



ZEROWASTE



Santa Cruz County
GreenWaste Recovery

News

A publication for County of Santa Cruz GreenWaste Recovery
Single-Family Residence Customers

Fall 2023

ATTEND A FREE COMPOST WORKSHOP

GET A FREE COMPOST/WORM BIN!

Compost workshops will teach the principles of composting kitchen and yard wastes using backyard bins and vermicomposting (worm composting) techniques. You will learn how compost improves your soil and enhances the health of your garden. Composting also reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and helps slow climate change. Virtual and in-person workshops are led by Master Composters and sponsored by County of Santa Cruz Public Works.

Upon completion of the workshop, GreenWaste Recovery customers in the unincorporated County are offered a free backyard composting bin or worm bin. Sign up online at <http://goo.gl/Fw6Bak> or call 831.824.6484. Register now; classes fill up quickly!



BACKYARD COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

FALL 2023

Sun	Oct	15	2-4 pm	Live Oak Grange	Basic Composting
Sat	Nov	4	10 am-noon	Zoom	Basic Composting
Sat	Dec	2	2-4 pm	Live Oak Grange	Basic Composting

WINTER 2024

Sat	Jan	13	10 am-noon	Live Oak Grange	Basic Composting
Sat	Feb	10	10 am-noon	Live Oak Grange	Advanced Worm Composting
Sun	Feb	25	2-4 pm	Live Oak Grange	Basic Composting
Sun	Mar	17	2-4 pm	Zoom	Basic Composting

SPRING 2024

Sat	Apr	13	10 am-noon	Live Oak Grange	Basic Composting
Sun	May	5	2-4 pm	Live Oak Grange	Basic Composting
Sat	Jun	8	10 am-noon	Live Oak Grange	Basic Composting



Contact GreenWaste, P.O. Box 11089, San Jose, CA 95103-1089

We at GreenWaste "Think Differently" and appreciate your suggestions and comments. Please call us today and let us know how we are doing at (800) 665-2209 or (831) 426-2711, or visit us on the web at www.greenwaste.com



Steps To Zero Waste Holidays

The season for holiday entertaining is here! When hosting a gathering, it is easy to focus on convenience rather than the waste you're creating, but plastic pollution has become a global environmental crisis, threatening our waterways, oceans, wildlife, public health, and our climate.

To reduce your impact, try these Zero Waste entertaining tips all year:

1. **Use the good dishes** – Banish paper and single-use plastic from the holiday table.
2. **Use natural and reusable decorations** – Flowers, fruit, pinecones, sea glass, candles look lovely on the holiday table.
3. **BYOE** – Bring Your Own Everything when eating away from home (reusable mugs, tumblers, utensils, bags, leftover containers).
4. **Re-think gift giving** – Give an experience, service, or a favorite homemade treat.
5. **Gift-wrap reusable** – Wrap eco-style in a reusable bag, scarf, pillowcase, or dishtowel tied with satin ribbon or other reusable material.
6. **Reduce packaging waste** - Visit farmers markets with reusable bags, avoid plastic packaging.
7. **Plan for no wasted food** – Buy only what you need, resist impulse buys, and send leftovers home with guests in reusable containers. Calculate how much food you really need for your celebration using the "Guest-imator" <https://savethefood.com/guestimator>.

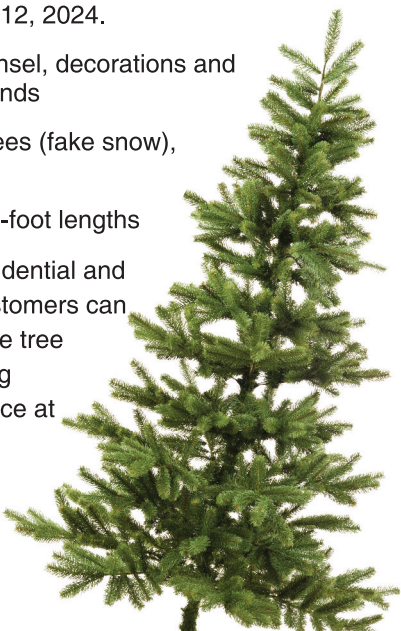
HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING

Single-family residential customers of GreenWaste Recovery can recycle your evergreen tree curbside on your regular service day, January 1-12, 2024.

- Remove all tinsel, decorations and non-wood stands
- No flocked trees (fake snow), please!
- Cut trees to 6-foot lengths

Multi-family residential and commercial customers can request curbside tree pickup by calling Customer Service at **831.426.2711**.

Thank you for recycling your holiday trees!



HOLIDAY PICKUP SCHEDULE

Collection does not occur on Thanksgiving Day November 23, Christmas Day December 25, or New Year's Day January 1. If an observed holiday falls on a regular collection day, collection for the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day. Please put your carts out for service by 6 a.m. on the collection day. For more information, please contact GreenWaste Customer Service at **831.426.2711**.



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19	20	21	22	23	24	25



DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6