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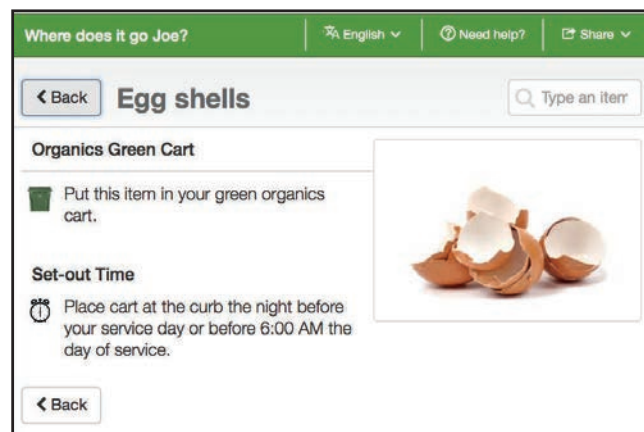
## ONLINE TOOL TAKES GUESSWORK OUT OF SORTING

IS IT RECYCLABLE, COMPOSTABLE OR SHOULD IT GO IN THE GARBAGE? We know that it is difficult to decide which cart to put material in for proper disposal — rules change, and some information is just downright confusing! Well worry no more, we're making it easy for you with our online tool called "Where Does It Go, Joe?"

Named after our co-founder and visionary recycling advocate, Joe Garbarino, this searchable database boasts more than 300 common household materials and how to dispose of them. You'll find the tool on numerous pages on our website and we encourage you to give it a try!

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Just enter the material into the search field and the tool provides instructions on how to properly prepare or clean the item as well as what "stream" the material should go into: recycling, organics or garbage. If it's reusable, we'll even suggest where you can donate it.



## WHAT PLASTIC IS RECYCLABLE?

IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT WE RECYCLE PLASTIC WISELY. With increasing restrictions on plastic recyclables, we encourage you to focus on REDUCING your dependence on plastics by choosing alternatives whenever possible. Buy in bulk, bring reusable containers and bags and do your best to avoid purchases that create plastic waste.

Looking at the shape of the plastic is often the easiest way to tell if it can be recycled. Bottles and jugs, when clean, are highly recyclable and CAN BE RECYCLED in the brown side of your split recycling cart. Still confused? Try our "Where Does It Go, Joe" online tool.

## CLEAN PLASTIC BOTTLES, TUBS & JUGS ARE RECYCLABLE



### PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE

Some local supermarkets accept them, otherwise they go in your garbage.



## YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR WINTER HOLIDAY FAIR

JOIN US for free tours of our recycling facility, opportunities to ask our staff your recycling and composting questions, and a fun holiday shopping experience with local vendors focused on sustainability.

**WHERE:** 535 Jacoby St. , San Rafael

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 16 from 10am-2pm



## PREVENT A WASTEFUL HOLIDAY

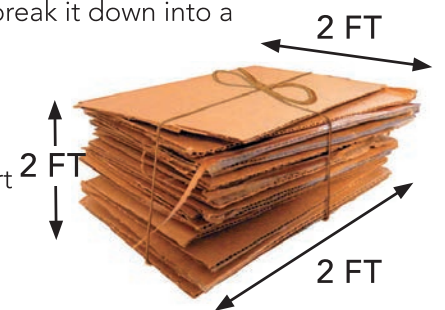
Americans, on average, generate 25% more waste than usual in the time period between Thanksgiving and New Year. This holiday season millions of gifts will be given and received in conjunction with the various celebrations that occur. We hope this Holiday edition of our newsletter will guide you on how to best dispose of your holiday gift wrappings and packaging. Improper disposal of wrappings, boxes, packages and bags can be incredibly wasteful! Please take a second out of your busy holiday schedule to rethink your gift wrappings and packing to eliminate waste in the first place! If you cannot, aim to use recyclable material.

### HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIPS

#### A CARDBOARD REMINDER

Online shopping is a very popular way to shop and send gifts. While this is a very convenient method of shopping, it often results in extra packaging waste, most of which is not recyclable.

**RECYCLE:** Corrugated cardboard is a valuable, recyclable material that should go in the blue paper recycling. If you have a lot of boxes, please break it down into a pile of 2x2x2, and bundle it with twine or string. Place next to your cart so our drivers can quickly and safely pick up the extras.



**NOT RECYCLABLE:** Foam peanuts, plastic bubble wrap, and inflated plastic pillows that come in your cardboard boxes are all garbage, even if they have the "recycling triangle" on them. The triangle only indicates the type of plastic used to make the product, not that it can be recycled. These must be placed in your gray landfill cart.

#### WRAPPING PAPER WOES

While there are some wrapping papers that can be recycled, the majority cannot due to the inks, glitter, foil and other non-recyclable components. To make sure all paper bales stay contaminant free, we ask that **ALL wrapping paper be placed in the landfill (gray) cart.**

There are some materials that make great wrapping paper alternatives. Get creative and reuse paper bags, comics, old maps, or posters to use as wrap. You can also put gifts in metal tins, reusable boxes or bags. Remember, glitter, paint and glue can make these items non-recyclable too.



#### SAVE THE FOOD

Studies have shown that 40% of U.S. food goes to waste. Be realistic about how much food you need for holiday events. If you have unwanted leftovers, send them home with your guests or freeze them to make into soups or broth later.



# CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

## CURBSIDE COLLECTION IS DECEMBER 30, 2019 – JANUARY 17, 2020

- \* Christmas trees can be placed at the curb for collection from December 30, 2019 (Monday) through January 17, 2020 (Friday) on your regularly scheduled service day. Trees set out after this date may be collected for \$5.00.
- \* Any trees over 6 feet in length must be cut in half to fit inside the collection trucks.
- \* If you are placing a cut up tree in your cart, remember the lid must close!
- \* Trees that are flocked, decorated, or still attached to a tree stand will not be collected.

## DROP-OFF AT MARIN RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER

- \* For the entire month of January 2020, residents may drop off up to two (2) unflocked trees at no charge at the Marin Resource Recovery Center, 565 Jacoby Street in San Rafael. There is a charge for flocked trees.
- \* Check the local newspapers or our website for other tree drop-off locations in your area.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO REMOVE  
ALL TRIM, ORNAMENTS, LIGHTS, TINSEL AND TREE STANDS!



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US AT MARIN SANITARY SERVICE!**



*Marin Sanitary Service*

**CONSERVATION — OUR EARTH, OUR MISSION, OUR JOB**

## HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR RECYCLING, COMPOSTABLES & GARBAGE

Collection for recycling, compostables and garbage **will not** occur on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

Collection for all service days will be moved to the following day through Saturday.

Your service schedule will return to normal the week of January 6, 2020.

Your Regular Collection Day	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	December 23 December 30	December 24 December 31	December 25 January 1	December 26 January 2	December 27 January 3
Service Update	Normal Collection Service	Normal Collection Service	<b>COLLECTION MOVED TO THURSDAY</b> December 26 January 2	<b>COLLECTION MOVED TO FRIDAY</b> December 27 January 3	<b>COLLECTION MOVED TO SATURDAY</b> December 28 January 4

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