Bayview Refuse & Recycling Service, Inc.

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***NOTE: HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE:**
ALL RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING, COMPOST AND TRASH COLLECTION WILL OCCUR AS USUAL ON THANKSGIVING DAY, AND ONE DAY LATER AT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY IF YOUR COLLECTION DAY FALLS ON A THURSDAY OR FRIDAY.*

How You Can Make A Difference This Holiday Season

Every year, an estimated 300 million pounds of food is thrown out on Thanksgiving. You can help prevent waste, save the planet and leave more space in your recycling/composting/trash cans by:

- Planning the feast in advance – use a **savethefood.com** Guest-imator
- Shopping at Farmers' Markets and bringing your own bags
- Using reusable containers for leftovers vs single-use plastic bags or disposable containers
- Using sustainable decorations that are reusable or made from organic materials
- Composting food scraps

And to be a real hero, you can help those less fortunate that may not have food on their table this Thanksgiving. Donate time or money to a local homeless shelter, food bank, food recovery organization like **Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano**. Visit their website at **https://www.foodbankccs.org/** for more information.

Tips for a Safe and Sustainable Holiday

Any type of battery disposed of incorrectly can release toxins in the air and on the ground poisoning the environment around us When crushed, or if they run to hot they can combust causing significant fire hazards, Be sure to store lithium-ion (rechargeable) batteries in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures and anything flammable. It's best to keep them at a partial charge, between 40% and 60% and disconnect them from devices when not in use.

- ALL batteries should be removed before disposing of any device, power tools, cameras, games and toys, flashlights, hearing aids, etc.
- Buy & use rechargeable batteries and battery chargers.
- Charge only batteries marked rechargeable to avoid toxic leaks or ruptures.
- Remove batteries from stored/seldom-used devices to avoid toxic leaks.
- Don't mix old batteries with new ones.
- Don't mix different types of batteries, or rechargeable with non-rechargeable batteries.
- Don't place batteries, or devices with batteries, where they could overheat.
- Don't open or tamper with battery cases.

For safe disposal, contact Bayview Refuse at 510-237-4614 for info@bayviewrefuse.com or safe dispos-al"

Here are some common items we all use during the holidays, and throughout the year. Keep this handy "Tip Sheet" for future reference on where these items go all year!

Ribbons and Bows	Reuse is best but **Trash/Landfill** if you must.	Christmas Tree & Wreath	**Compost/Organics**. Recycle in compost cart (cut in pieces if large) or set at curb on regular collection day. Remove tree stand or base
Broken Ornament	**Trash/Landfill**.	Cardboard Box, Bubble Wrap & Peanuts	**Recycle** cardboard boxes (flatten to fit in cart) and Reuse bubble wrap, take to packaging store for reuse or
String of Lights	**Trash/Landfill**. Some home improvement retailers collect for recycling.	Foam & Packaging	**Trash/Landfill** if you must.
Poinsettia	Potted plants, cut flowers and wreaths can be **Composted** without their pots, florist foam or wire frames.	Loose Plastic Bags	**Trash/Landfill**. **Trash/Landfill** Must be bundled in bag all together.
Pie Tin	**Recycle** after wiping clean. Put paper towel in **Compost/Organics**.	Broken Dish or Glass	**Trash/Landfill**.
Champagne Cork	**Compost/Organics** if real cork. Plastic corks are **Trash/Landfill**.	Holiday Cards & Envelopes	**Recycle** all envelopes and paper-only cards (no glitter, foil or photos).
Drumstick	**Compost/Organics** along with food scraps from meal prep and clean up.	Gift Cards	**Trash/Landfill**. Plastic gift and credit cards are not recycled.
Gift Box & Bag	**Reuse** is best but **Recycle** if beyond reuse.	Batteries	Do not place in Trash/Landfill or recycling containers. Save for E-Waste Disposal.
Wrapping Paper	Foil and cellophane wrap are **Trash/Landfill**. Paper wrap (no glitter) can be Recycled.	Electronics	Do not place in Trash/Landfill or recycling containers. E-Waste Recycle only.