

BIN THINKING

LEAF SEASON IS HERE!

Along with the beauty of fall comes a few challenges for homeowners – what to do about all those leaves? As the leaves fall, they often accumulate in our yards and storm drains which can have negative effects on the health of our waterways. Leaves and debris left in storm drains can clog pipes causing localized flooding, litter blockages, and algae growth. Turn over a new leaf this fall by keeping your yard tidy and our storm drains free of debris. Here are some tips for managing leaves and protecting our storm drains:

- › Never rake or blow leaves or grass into streets or storm drains, instead, put your leaves and other yard trimmings in your green organics cart.
- › Take a moment to check your neighborhood storm drain for debris, particularly when rainy weather is headed your way.
- › Remember to move your vehicles on street sweeping days. Street sweeping is conducted every other week on the day after your regular waste collection. To view your street sweeping schedule, visit <https://www.recology.com/recology-vacaville-solano/street-sweeping/>.
- › Do not clean walkways with a hose. Instead, sweep leaves, twigs, and grass clippings and place them in your green organics cart.
- › Do not dump trash or pollutants into the storm drain. Not only will these toxins clog the storm drain, they may severely damage our local waterways.

If you need an extra green organics cart just for leaf season, call Recology Vacaville Solano at (707) 448-2945. You may also use your own 32-gallon garbage can with handles and a lid and set it out next to your green organics cart on your regular service day.



Go PINK for a great cause!

Pink Toters are available to customers who want an easy way to support local cancer patients and their families. Your bright pink cart replaces your current gray residual waste cart and helps raise funds for the Solano Midnight Sun Breast Cancer Foundation.

Please note that Recology Vacaville Solano no longer accepts payments for the Pink Toter program. To sign up, make a payment, or learn more, please contact the Solano Midnight Sun Breast Cancer Foundation directly by visiting their website, calling (707) 469-9909, or emailing info@solanomidnightsun.org.

10 WAYS TO GO GREEN THIS *Holiday Season*

- 1 Skip plastic toys and focus on those made with recycled material
- 2 Opt for gifts that are experiences
- 3 Treat yourself with high-end thrifting
- 4 Use LED lights and use a timer or solar decorations
- 5 Buy a live tree instead of a cut tree
- 6 If getting an artificial tree, consider its lifespan
- 7 Recycle your Christmas tree
- 8 Use recyclable wrapping paper
- 9 Send e-cards or buy recycled cards
- 10 Minimize food waste by packaging leftovers for guests to take home

REMINDER!

Residential customers are provided with one FREE landfill pass each year -AND- one FREE curbside collection annually of one of the following: 2 bulky items, 2 cubic yards of bagged material, or 3 e-waste items!

For more information, or to request your FREE landfill pass or FREE curbside collection, contact Recology Vacaville Solano at (707) 448-2945.



HOLIDAY RECYCLING *Do's & Don'ts*

These materials should go in your blue cart:

- ✓ Cardboard and paper boxes
- ✓ Wrapping paper (no glitter or embellishments)
- ✓ Plain paper gift bags
- ✓ Holiday cards and envelopes (no glitter or embellishments)

These should NOT:

- ✗ Bubble wrap or foam packaging
- ✗ Ribbons and bows
- ✗ Gift bags that are laminated, coated, or glittered
- ✗ Batteries (place these in a clear Ziplock on top of your blue recycling cart)
- ✗ Holiday lights
- ✗ Clothing and shoes
- ✗ Electronics

