

# Fairfield Community Newsletter

## Recycling, Organics and Waste Services



## How to make your holidays more sustainable

A big part of the holidays is spending time with our family and enjoying a delicious meal together. We fill our Thanksgiving plates with mashed potatoes, stuffing, roasted veggies, turkey, and apple-cranberry walnut salad. Every side dish and entrée looks so delicious, and you fill your plate to the brim, only to realize that your eyes were bigger than your stomach. Oh, no! You realize you can't finish it all, and the result is considerable food waste on your plate!

This holiday season, it's important to be conscious about how much food we place on our plates to help reduce food waste. A good way to help reduce food waste is by offering your guests to take leftovers home. Or, you can research leftover recipes to reuse and remake your leftovers into new tasty dishes, like turkey cranberry sandwiches! However, if you do generate food waste this holiday season, please remember to place any food waste in your organics cart, not the trash cart. By using the organics cart, this food waste will be taken to a facility to turn this material into nutrient-rich compost.

Lastly, if you generate cooking oil this holiday season, do not pour cooking oil down the drain or place it in the recycling, organics or trash cart. Instead, you can recycle your used cooking oil at the BOPA facility, located at 2901 Industrial Court (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed from 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.) Place your used cooking oil in a container no larger than 5 gallons.



## Sleigh Holiday Recycling

As you give and receive gifts this holiday season, be mindful of what materials are recyclable and what items are trash.

Please ensure that recyclable materials are empty, clean, and dry before placing them in your blue recycling cart.

Never put recyclable materials in containers or trash bags. Please don't place plastic bags, clothes, or shoes in the recycling cart.

Don't forget about electronic waste. Do not place electronic waste (e-waste) and batteries in your recycling, organics, or trash cart. E-waste and batteries need to be properly disposed of. These items can be recycled at the BOPA facility.



### TRASH IT



**BOWS**  
Toss or Reuse



**RIBBONS**  
Toss or Reuse



**CELLOPHANE**  
Toss



### RECYCLE PLEASE



**BOXES**  
Recycle or Reuse



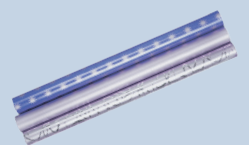
**TISSUE PAPER**  
Recycle



### RECYCLE OR TRASH (DEPENDENT)



**GIFT BAGS**  
Recycle or Reuse (if uncoated)  
Toss or Reuse (if embellished)



**WRAPPING PAPER**  
Recycle (if plain and uncoated)  
Reuse or Toss (if glossy or embellished)

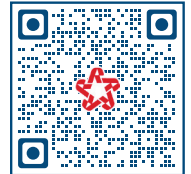
# Street Sweeping

As fall approaches, our street sweepers will be working hard to keep the city's streets and curbs free of leaves and debris. We need your help so we can effectively sweep your neighborhood.

- Know your street sweeping day, and move vehicles off the street. A single parked car means three car lengths of space cannot be swept.
- Do not pile, rake, sweep or blow anything into the street or gutter.
- Keep tree branches and shrubs trimmed to allow sweepers to maneuver near the curb.
- Report abandoned vehicles and other objects in the street that could interfere with the street sweeper. Call Fairfield Traffic Bureau at **707.428.7646** or visit **Fairfield.gov/code**.



Please scan this QR code by opening your camera app to find your street sweeping day.



# Composting Your Holiday Tree

Did you know that your holiday tree could be composted and turned into soil? Please follow these guidelines, so we can properly compost your tree.

- No flocked or artificial trees. Place this kind of tree in your trash cart.
- Remove stands, lights, ornaments, tinsel, and trimmings.
- Branches must be 6 inches or less in diameter and 3 feet or less in length.
- Please make sure that the cart lid is closed and has no plastic bags.

## Bulk waste

Please call customer service at **707.437.8900** if your tree will not fit in the organics cart. If your tree is more than 6 feet, please cut it in half to ensure pickup.

## Boy Scouts

Local Boy Scouts will collect holiday trees at your home between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, January 4 and 11. Please call **707.327.0324** or send an email to **BSATreeRecycle@gmail.com** for more information or to arrange a pickup. Boys Scouts accept donations.



# Holiday Service Schedule

Republic Services observes Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If your regular service day falls on or after a holiday, service will be delayed one day. Residents who are usually serviced on Friday will be serviced on Saturday.

## Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 28, 2024

No service on Thursday. Service will be one day later (Friday services will occur on Saturday). The administrative office, buy-back and BOPA will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29.

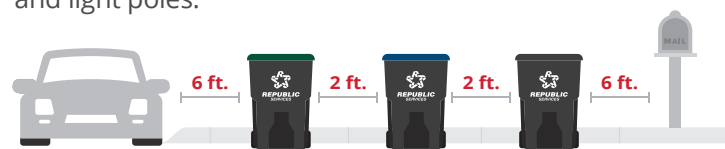
## Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25, 2024

## New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Service will be one day later. For example: Wednesday service will be conducted on Thursday, and Friday services will occur on Saturday. The administrative office, buy-back and BOPA will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2024, and January 1, 2025.

# Please Help Us Serve You Better

Please place carts at least 2 feet apart and 6 feet away from other objects, such as cars, mailboxes and light poles.



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SERVICES

Sustainability in Action