

The RECYCLER

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Dramatic Increase in Recycling and Yard Waste tonnage For South San Francisco and Brisbane

Congratulations! Since the introduction one year ago of the new yard waste and recycling carts, residents of South San Francisco and Brisbane have increased yard waste diversion by 60% and recycling diversion by 28%.

Paper products and organic waste account for 65% of the materials that end up in California landfills. By recycling these materials we not only extend the life of our landfills, we give these valuable resources a second chance.

Your recycling efforts are appreciated!

2005 -Yard Waste Calendar

Your 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

You 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?



Garbage must be level with the top of the cart.

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.

Holiday Canned Food Drive

Thirteenth 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 thirteenth 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
 - Peanut Butter
 - Soups
 - Rice and Dried Beans
 - Pastas

Food Drive Collection Days

**Monday, November 29,
to Friday, December 17, 2004**

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 29 to Friday, December 17, 2004.

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 garbage & recycling 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

- ◆ 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.

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Happy Holidays

from all of us at
**South San Francisco
Scavenger Company**



Wrapping and Decorating

Discarded wrapping paper, bows, tissue paper and ribbons make up a significant amount of holiday waste. The following gift-wrap ideas will help reduce waste.

- ◆ Use reusable gift bags, baskets, tins and boxes.
- ◆ Wrap presents in reusable tote bags, scarves, cloth napkins, scrap fabric, maps, magazines, Sunday comics or sport pages.
- ◆ Decorate bags, butcher paper with old cards, paint, crayon drawings or rubber stamp prints.
- ◆ Put children's gifts in a backpack or a kid's design pillowcase.
- ◆ Trim gifts with dried flowers, pinecones, cotton yarn, twine, fancy shoelaces, paper or fabric ribbons.
- ◆ Decorate an oversize gift with just a bow.
- ◆ When shipping gifts avoid Styrofoam peanuts and pack with newspaper, scrap paper or air-popped popcorn.



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 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/appt.

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

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

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

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