account must match the name and address on your Recology account, and you may be asked to verify annually.



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