



Holiday Recycling

In the County and Cities of San Joaquin

Merry Recycling and a Green New Year!

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Reduce

- * LED lights use less electricity. Put all holiday lights on timers.
- * Give gift cards, event tickets, or a donation to a favorite charity.
- * Buy local. Plan your trips to avoid wasting gas.
- * Use real dishes, utensils and cloth napkins.



Reuse

- * Save gift bags, wrapping paper, boxes, and bows.
- * Bring cloth bags when shopping for groceries and gifts.
- * Donate old usable items when you receive new ones.



Recycle

- * Recycle wrapping paper and party waste.
- * Recycle your Christmas tree.
- * Recycle ads and catalogs. Make gift tags from old cards.
- * Recycle those old electronics Santa just replaced. Use a certified e-Stewards® recycler.

Rethink

- * Buy quality gifts to last longer.
- * Buy rechargeable batteries. (Batteries cannot be thrown in the trash in California. They must be recycled.)



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Real or artificial? Both Christmas trees have their benefits. The [National Gardening Association](#) offers advice for you to make an informed decision.



Leaf Pickups

Keep leaves and clippings out of the gutters and away from storm drain inlets. "Only Rain Down the Drain"

Escalon

Deposit leaves and clippings in your green waste can. If your can is full, you may rake leaves only (no trash, limbs or rocks) away from the gutter in piles four feet wide and about six inches deep.

Lathrop

Leaves and trimmings must be placed in the greenwaste carts. Extra brush and greenwaste can be placed curbside for pickup January 3 through January 15.

Lodi

Leaves only will be collected curbside through mid-January. Maps and schedules are available [online](#). Leaves may also be placed in the Yard and Garden carts.

Manteca

Leaves will be collected curbside from the week after Thanksgiving through January. The schedule is available [online](#). Leaves and trimmings can also be placed in the greenwaste carts.

Ripon

Leaves and trimmings may be placed in the street from October 15 to February 1. Branches must be less than four feet long and less than six inches in diameter. A voluntary yard waste program is available by calling at 599-2108.

Stockton

From October 1 through December 31 you may place up to 5 additional bags of leaves next to your green waste cart on your regular service day. Extra Service stickers are not required for bags containing *only* leaves during this time. Foodwaste can be placed in your green waste cart any time.

Tracy

Place leaves in your yard waste toter. Beginning the last week of November through the first week of January, large quantities of leaves can be raked into piles along the street. Keep gutters clear. Leaves will be picked up on regular garbage collection days. Make sure only leaves are placed in these piles, or they will not be picked up.

County

Certain unincorporated areas within the City of Stockton have sidewalks and gutters which run to local waterways. Leaves may be placed curbside for collection in these areas. To see if your area is included and to see the schedule for pickups, please go to the County [website](#).



Prevent frost damage.
Care for plants with frost damage.
Care for Holiday plants.
Get ready for spring.

Learn more about garden care from the Master Gardeners at their [website](#), email them at mgsanjoaquin@ucdavis.edu or call them at 953-6112.



Tree Recycling

Remove all objects from your tree, including stands and tinsel.

Lathrop

Tree recycling curbside will take place Dec 27 through Jan 6 on your regular service day. If the tree is taller than 6', it must be cut in half. All flammable and flocked trees will be collected but will not be recycled. Do not place these trees in the recycle bin but rather on the curb next to garbage.

Stockton

Have your Christmas tree recycled by placing it next to your cart(s) for collection on your regularly scheduled pick-up day for the first three weeks after Christmas. Trees longer than six feet must be cut in half. Flocked trees will be collected but not recycled.

Escalon

The Escalon Fire District will pick up trees on January 7, 2012. Place your tree in the street near the curb by 6:00 am. Trees can also be cut into sections and placed in your green waste container so the lid closes.

Lodi

Lodi Boy Scouts will pick up trees for recycling on January 7, 2012. Place trees at the curb by 6 a.m. Monetary donations are appreciated for this annual fundraiser. Trees can also be cut into sections and placed in your green waste container so the lid closes.

Tracy

Trees are picked up curbside December 26th through the beginning of January on your regular collection day. Remove ornaments, tinsel, stands, and nails. Cut trees longer than six feet.

Manteca

Trees will be picked up by the City during the first two weeks of January. Place them curbside on your normal trash collection day.

Ripon

Trees may be placed in the street near the curb for collection until February 1. Cut trees that are taller than four feet.



County

Residents and businesses of the County and its Cities can drop off holiday trees for free at the North County Recycling Center ([directions and maps](#)). This free promotion will run from December 26, through January 15.



Please do not burn Christmas trees, especially in your fireplace.

RECYCLE OLD ELECTRONICS

San Joaquin County residents and businesses can drop off their E-Waste and Universal Waste at free collection events throughout the year. Onsite Electronics Recycling provides secure, guaranteed recycling of electronics waste. They understand the complex framework of California's Universal Waste Regulations and provide recycling services in full compliance with local, State and Federal regulations. Local events for January are listed below. Find a complete 2012 schedule at Onsite's [website](#). Bring your Christmas lights, cardboard, and Styrofoam* to be recycled, too!



E-waste can be dropped off for free year round at: [North County Landfill, Lovelace Transfer Station, or Foothill Landfill](#); [Tracy Material Recovery and Transfer Station*](#); [Ripon's Joint City/School Program](#) and [Manteca's Solid Waste Office](#). [Central Valley Waste](#) (Waste Management) in Lodi accepts e-waste for a fee.

**Only Tracy offers Styrofoam recycling.*

For more on Product Stewardship: [California Product Stewardship Council](#), [Product Stewardship Institute](#).

Recycle your E-Waste at these January events:

(Cardboard, Styrofoam and Christmas lights, too!) 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



January 14 **Stockton**
Delta College Shima Parking lot
(2nd Saturday of every month)

St. Mary's High School
5648 N. El Dorado St.

Tracy Public Works
520 Tracy Blvd., Gate # 1

Escalon Community Center
1055 Escalon Ave.

Find a of 2012 events
at [Onsite Electronics](#).

Ripon — E-waste can be dropped off at the joint City / School collection site at the old Nestle's parking lot each Saturday. Find details [here](#), including a full list of items to recycle.



Even turned off, some electronic devices use a lot of energy, especially those with an adaptor. Plug them into a power strip and turn it off, and watch your savings go up!



Play it Safe

While you prepare for the holidays, take time to secure your home.

- * Change the batteries in all of your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at least once a year.
- * Clean your rain gutters to prevent overflowing during a storm.
- * Create or update your home emergency plan along with the needed supplies.
- * Check that your address numbers can be read easily from the street by emergency crews.
- * Check that all fire extinguishers are in good, serviceable condition.
- * Have your chimney inspected and cleaned before using it.
- * Have your heating system and ducts inspected.
- * Check the windshield wiper blades on all vehicles and replace, if necessary.

Household Hazardous Waste: Take old batteries, fluorescent lights, cooking oil, cleaning products, paint, and other household chemicals to the County's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility for proper recycling and disposal. You can also bring old electronics, Styrofoam®, and Christmas lights. For location and hours of operation, call (209) 468-3066 or go to www.BeGreenSanJoaquin.org.

