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Winter 2006

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

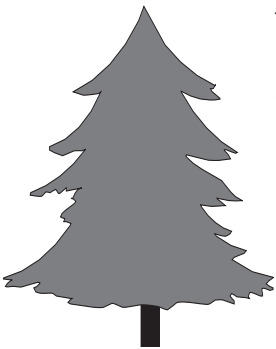
Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Monday this year. During these weeks, your garbage and recycling will occur one day later than your normally scheduled collection day. Monday customers will be picked up on Tuesday; Tuesday customers will be picked up on Wednesday; and so on.

Friday customers will receive service on Saturday.

2006 HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| DEC 25  | DEC 26 Service for MONDAY Customers | DEC 27 Service for TUESDAY Customers | DEC 28 Service for WEDNESDAY Customers | DEC 29 Service for THURSDAY Customers | DEC 30 Service for FRIDAY Customers |
| JAN 1  | JAN 2 Service for MONDAY Customers | JAN 3 Service for TUESDAY Customers | JAN 4 Service for WEDNESDAY Customers | JAN 5 Service for THURSDAY Customers | JAN 6 Service for FRIDAY Customers |

Christmas Tree Recycling



There are two ways residents can recycle their Christmas trees at curbside.

- Norcal Waste Systems of San Benito County will pick up your Christmas tree for recycling on scheduled collection days between December 26 and January 12th.

If you have yard waste service, place trees curbside on your yard waste collection day. If you do not have yard waste service, you may place trees at the curb on your garbage and recycling collection day. Before setting your tree out curbside for recycling pick-up, you must do the following:

- **Cut trees into three-foot by three-foot sections.**
- **Remove all decorations, tinsel, and stands.**
- **Flocked trees are acceptable.**
- The local Boy Scouts will also be collecting and recycling Christmas trees again in Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and surrounding neighborhoods on the following dates: Saturday, January 6, Sunday, January 7 in Hollister, San Juan Bautista and surrounding neighborhoods. Collection IN HOLLISTER ONLY, on Saturday, January 13.

Trees need to be at the curb by 9 am on those dates. Donations of \$7 support local Boy Scout activities and the Gerry Rawn Endowment Fund. **For more information call 638-9646.**

Make a Recycling Resolution for 2007!



Do you ever make New Year's Resolutions like "I will exercise more" or "I will lose weight"? Well, how about making a New Year's Resolution to "Reduce your WASTE line" and recycle more!

Recycling should be a habit and can have favorable consequences for your household, your neighborhood and the environment.

Please remember, it is just as easy to put a bottle or piece of paper in a recycling cart as it is to toss it in the trash. Take time to learn what is recyclable and what is not by reading your Recycle flyer. If you need a copy you may call 831-636-7500 or go to www.norcalwastesystemsofsanbenito.com and click on Residential Recycle flyer.



TIPS FOR A "GREEN" HOLIDAY SEASON

Holiday feasts and gift giving generate a lot of recycling potential. Paper makes up more than 30 percent of California's waste stream. This volume is even larger during the holiday season. According to the California Integrated Waste Management Board, the average household generates three to 10 additional bags of paper during the holiday season. Start those New Year's resolutions early this year, and commit to a "recycled" holiday. With these tips, you can create beautiful holiday gifts that are mindful of the environment and reduce the amount of waste generated.

- If every American family wrapped just three presents in re-used material, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.
- Old maps or magazine covers can be made into unique gift-wrap.
- Make old holiday cards into gift tags.
- Look for reusable tin boxes or old jewelry boxes at flea markets to hold gifts.
- When mailing gifts, use newspaper for packing boxes and remember to reuse packing materials from gifts you receive.

- If you choose to use traditional gift-wrap, buy recycled content wrapping paper.

For more ideas about how to produce less waste during the holiday season, visit www.musc.edu/recycle/holidays. On this site, click on 42 Ways to Trim Your Holiday Waste.



BULKY ITEM DROP OFF EVENTS

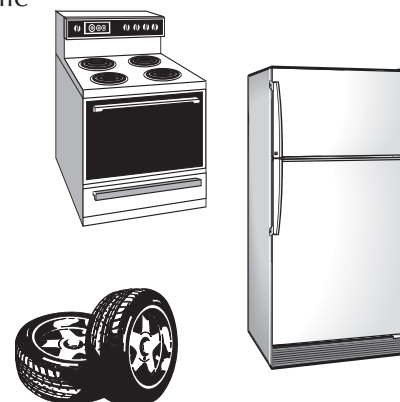
There are four opportunities each year for residents (not businesses) to drop off specific items at the John Smith Road Landfill at no additional charge.

The next drop-off events are scheduled for December 9 and 10.

The following is a partial list of items you can bring (Limit 2 bulky items per event):

- **Furniture, appliances, mattress, box spring**
- **Tires- 4 equals 1 bulky item**
- **Concrete, asphalt, green waste, unpainted wood - 1 cubic yard limit for each item listed is considered 1 bulky item**

For more information and a complete list of items, please call the San Benito County Integrated Waste Management Department for further information at 636-4110.



Need more information? Contact us

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831-636-7500

We value your opinion, questions or comments.

Visit our website at
www.norcalwastesystemsofsanbenito.com

2007 drop off events
are scheduled on the
following dates:

MARCH 24, 25;
JUNE 23, 24;
SEPTEMBER 29, 30;
& DECEMBER 22, 23



Other Important Resources

County of San Benito
Integrated Waste Management Department
831-636-4110