

# The RECYCLER

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO  
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## Increase in Recycling Tonnages in 2005

**C**ongratulations! Recycling tonnages have continued to increase in 2005. Preliminary numbers indicate that South San Francisco will meet and Brisbane and Millbrae will again exceed the California recycling and diversion mandate of 50%.

Your recycling efforts help extend the life of our landfills, save natural resources and save energy too. In fact, recycling a ton of newspaper saves the equivalent of 135 gallons of gas; recycling a ton of soda bottles saves the equivalent of 430 gallons of gas, and; recycling a ton of aluminum saves the equivalent of 1,650 gallons of gas.

*Your recycling efforts are appreciated!*

## 2006 -Yard Waste Calendar

**Y**our new yard waste calendar is enclosed with your garbage bill and newsletter. Yard waste is collected every other week on your regular collection day. *To determine whether your yard waste pick up is on an A week or B week, please find your street listed on the back of the calendar and note the letter A or B beside your street name.*

## Christmas Tree Recycling

**Y**ou can recycle your Christmas tree on your regular yard waste collection day. Simply place your tree on or near the curb by 5:00 am on the morning of your yard waste collection.

Please remove all decorations, tinsel, lights and metal stand before placing the tree at the curb. Trees 6 feet or more need to be cut in half. *Flocked trees are NOT recyclable* and should be placed with regular trash on your normal garbage collection day.

*Every recycled tree represents an average of 20 pounds diverted from the landfill.*

### How to Recycle your Christmas tree

- ❖ Remove all decorations, tinsel, lights, and metal stand.
- ❖ Cut tree in half if it is over 6 feet.
- ❖ Place tree on or near curb by 5:00 am on your yard waste collection day.



## ▶ Extra Garbage?



Does your household generate more garbage during the holidays? If you have extra garbage notify us by calling the office at 650.589.4020. *Please leave us a message if you are calling after hours.* There will be an additional charge for extra garbage. **OR** you can use your free on call clean ups for extra garbage. You have 2 free on call pickups per year for extra garbage plus 1 bulky item such as a sofa or an appliance. Please call the office and let us know how many extra bags of trash you will have and what your large item will be.

*Garbage must be level with the top of the cart.*

## Holiday Canned Food Drive

### Fourteenth Annual Holiday Food Drive to Benefit Local Families

South San Francisco Scavenger Company, in association with the Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, and the Young Men's Institute, is sponsoring the fourteenth annual holiday canned food drive to benefit local families.

Last year, thanks to your generosity, South San Francisco Scavenger Company collected and donated more than 3000 pounds of food to local charitable organizations, serving more than 1000 local families since 1992. Your donation of nonperishable food and canned items help supplement holiday meals for local families in need.

### Suggested items for Holiday Food Drive

#### Canned Foods such as:

- ✓ Fruits & Vegetables
- ✓ Tuna Fish
- ✓ Stews & Chili
- ✓ Soups
- ✓ Peanut Butter

#### Packaged Foods such as:

- ✓ Rice and Dried Beans
- ✓ Cereal and Pastas

## Food Drive Collection Days

**Monday, November 28,  
to Friday, December 16, 2005**

## How you can participate

*Place your donation inside a brown grocery bag labeled "Food Drive" and place next to your recycling cart on your regular pickup day from Monday, November 28 through to Friday, December 16, 2005.*

*You may also bring your donation to our office located at 500 East Jamie Court (off East Grand Avenue and Haskins Way) in South San Francisco.*

## Annual Holiday Waste Reduction Tips



More waste is created during the holiday season than at any other time of the year. Extra waste is generated from holiday entertaining and gift giving and includes shopping bags, packaging, wrapping, single serving containers, disposable paper products, food packaging, food waste, cardboard, cans and bottles. Here are some easy and creative ways to reduce, reuse and recycle during the holiday season.

