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Sustainable Benician

News on Community Recycling & Waste Services

REPUBLIC SERVICES

Sustainability in Action

Fresh Christmas Trees

Opens Nov. 29th

Museum of History Benicia @ The Fire Museum

Thurs & Fri: 3 pm to 6 pm
Sat & Sun: 10 pm to 6 pm

Location:
900 E 2nd St. Benicia, CA 94510



Recycle your Tree Lights



Republic Services, in partnership with Museum of History Benicia (MoHB) will have containers for collecting strings of old Christmas tree lights at MoHB's Christmas tree lot. Light strings with breakable bulbs will need bulbs removed.

Christmas Tree Recycling
by the Benicia Scouts

Take My Tree, Please!



Take advantage of a convenient community service and fundraiser from Benicia's Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venture Crew. You can drop off your tree or you can register for pickup at your home or business. Once recycled, the trees are chipped, and used for ground cover on City of Benicia properties.

To register for pickup, visit BeniciaScouts.org or call the tree recycle hotline 707.551.4520. Appointments required for pickup. **Tree Recycling pickup dates are the same as drop-off dates.**

Four Easy Ways to Recycle Your Tree

- **Drop off —** Benicia Community Park, (behind Mathew Turner School) or First Baptist Church, 1055 Southampton Rd (Across from Middle School)
- **Pick Up —** Call the Recycle Hotline 707.551.4520 and leave name, address, and phone number
- **Pick Up —** Visit BeniciaScouts.org to register your tree online or by scanning the QR Code
- **Pick Up —** Send name, address, phone number (and donation) to P.O. Box 485, Benicia, CA 94510

Pickup and Drop off details:

Tree pickup is for Benicia only. Flocked trees are accepted. Please have your tree out by 9 AM. Donations welcome! Suggested donation $20 (make checks payable to BSA Christmas Tree Recycling.)

Tree Drop-off Dates:

- Sunday, December 27, 2026 • 9AM-4PM
- Saturday, January 2, 2027 • 9AM-4PM
- Sunday, January 3, 2027 • 9AM-4PM
- Saturday, January 9, 2027 • 9AM-4PM
- Sunday, January 10, 2027 • 9AM-4PM

This project is run in full cooperation with the City of Benicia and Republic Services. Christmas tree recycling by Benicia Scouts.

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, US household garbage increases one million tons, or 25%. —per EPA

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Holiday Hints:

- Be mindful—**Eat or share all the holiday food you make**. Compost food scraps from cooking, scrape plates into kitchen pail/compost cart after meals, and compost paper plates/napkins. Disposable (including compostable) utensils go in the trash.
- **Remove any batteries from holiday decorations** and dispose of them properly. Locations to dispose of batteries: in a sealed plastic bag by your recycle cart (not in it), in containers (near restrooms) at Benicia Library, inside City Hall entrance, at Pedrotti Ace Hardware in the Southampton Shopping Center, or at City Corporation Yard's public HHW drop-off, 2400 East 2nd St. open Saturdays, 9 AM to noon.
- **Ribbon and metallic wrapping paper are not recyclable.** Reusable gift bags are the best choice or wrap in old maps or comics.
- **The Goodwill Store in Southampton Shopping Center is now a "drop off only" location.** Help others by donating gently used items.
- **Buy experiences, not things.** Spending on experiences makes people happier than spending on things. Things get broken and go out of style. Experiences get better every time you talk about them. So give movie or zoo tickets. Take an art, pottery, cooking or wine tasting class together. **Or give a gift from the heart,** like homemade cookies on a secondhand platter.

Was an OOPs tag placed on your residential cart?

Republic Services was lid-flippin' in random neighborhoods in October. No fines, just educating how to sort and dispose of waste properly. What we learned and want to remind you:



- **Styrofoam and bubbled mailers are trash.**
- **Single-use utensils and cups, etc., even if compostable are trash.** They don't break down fast enough.
- **Don't bag your recyclables** —Loose is best. OK to bag shredded paper for recycling or it can go loose with wet food items in the green cart.
- **Napkins and paper towels go in the green organics cart,** not recycling.
- **There should not be food left in plastic "To Go" containers.** Shake food into green cart then put container in recycling. Remember...Empty-Clean-Dry for recycling.
- **Use your green organics cart!** Diverting foodwaste from the landfill/trash helps fight climate change. Scrape in those food scraps, but no plastic please. Plastic bags and containers contaminate the load and won't turn into compost.
- **Visit CalRecycle** at calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/ for more information on SB 1383 law that includes composting.



Reminder: Oil-based paints can be dropped off at the City Corporation Yard's public Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off, Saturdays, 9 AM to noon, 2400 East 2nd St., Previously only latex paint was accepted. Oil base items include:

- Interior and exterior architectural paints: acrylic, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (including textured coatings)
- Deck coatings, floor paints (including elastomeric)
- Primers, sealers, under-coaters
- Stains
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component)
- Waterproofing concrete/masonry/ wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based)
- Metal coatings, rust preventatives
- Field and lawn paints

This facility will also continue to accept light tubes, CFLs, household batteries, car batteries (No EV or scooter batteries) motor oil and oil filters, anti-freeze, latex paint, and aerosols. No charge. Benicia residents only. Other chemicals need an HHW Door-to-Door appointment for pickup. Look for the HHW button at RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA to schedule a free appointment (non-business accounts only).

Only Transport up to 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per visit, in containers no larger than five gallons. Multiple visits per day allowed.

HAPPY Holidays

AND HAVE A GREAT START TO 2027!

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