



Winter 2008

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NORCAL WASTE SYSTEMS OF SAN BENITO COUNTY

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Holiday Collection Information

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day are the only days of the year we do not collect your garbage and recycling. This year, if your collection day is on Thursday or Friday, your collection during the week of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day will be moved back one day.

Thursday's collection will be on Friday and Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

All other holidays follow the normal collection schedule.

NOVEMBER 2008					
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	29
Normal Service	Normal Service	Normal Service	 Thanksgiving No Pick Up	Service for Thursday Customers	Service for Friday Customers

DECEMBER 2008 & JANUARY 2009					
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
22	23	24	25	26	27
Normal Service	Normal Service	Normal Service	 Christmas No Pick Up	Service for Thursday Customers	Service for Friday Customers
29	30	31	1	2	3
Normal Service	Normal Service	Normal Service	 New Years No Pick Up	Service for Thursday Customers	Service for Friday Customers

Christmas Tree Recycling

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

Before setting your tree out curbside for recycling pick up, you must do the following:

- Cut trees into three-foot by three-foot sections
- Remove all decorations, tinsel, and stands.
- Flocked trees are acceptable.

1 The local Boy Scouts will be collecting and recycling Christmas trees again in Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and surrounding neighborhoods on the following dates:

- **Sunday, December 28**
- **Saturday, January 3rd**
- **Sunday, January 4th**

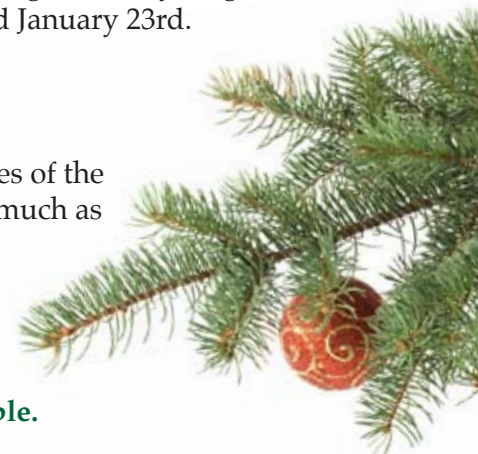
Trees need to be at the curb by 9AM on those dates. Donations of \$7 support local Boy Scout activities and the Gerry Rawn Endowment Fund are appreciated. For more information call (831)638-9646.

2 Norcal Waste Systems of San Benito County will pick up your Christmas tree for recycling on your garbage and recycling collection days between January 2nd and January 23rd.

Holiday Wrap Recycling Reminders

During holidays, there is much more paper waste than other times of the year. We encourage you to recycle and reuse wrapping paper as much as possible. Please remember the following:

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





Reduce Your Waste During The Holidays!

The holiday season is a time for family, friends, celebration, and waste. This time of year generates more food waste, shopping bags, packaging, wrapping paper, bows, and ribbon than any other time of the year. Approximately one million tons of additional garbage are created nationwide each week.

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:

- Give a donation in someone's name
- Homemade gifts, such as baked treats, are always appreciated
- Give gift certificates
- Buy gifts made of recycled materials

Check out these websites* to help you find that perfect gift!

www.greengiftguide.com
www.ciwmb.ca.gov/recyclestore
www.gaiam.com/greenmarket
www.abundantearth.com

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 at no additional charge.

The 2009 drop-off events are scheduled for:

- March 28 & 29
- June 27 & 28
- September 26 & 27
- December 26 & 27

Please call (831)636-4110 to confirm drop-off event dates, as they are subject change. The following is a partial list of items you can bring (limit two bulky items per event):

- Furniture, appliances, mattress, box spring
- Tires (four tires are considered one bulky item)
- Concrete, asphalt, green waste, unpainted wood
(one cubic yard for each item is considered one bulky item)

For more information and a complete list of items, please call the San Benito County Integrated Waste Management Department at (831)636-4110.

Battery Recycling

Are you purchasing new gadgets that need batteries? Remember to recycle your old batteries at home. You can put regular household batteries (AAA-D, 9V, button cell, rechargeable) in a clear, zippered plastic bag and set them on top of your blue recycling cart.

Batteries cannot be thrown away.



Recycle At Work

Does your work place have a recycling program? If you work in Hollister, San Juan Bautista, or unincorporated San Benito County, you should be recycling **mixed paper**, **food and beverage containers**, and **cardboard** at your work place.

Call our Recycling Coordinator, Julie Alter, at (408)846-1392 for more information.



Electronic Waste Recycling

Goodwill Industries located, at John Smith Road Landfill, accepts all electronic items for recycling for free. This reuse and recycling program helps support job training programs.

If you have questions about what is acceptable, please call (831)637-4515. The landfill is located at 2650 John Smith Road, Hollister. They are open Monday-Friday from 8AM-4PM, and Saturday & Sunday, from 9AM-3PM.

Electronic waste cannot be put in the garbage.



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Other Important Resources
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Integrated Waste Management Department
(831)636.4110

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