



Winter 2015
Happy Holidays

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Helpful Holiday Information

Reduce Your Waste During the Holidays!

Here are some ideas that can help reduce the amount of garbage created and maybe even reduce the amount of money you spend this season:

- **Homemade gifts, such as baked treats, are always appreciated**
- **Give a donation in someone's name**
- **Give a "coupon" for helpful tasks: walking the dog, cooking meals, housework, etc.**

For the waste you do create, remember to recycle!

- **Tissue wrapping paper is acceptable**
- **Foil wrapping paper is NOT recyclable**
- **Ribbons and bows are not recyclable, but they are reusable**



Christmas Tree Recycling

There are two ways residents can recycle Christmas trees at the curb:

Local Boy Scout Troops 436 and 428 will be collecting and recycling Christmas trees again in the Cities of Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and the surrounding neighborhoods on the following dates:

- **Saturday, January 2nd**
- **Sunday, January 3rd**
- **Saturday, January 9th**



Trees need to be at the curb by 9am on those dates. Boy Scouts do not require trees to be cut. A donation of \$8 is appreciated and supports local Boy Scout activities and the Gerry Rawn Endowment Fund. For more information, call (831) 637-8022.

Recology San Benito County can also pick up your Christmas tree for recycling on your garbage and recycling collection days between January 4th and January 22nd.

Before setting your tree at the curb for recycling by Recology you need to do the following:

- **CUT TREES into three-feet by three-foot sections**
- **Remove all decorations, tinsel and stands**
- **Flocked trees are acceptable**

Holiday Collection Schedule

DECEMBER 2015 & JANUARY 2016					
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
21 Normal Service	22 Normal Service	23 Normal Service	24 Normal Service	25 Merry Christmas!	26 Service for Friday Customers
28 Normal Service	29 Normal Service	30 Normal Service	31 Normal Service	1 Happy New Year!	2 Service for Friday Customers

Remember the Three "Rs" During the Holidays

- Reduce** Make the gift wrap part of the gift. For example: wrap kitchen items inside a pretty kitchen towel.
- Reuse** Reuse gift bags, wrap and bows you have been saving from gifts you have received.
- Recycle** Recycle your wrapping paper! (bows are reusable, not recyclable)

Used Motor Oil & Filter Recycling: So Many Options!

Did you know that used motor oil never wears out? It just gets dirty and can be recycled, cleaned, and used again. Recycling used motor oil conserves a natural resource (oil) and is good for the environment, too! Motor oil poured onto the ground or into storm drains, or tossed into trash cans (even in a sealed container) can contaminate and pollute the soil, groundwater, streams, and rivers. Recycling your used motor oil reduces this pollution threat.

In San Benito County you have options when it comes to recycling your used motor oil and filters.

- 1 One option is Recology San Benito County. Recology will accept up to 3 gallons of used oil and 3 used oil filters per week placed properly at curbside (residential customers only). Call customer service at (831) 636-7500 to request oil containers and oil filter bags and place them next to your recycle cart on service day.
- 2 Another option is dropping them off at one of the following locations. The following locations accept used motor oil at no charge and many of them accept used oil filters.



Please do not drop off your oil or oil filters if the business is closed.

Please call ahead of time if you have any questions:

Hollister:

Auto Zone*
271 McCray St.
(831) 636-1636

Tiffany Motor Company*
300 Gateway Dr.
(831) 637-4461

Aromas:

Aromas Auto Repair*
367 Blohm Ave. (831) 726-2312
Maximum 5 gallons per customer, per month

Faultline Power Sports
Hollister Hills SVRA
7800 Cienega Rd.
(831) 637-9780

Hollister Tire & Battery*
10 Fourth St.
(831) 637-5887

San Juan Bautista:

Valero Station*
63 Muckelemi St.
(831) 623-4702

John Smith Road Landfill
2650 John Smith Rd.
(831) 637-4515
Third Saturday of each month,
9am-12pm

Paicines:

Paicines General Store*
12261 Airline Hwy.
(831) 628-3293

O'Reilly Auto Parts*
1707 Airline Hwy.
(831) 638-1171

*Accepts oil filters

Bulky Item Drop-Off Events

There are four opportunities each year for residents (not businesses) to drop off specific items at the John Smith Road Landfill for FREE.

**The last 2015 dates are
December 26th & 27th, 9am to 3pm**

The **2016** drop-off event dates are Saturdays and Sundays, 9am to 3pm, on these dates:

- March 26 & 27
- June 25 & 26
- September 24 & 25
- December 17 & 18



Drop-off event dates are subject to change, call (831) 637-4515 to confirm. The following is a partial list of items you can bring (limit two bulky items per event):

- Furniture, appliances, mattresses, tires
- Concrete, asphalt, green waste, unpainted wood (one cubic yard equals one bulky item)



Need more information?

Contact us! (831) 636-7500

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