Recology South Valley

# THE CONNECTION

Keeping Us Connected to the Communities We Serve

## 2026-27 HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

### NOVEMBER

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| 11/23 | 11/24 | 11/25 | 11/26 Thanksgiving Day | 11/27 |

REGULAR SERVICE ALL WEEK

### DECEMBER – JANUARY

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12/21 Regular Service | 12/22 Regular Service | 12/23 Regular Service | 12/24 Regular Service | 12/25 No Service *Christmas Day, Office Closed* | 12/26 Service for Friday Customers |
| 12/28 Regular Service | 12/29 Regular Service | 12/30 Regular Service | 12/31 Regular Service | 1/1 No Service *New Year's Day, Office Closed* | 1/2 Service for Friday Customers |

**SAN MARTIN TRANSFER STATION is open Tuesday – Saturday, 8 AM – 4 PM. Hours subject to change without notice. The transfer station is closed to the public on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.**

## HOLIDAY TREE COMPOSTING

Recology collects holiday trees for composting, which reduces methane production in the landfill and makes valuable compost for local use.

1. Remove all decorations, tinsel, and tree stands. Flocked trees (sprayed with artificial snow) are ***not*** accepted.
2. Cut trees into three-foot sections.
3. Place small branches inside the cart.
4. Place your organics cart and tree sections at the curb for service.







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**OTHER RESOURCES**

hhw.org
whatbin.com
reducewaste.org

## LIFTING THE LID TO REDUCE CONTAMINATION

Reducing contamination in recycling and organics carts helps keep curbside programs working efficiently. State law SB 1383 requires local service providers to inspect containers.

To ensure compliance, Recology conducts route reviews, also known as "lid lifting". Employees occasionally inspect residential and commercial recycling, organics, and garbage containers to assess sorting.

These inspections serve an educational purpose. Data from lid lifting identifies common sorting mistakes, enabling targeted outreach to help the community learn how to separate materials correctly.

To learn more about state law SB 1383, visit **calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/**.




**Recology employee Alyssa Garcia checks a recycle bin at a Morgan Hill business for contamination.**

# Holiday recycling dos and don'ts

### THESE MATERIALS GO IN YOUR RECYCLING CART:

- → Cardboard and paper boxes
- → Plain paper wrapping and tags (no glitter or foil paper)
- → Plain paper gift bags
- → Plain paper cards and envelopes (no glitter, foil, or musical cards)
- → Empty, clean, and dry cartons, cans, bottles, and pie tins




### THESE MATERIALS DO *NOT*:

- X Plastic bags, plastic mailers, bubble wrap
- X Ribbons and bows
- X Gift bags that are laminated, coated, or glittered
- X Batteries (place these in a clear baggie on top of your blue recycling cart)
- X Clothing and shoes
- X Electronics and holiday lights

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**What should I do if I have more cardboard than will fit in my recycle cart?**

Cut the boxes into smaller pieces or flatten the boxes so that they are no larger than 3' x 3'. Set them next to your recycle cart for collection.



**What should I do with leftover cooking oil?**

Do not place cooking oil in your Recology carts. Pour cooled oil into a hard plastic container (with screw top lid) and schedule a free appointment with the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program at **hhw.org** or **408.299.7300**.

**Why can't I put palm fronds in my organics cart?**



No part of the palm tree is accepted in the compost program. Palms are stringy and clog up machinery. It can take years for the plant to break down, making it difficult to compost. Please place this material in your garbage cart.

## ⚠ NEVER PLACE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR GARBAGE CAN

- **Sharps and Medication**
  Morgan Hill Police Department, 408.776.7300
- **Fluorescent Lamps**
  Johnson Lumber Ace Hardware, 408.778.1550
- **Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste**
  Call 408.299.7300