

Murrieta

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE GREEN AND RECYCLE YOUR HOLIDAY TREE



Small Steps Can Go A Long Way

This holiday season, small steps can help a lot when you consider that household waste increases 25% percent each year between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, according to the EPA, and amounts to about 1 million extra tons.

As you host friends and family during the holidays you can help spread cheer by incorporating a few of these ideas to reduce waste at home, protect the environment and conserve natural resources.

- Use reusable dishware instead of disposables. Have recycling containers clearly labeled and convenient for guests to use and recycle their bottles, cans, paper and other recyclables.
- Store leftovers in reusable containers and have a compost bin for food scraps- these are great for your garden.
- Remember to bring your reusable bag when you are out shopping for gifts and food.

Go "Green" During the Holidays

Make this holiday season "Green" by recycling the following:

- *Gift Boxes *Junk Mail
- *Christmas Cards *Cardboard
- *Wrapping Paper *Catalogs *Magazines
- *Rigid Plastics *Glass Bottles *Tin Cans
- *Beverage Containers *And much more!

Waste Management Customer Service:
800-423-9986
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Recycle Your Tree

Waste Management will collect and recycle Holiday trees for the first two weeks following the Christmas holiday on your regular collection day from **December 30-January 10**.

- Please remove all decorations including tinsel, lights, ornaments and tree stands.
- Trees taller than five feet must be cut in half.
- Flocked trees will be collected but cannot be recycled.
- *If your tree is too big for your green waste cart or if you cannot cut your tree in half you can still recycle it through the bulky item collection program. Please call 800-423-9986 to schedule a bulky item pick-up.*

Holiday Reminder

There will be no trash and recycling collection on the following holidays:

- **Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2013**
- **New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2014**

Residential collection service will be delayed one day following the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holidays.



WASTE MANAGEMENT MAKES IT EASY TO DISPOSE OF BULKY ITEMS

Bulky item collection of large household items, appliances, furniture or multiple smaller items is available for City of Murrieta residents twice a year at no charge.

Up to 6 items weighing up to 160 lbs may be collected at each pick up.

Acceptable items include:

Furniture, mattresses, appliances, lumber (cut into 4-foot pieces and bundled), oversized household solid waste, refrigerators* and air conditioners*. (* Must have certified seal of Freon removal).

Also included is Electronic waste such as:

Computer monitors, television sets, DVDs, VCRs, cell phones and stereo systems.



To schedule the pick-up of large items, call the Waste Management customer service center at 800-423-9986 at least two weekdays prior to your regular collection day.

Creative Gift Wrapping Ideas

- Wrap your gifts in reused newspapers, holiday ads, posters or old maps.
- Use natural materials such as a stick of cinnamon or a sprig of holly instead of a bow.
- Use last year's holiday cards as this year's gift tags.
- Collect wrapping paper, bags, and bows while gifts are being opened and store them for reuse next year.

When receiving wrapped gifts, remember most paper used for wrapping, except for or metallic wraps, can be recycled.