

City of Solvang

Residential Trash, Recycling, and Organics News

Winter 2025



Holiday Tree & Wreath Recycling

Recycle your live holiday tree or wreath from Dec. 26, 2025 through Jan. 9, 2026, at the curb or in your organics cart.

Holiday Tree

Curbside

- Remove all decorations from your tree, including tinsel, lights, ornaments, and tree stands (no metal frames).
- Place your tree at the curb on your collection day.

Organics Cart

- Remove all decorations from your tree, including tinsel, lights, ornaments, and tree stands.
- Cut the tree into sections.
- Place sections inside your green organics cart (the lids must close completely).



Wreath

- Place your wreath inside your green organics cart (the lid must close completely).

Holiday Reminder: Keep these Items Out of Your Carts

Batteries

Everyday household items such as batteries can inadvertently cause a fire when they come in contact with other materials in a cart or when compacted inside a collection truck. Help prevent trash-related fires this holiday season and keep your community safe by properly disposing of old batteries:



- Tape the ends of your batteries so the poles are not exposed.
- Place the batteries in a zip-top plastic bag.
- Put the bag on top of (not inside) your recycling cart on your collection day.



Holiday Tangles

String-like items such as ribbons, bows, and tinsel are considered "tangles" and can end up wrapped or tangled in heavy machinery during the recycling process and should not be placed in your recycling carts. Place these items in your trash cart.

Winter Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

If a holiday falls on a weekday, collections for the rest of the week will be pushed back a day. For example, for a Thursday holiday, service would be on Friday, and Friday service would be Saturday. For holidays on Saturday or Sunday, there are no delays.

Handling Food Waste After Holiday Meals

The holiday season is a time of joy, celebration, and togetherness, often accompanied by abundant feasts and sumptuous meals. However, this festive period can also generate a significant amount of food waste.

To avoid food waste after holiday meals, start with planning. A streamlined approach to shopping involves a list of ingredients that you know you will need. This also will help reduce waste and save money by avoiding impulse purchases.

Organize menus with family and friends. Whether it's a Thanksgiving potluck or pie-making contest, try to parse out tasks so that too much excess isn't purchased.

When preparing meals, it's helpful to start collecting the food waste as you go. For example, when peeling vegetables such as potatoes or carrots, immediately save the scraps in a bowl or whatever designated receptacle you choose.



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Electronic & Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Santa Ynez Valley Recycling & Transfer Station

4004 Foxen Canyon Rd.
Los Olivos, CA 93441

Electronic Waste

Tuesday through Saturday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Hazardous Waste

Saturdays | 9 a.m. to noon



Community Cleanup Days for 2025-26 will be:

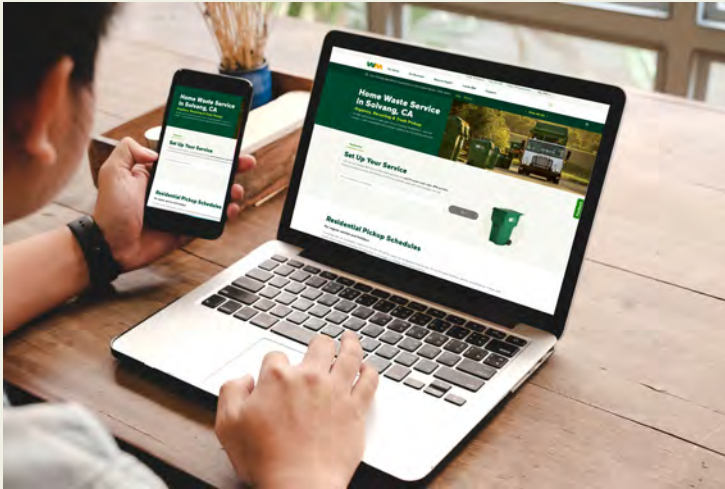
November 15, 2025

February 14, 2026

May 16, 2026

August 15, 2026

November 14, 2026



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Managing your waste service has never been easier. With WM's digital tools, you can stay informed, make payments, and get support—all in just a few clicks.

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Get the My WM App

Download the My WM App from Google Play or the Apple App Store for easy, on-the-go access to your account.

Let's Chat

Visit us at wm.com/support to chat with our virtual assistant or connect with one of our customer service representatives.



Keep Solvang Green with WM's At Your Door Special Collection® Service

Did you know that everyday household items—like batteries, paint, and electronics—can be harmful to pets, wildlife, and the environment if tossed in the trash or poured down the drain?

WM's At Your Door Special Collection® Service makes it easy to safely dispose of these items right from your doorstep. Whether it's household hazardous waste, old electronics, or hard-to-recycle materials, we'll handle it responsibly so you don't have to.

Protect your home, your community, and the planet—all without leaving your house.

Limited Spots Available. (First-come-first-serve basis).

Please schedule at least two weeks before the collection date.

2025 – 2026 Collection Dates

December 19, 2025

September 29, 2026

March 30, 2026

December 8, 2026

June 29, 2026

To schedule a home collection visit www.wmatyourdoor.com



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