

# The Recycler

Fall 2016



## 5 Tips for Reducing Waste This Holiday Season

1. Send electronic greetings. Or, if you enjoy sending traditional cards, make sure they are made from recycled content and can be recycled again.
2. Remember to bring reusable bags with you when you shop for gifts and groceries.
3. Give gifts that are durable or consumable and won't quickly end up in the landfill. Gift cards and event tickets are good examples.
4. Set your holiday table using reusable plates, cups, napkins and silverware. Or, choose service ware that is recyclable or compostable.
5. Feed your green organics cart! Put all food scraps and food-soiled paper into your green cart along with live decorations like pumpkins, pine cones, poinsettias, and garlands.



## Deep Frying a Turkey?

Let the cooking oil cool, pour into one gallon jugs, and bring to Blue Line Transfer. Fees apply and there is a 10-gallon limit. Small amounts of fat, oil and grease can be cooled and scrapped into your green organics cart—if desired, you may scrape into a paper dairy carton or wrap in newspaper or a paper towel first.

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## Kids' Corner

*How many hidden holiday foods can you find?*

E	I	P	D	A	C	H	T
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E	T	D	S	J	L	E	C
U	S	C	G	L	E	S	X
E	A	Y	V	A	R	G	G

casserole	potatoes
gravy	stuffing
ham	turkey
pie	

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## Seasonal Overflow?

Please do not overload any of your carts. Make sure the lids fully close and materials are not too tightly wedged inside. This will help prevent litter and ensure your carts are completely emptied.

If you have overflow, follow the instructions below.

## Extra Garbage

Overflow garbage can be bagged, set next to your garbage cart, and collected on your regular collection day. Please contact us at least one business day ahead of time to schedule. You can choose to use an On-Call Cleanup or to pre-pay the extra bag fee.

## Extra Recycling

Overflow recyclables can be collected curbside for no charge. Place paper and mixed containers (aluminum, glass and plastic) in separate paper bags and leave next to your recycling cart on your regular collection day. Remember that cardboard boxes should be flattened, bundled, and left beside your recycling cart as well.





# Holiday Schedule

- ◆ There will be NO change in collection service days during the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.
- ◆ Our office hours will be shortened to 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Thanksgiving.
- ◆ The hours for self-haul to Blue Line Transfer will be shortened to 6 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Thanksgiving.
- ◆ Our office and Blue Line Transfer will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

## Please Recycle Your Christmas Tree

- Remove the stand and all decorations including lights and tinsel.
- Cut tree in half if it is over 6 feet.
- Place tree on or near curb by 5 a.m. on your regular collection day. Please do not bag your tree.

A special truck may be used to collect trees in your neighborhood. This truck can arrive earlier or later than our regular trucks. Note that flocked trees cannot be recycled and will be collected by the regular garbage route.



## The Sustainability Academy



The County of San Mateo's Office of Sustainability offers no-cost educational opportunities to residents, business owners, employees and students in San Mateo County. Class offerings are hands-on, instructed by experts, and provide participants with skills and knowledge to conserve resources at home and at work.

### Fall/Winter class offerings include:

- ◆ Master Compost and Solid Waste Course
- ◆ Resource Conservation 101 Webinars

**For more information and additional offerings, visit [recycleworks.org/academy](http://recycleworks.org/academy) or call 650.599.1498.**

## Resource Information

### South San Francisco Scavenger Co.

- ◆ **Debris Box / Mini Box Service**  
Order the right box for your cleaning, construction or landscaping project. We are your exclusive service provider.
- ◆ **On-Call Cleanups**  
Take advantage of your two annual On-Call Cleanups for extra garbage and large items.
- ◆ **Online Bill Pay and Paperless Billing**  
Visit our website to sign up.

### Blue Line Transfer, Inc.

Public Disposal and Recycling Facility

- ◆ **Drop off for San Mateo County Residents**
  - Car batteries
  - Household batteries (\$)
  - Sharps Containers
  - Cooking oil (\$)
  - Fluorescent tubes & bulbs (\$)
  - Used motor oil & filters
  - Latex paint
  - Antifreeze
  - Electronics (\$)

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## 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 25th annual holiday canned food drive to benefit local families.

Last year, more than 3000 pounds of food was donated to local charitable organizations, which have provided food to approximately 200 local families per year since 1992. Your donation of nonperishable food and canned items help supplement holiday meals for local families in need.

### Suggested Items for the Holiday Food Drive

**Please, No expired food products**

Canned foods such as:

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

**Please, No opened packages**

Packaged foods such as:

- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Dried Beans
- ✓ Cereals
- ✓ Pastas

### How you can participate

Place your donation inside a brown grocery bag labeled "Food Drive" and place it next to your recycling cart on your regular pickup day from **Monday, November 28 through Friday, December 16, 2016.**

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. Office hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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