



City of Hayward Residential Recycling News & Information

Winter 2025-2026

HOLIDAY
RECYCLING
TIPS



Avoid Contamination in Recycling and Organics this Holiday Season

It is no secret that there is an increase of waste during the holiday season. More deliveries, more packaging, and more cooking means we all need to be more careful in sorting recycling, organics, and trash. Here are some simple guidelines:

Keep food scraps and food-soiled paper out of the trash. Organic material in the landfill contributes to climate change by releasing methane gas when it decays.



Do not bag recyclables or organics. Plastic bags belong in the trash only, place items loose in your carts or use only paper bags for food scraps.



Break down those boxes. Remove all packaging material like polystyrene foam and plastic film and place in the trash. Then flatten the boxes before putting into your recycling cart.



Not sure how or where to dispose of certain items?

Visit Resource.StopWaste.org, your online guide for reuse, repair, recycling, and safe disposal.



HOLIDAY TREE PICKUP

Hayward households who live in 1-25 unit properties may use the curbside pick-up. Residents in properties of more than 25 units may ask their property manager to order a holiday tree collection container.

- Monday, Jan. 5, 2026, through Friday, Jan. 16, 2026, on your regular collection day (for curbside pickup).
- Must be cut into 5 ft. lengths. Please remove all tinsel, ornaments, nails and tree stands so that the trees may be recycled.
- After Jan. 17, please place your cut-up tree in your green organics cart. Trees placed at the curb, but not in the green organics cart after Jan. 17, can be picked up for a fee.



Trash & Organics Collection
Bulky Item Appointments

Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc.
(510) 537-5500
www.Hayward.wm.com
email: cscalbay@wm.com



Recycling Collection

Tri-CED Community Recycling
(510) 471-3850
www.tri-ced.org

Christmas Day and New Year's Day are collection holidays. Service will be delayed a day during those weeks.