## Gifts & Wrapping



- ◆ When you go shopping bring your own cloth or reusable bag.
- ◆ Buy holiday cards printed on recycled paper.
- ◆ Give books and magazine subscriptions that can be shared or recycled.
- ◆ Consider gift certificates, tickets to entertainment, sporting or cultural events, memberships to a zoo, museum or health club.
- ◆ Give homemade presents such as baked goods, jams, artwork and handicrafts.
- ◆ Find collectables, jewelry, clothing and sporting equipment at second hand, antique, consignment and bookstores.
- ◆ Put children's gifts in a backpack or a kid's design pillow case
- ◆ Decorate oversize gifts with just a bow.

### And When It's Over...

- ◆ Plant or donate your live tree; recycle your cut tree.
- ◆ Recycle your glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, aluminum and metal cans. Recycle your gift boxes, non-metallic wrapping paper with your mixed paper, and cardboard.
- ◆ Take any Styrofoam peanuts to your local Mail Boxes, Etc. For locations, call the Peanut Hotline at 1-800-828-2214.

## Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Opportunities

The San Mateo County Household Hazardous Waste Program holds drop off events at various locations throughout the County for the proper disposal of oil based paints, thinners, pesticides, pool chemicals, cleaning products or other toxics. County residents MUST call the County household Hazardous Waste program at 650.363.4718 to make the REQUIRED appointment or register on line [www.smhealth.org/hhw](http://www.smhealth.org/hhw).

### Resource Information

#### South San Francisco Scavenger Company

500 East Jamie Court  
South San Francisco  
650.589.4020

- Schedule On Call Clean up appointments

[info@ssfscavenger.com](mailto:info@ssfscavenger.com)

[www.ssfscavenger.com](http://www.ssfscavenger.com)

#### Blue Line Transfer, Inc.

500 East Jamie Court  
South San Francisco  
650.589.5511

- Public Disposal
- Recycling - Buyback Center
- B. O. P. A. Center  
*Batteries, Motor oil & filters, Latex paint, Antifreeze*
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Electronics Recycling  
*e.g., computers, televisions, cell phones, etc.*
- Cooking Oil - fee

#### San Mateo County Recycling/Compost Hotline

1.888.442.2666

*Information, discount compost bins, and workshops*

[www.RecycleWorks.org](http://www.RecycleWorks.org)

*Comprehensive online recycling reuse directory*

#### San Mateo County Household Hazardous Waste Program

*Drop off Events - By appointment only*

650.363.4718

[www.smhealth.org/hhw/appt](http://www.smhealth.org/hhw/appt)

#### For Millbrae Residents

#### City of Millbrae Recycling & Waste Prevention Program

650.259.2444

*Information, guides, compost and organic gardening workshops*

[www.ci.millbrae.ca.us](http://www.ci.millbrae.ca.us)

### For Millbrae Residents

*The City of Millbrae Recycling & Waste Prevention Program is providing FREE cloth tote bags for grocery shopping, made from 100% recycled plastic water and soda bottles.*

You can use the bag for your holiday shopping! Using reusable shopping bags helps to save our natural resource, such as oil and natural gas used for plastic bags, trees for paper bags, and water and energy used in the production of the bags.

These bags are among the many recycled plastic products on the market. Remember, closing the loop in recycling means buying recycled products! These bags are primarily funded by the Department of Conservation-Division of Recycling.

*To receive a shopping bag, please pick one up at City Hall-Public Works Department, 621 Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae. One per household. Millbrae residents only. Available while supplies last. For more information, please call 259.2444.*



### Free Workshop - Everyone is welcome to attend!

*The City of Millbrae Recycling & Waste Prevention Program is sponsoring the following workshop to encourage waste prevention and recycling.*

#### Backyard & Worm Composting

March 11, 2006 - 9:30 am - 11:30 am ◆ Millbrae Community Center - 477 Lincoln Circle

*Learn the basics of backyard and worm composting.*

*Reduce garbage and learn how to make compost to use for your landscaping and garden.*

*To sign-up or for more information on other upcoming workshops on organic gardening and composting, call 259.2444*