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 NORCAL WASTE SYSTEMS OF SAN BENITO COUNTY  
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# The Connection

KEEPING US CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

Fall/Winter 2007

## NO WASTE GIFT GIVING

Do you want to give children gift-giving ideas for family and friends? Do you know someone who has everything and you are not sure what kind to give them? Let them know that what you really want does not have to come from a store - their time is even MORE valuable, and helpful!


**Here are some coupon ideas for them:**

- Walking the dog after school each day for a period of time.
- Cooking some meals, or offering to help shop and clean up.
- Watching younger brother or sister.
- Commit to extra chores like housecleaning or yard work.

**For people that have "everything", you can:**

- Donate time or money to their favorite charity in their name.
- Give them tickets to a sporting event, play, or concert.
- Treat them to a day at the spa, a trip to the snow or other fun experiences!





### HOLIDAY WRAP RECYCLING REMINDERS

During holidays, there is much more paper recycling than other times of the year. Please remember the following:

- Tape on wrapping paper is acceptable.
- Tissue wrapping paper is acceptable.
- Foil wrapping paper is NOT recyclable.
- Ribbons and bows are not recyclable, but they are reusable!

## RECYCLE AT WORK

Does your business have a recycling program? If you work in the San Benito County, you should be recycling mixed paper, cans and bottles, and cardboard at your work place. If the business is located in Unincorporated San Benito County, call our Recycling Coordinator, Julie Alter, at 408-846-1392 for more information.

**T**his Holiday Season, take a break from all that shopping and wrapping. Give an experience and create a cherished memory! Experience gifts are for everyone:

- Tickets to a sporting event, stage play, or movie
- Annual passes to museums or parks
- Gift certificates for a massage, kayak rental or restaurant
- Shopping mall gift cards

The choices are endless!

Enjoy the holidays knowing you've given thoughtful gifts to your friends and loved ones and reduced waste!

# Give an Experience



# HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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

**Friday customers will receive service on Saturday.**

All other holidays, including Thanksgiving follow our regular collection schedule.



## 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 22 and 23rd.

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**.

**2008 drop off events are scheduled on the following dates- PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM:**  
**March 29-30; June 28, 29; Sept. 27, 28; & Dec. 27, 28**



## Need more information? Contact us

**NORCAL WASTE SYSTEMS OF SAN BENITO COUNTY**  
**831-636-7500**

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## Other Important Resources

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

## 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 11th.

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-feet by three-feet 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, December 29, Sunday, December 30 in Hollister, San Juan Bautista and surrounding neighborhoods, and, IN HOLLISTER ONLY, on Saturday, January 5.

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**.

## ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING

Goodwill Industries located, at John Smith Road Landfill, accepts all electronic items for recycling for free. This reuse and recycling program helps support job training programs!

If you have specific questions about what is acceptable, please call **637-4515**. The landfill is located at 2650 John Smith Road, Hollister. They are open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm, Saturday & Sunday, 9am-3pm.