

Martinez

Residential Recycling & Waste Solutions



Sustainability in Action



Green Gatherings: Tips for a Sustainable Holiday Season

The holidays are a wonderful time to gather with family and friends, but it can also lead to a significant amount of waste. Americans generate about 25% more waste during the holiday season, with much of it ending up in landfills. This year, consider incorporating some sustainable habits into your family's holiday traditions to reduce waste and have a joyful celebration.



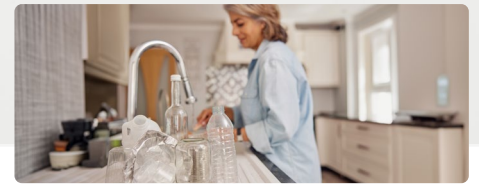
Calculate Amount of Food to Buy

You can use the calculator at [SaveTheFood.com/guestimator](https://www.savethefood.com/guestimator) to help determine how much food to buy based on your number of guests. Even with planning, you can still end up with extra food, so encourage guests to bring reusable containers for leftovers. That way, everyone gets to enjoy a second helping, and nothing goes to waste.



Compost or Use Your Green Organics Cart

Vegetable scraps, fruit peels, and other food scraps that can't be eaten must be composted to comply with Senate Bill ("SB") 1383. Place vegetable scraps, fruit peels, and other food scraps in your curbside green organics cart or compost at home to create nutrient-rich soil that can be used to grow more food!



Reuse/Recycle to Reduce Waste

Swapping out disposable items for reusable ones, like cloth napkins and washable dishes, can significantly reduce the amount of waste you generate. Items such as beverage cans, bottles, and aluminum trays should also be recycled—remember to wipe or rinse out food residue as needed and allow them to dry before placing them in your recycle cart.

Safely Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste ("HHW")

Take cooking oil, paint, pesticides, solvents, personal care products, and other household chemicals, free of charge, to Central San's HHW Facility located at 4797 Imhoff Place in Martinez, Monday-Saturday from 7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. No sharps or medicine. More info: visit centralsan.org/hhw or call 800.646.1431

Dispose of sharps and expired or unwanted medicine with free Mail-Back Services or find a drop-off location. More info: visit med-project.org or call 1.844.MED.PROJECT or 1.844.633.7765 (TTY: 711)



A collection of various waste items including a brown glass bottle, a newspaper, a glass jar, a brown paper bag, a cardboard box, a metal tray, a soda can, a plastic bottle, and a Campbell's soup can.

-  **No Food**
-  **No Paper**
-  **No Green Waste**
-  **No Recyclable Material**
-  **No Hazardous Waste**



-  **No Liquids**
-  **No Textile**
-  **No Carpet**
-  **No Food**
-  **No Green Waste**
-  **No Hazardous Waste**
-  **No Styrofoam®**

A collection of various food items including a bouquet of flowers, fresh basil, an apple core, a pizza box, a small pizza, a chicken drumstick, a plate of food, and a paper cup.

-  No Metal
-  No Glass
-  No Plastic
-  No Hazardous Waste
-  No Cookware Utensils
-  No Petroleum Waste




We observe Christmas Day and New Year's Day, which fall on Thursday, December 25, 2025, and Thursday, January 1, 2026, respectively. Thursday customers will be serviced on Friday, and Friday customers will be serviced on Saturday, December 27, 2025 and January 3, 2026. If your regular pickup day falls on Monday through Wednesday, your pickup will remain unchanged.



Shopping for gifts this holiday season? Consider supporting environmentally conscious local businesses! You can find a map of businesses that are part of the Contra Costa County Green Business Program at GreenBusinessCA.org/ContraCostaCounty or visit Search.GreenBusinessCA.org for the full statewide California Green Business Network list.



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