

# Residential Services Guide

## Holiday Tree Recycling Reminder



Set clean trees at the curb for collection on your regular compost collection day:

**December 27, 2021– January 14, 2022**

- No stands
- No decorations
- No “snow” flocking  
(Flocked trees cannot be composted; they go to the landfill.)

After January 14, cut trees to fit in your compost cart for regular weekly collection.

Thank you for removing all stands and decorations. Your clean holiday tree will be composted and returned to the soil as an amendment.

Visit [OaklandRecycles.com/Holiday-Recycling](https://OaklandRecycles.com/Holiday-Recycling) for more holiday recycling tips and education.

## NEW & IMPROVED! Free Bulky Junk Drop Off and Pickup Service.

Now offering a self-haul option! PLUS, get rid of even more waste curbside - up to 4 cubic yards twice a year!

Schedule your FREE bulky junk drop-off or pickup today!

Here's how:

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Call 1-888-WM-BULKY  
(1-888-962-8559) or visit  
[OaklandRecycles.com/Bulky](https://OaklandRecycles.com/Bulky)

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Mark your appointment on your calendar. A confirmation with detailed instructions will be emailed or mailed to you.

We highly recommend providing a valid email address when making appointments to ensure immediate confirmation with further instructions and informational links.



## Before You Throw Those Used Things Away...

When getting rid of unwanted clothes, toys and furniture, first try RE:Source, which is StopWaste's on-line guide to reuse, repair, and recycling just about anything. It contains information on “reuse” organizations and drop-off locations. Many of the locations also sell used items. Visit [resource.stopwaste.org](https://resource.stopwaste.org).

**More Tips:** Many household items such as furniture, appliances, and electronics, can be repaired. Check your local area for community repair events and Fixit Clinics, and search online for repair shops in your area using the RE:Soure tool.

Borrow, rent, and share items that you don't need every day. Check your local tool lending library or hardware store for borrowing or renting options.

If your items are too loved for a second life, put them in the trash. Old toys and clothing are not recyclable.



**Billing Questions, Bulky Pickup,  
Trash & Compost Collection**  
Waste Management of Alameda  
County, Inc.: (510) 613-8710



**Recycling Collection**  
California Waste Solutions:  
(510) 625-5263

## New Compost & Recycling Law for Residents – Effective January 2022

Did you know that putting your food scraps and plant trimmings in the compost bin is one of the easiest ways to help reduce your greenhouse gas emissions?

When compostable material is dumped in a landfill, it breaks down without proper airflow and produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas and major contributor towards climate change. Properly composting these materials helps minimize methane production, along with many other benefits. With this in mind, a new state law (SB 1383) requires that residents and businesses keep compostable materials—such as food scraps, plant trimmings, and paper—out of California’s landfills.

What’s better than composting?  
Not wasting food in the first place!



To learn how to keep your food fresher longer, save money, and waste less, visit [stopfoodwaste.org](http://stopfoodwaste.org).

The good news is that properly composting and recycling is easy. Here’s how:

## **COMPOST** **COMPOSTAR** 可堆肥垃圾

Put in your green cart:



All food scraps including bones, meat scraps, cheese, rinds, peels, and coffee grounds.



Food-soiled paper like paper towels, napkins, pizza boxes and paper plates (uncoated/not shiny)



Plant trimmings like leaves, grass clippings, branches, and weeds.



### HELPFUL COMPOSTING TIPS:



#### Keep it Tidy!

Collect food scraps in a small tub, kitchen pail, paper bag.



#### Keep it clean!

Remove stickers from produce. No plastic, glass, or metal in the green bin.

» Request a free kitchen pail by calling WM at 510-613-8710

## **RECYCLE** **RECICLAJE** 可回收物

Put in your grey cart:



Paper & cardboard – Flatten boxes; no food-soiled paper.



Bottles, cans & jars – Containers should be empty and dry.



Hard plastics – Loose items only, no plastic bags.



Español (Spanish), 中文(Chinese), 한국인 (Korean), & Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese):  
For translated information about the new law, visit: [www.StopWaste.org/rules-languages](http://www.StopWaste.org/rules-languages)