

Community Newsletter

Recycling, Organics and Waste Services



SPRUCE UP YOUR HOLIDAYS WITH THESE SUSTAINABILITY TIPS.



Reduce Your Food Waste

Food is an important component of holiday traditions. Here are some tips to reduce food waste during the holidays:

- Use the same ingredients for multiple recipes. Make a list before you go shopping, so you can use items that you already had in your pantry or refrigerator.
- Try to cook according to portion size for your guests.
- Offer your guests some leftovers to take home.



Remember to Compost Your Organic Waste

Republic Services takes organic waste to a compost facility, where organic waste is turned into nutrient-rich compost that can be used in gardens and to grow more food.



**Food
Waste**



**Yard
Waste**



**Food-Soiled
Paper**

Repurpose Leftovers

- Freeze leftovers.
- Plan a fridge cleanout day, and repurpose leftovers to make casseroles, soup, sandwiches or stir-fry dishes.
- Donate shelf-stable or unopened items to a local food bank.

Reuse

- Save non-recyclable items, like bubble wrap, ribbons and bows, for your next gifting event.
- Consider donating items that can be reused.
- Used cooking oil can be reused. Used oil can be filtered and refined to create biodiesel and other uses, such as animal feed. Take used oil to 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.

Recycle What You Can

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

- Ensure that recyclable materials are empty, clean and dry before placing them in your recycling cart.
- Never place recyclable materials inside other containers or trash bags. Please do not place plastic bags, clothes or shoes in the recycling cart.
- Recycle flattened boxes, plain wrapping paper, paper-only cards (no glitter, foil or singing cards), paper gift bags (no handles or ribbon) and tissue paper.
- Toss plastic bags, clothes or shoes in the trash.
- Don't place electronic waste and batteries in your recycling, organics or trash cart. Electronic waste must be properly disposed of, and these items can be recycled at the Republic Services BOPA facility.

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 **<https://Fairfield.ca.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 can be composted and turned into soil? Please follow these guidelines, so we can properly compost your tree:

- Flocked or artificial trees must be placed in the trash cart.
- Remove stands, lights, ornaments, tinsel and trimmings.
- Trees more than 6 feet must be cut in half.
- Make sure that your cart lid is closed if you place your holiday tree inside.
- Leave trees curbside on the same day as your collection day, between December 26 and January 15.



Boy Scouts

Local Boy Scouts will collect holiday trees at your home between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, January 3 and 10. 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 27, 2025

No service on Thursday. Service will be one day later (Friday services will occur on Saturday). The administrative office and buy-back and BOPA facilities will be closed on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28.

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25, 2025

New Year's Day: Thursday, January 1, 2026

Service will be one day later. For example: Thursday service will be conducted on Friday, and Friday service will occur on Saturday. The administrative office and buy-back and BOPA facilities will be closed on Thursday, December 25, 2025, and Thursday, January 1, 2026.

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



Sustainability in Action