



Proud to be your service provider for the collection of **Recyclables**, **Garbage**, **Food Scraps**, & **Yard Trimmings**.

# Single Family Residential News

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2022

## Fall & Winter Leaf Clean-up



Place leaves and branches in your green **YARD TRIMMINGS** cart every week to keep these materials out of storm drains and the street.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Street sweepers are designed to pick up smaller debris, not large piles of leaves. If the vehicle comes into contact with a pile of leaves, it will spread the leaves all over the street. During the Fall/Winter, targeted neighborhood streets are swept for excess leaves once a week during the months of November and December.

## Manage & Dispose of FOG Properly

*Improper disposal of Fats, Oils, & Grease (FOG) will pollute the environment & clog your pipes & sewer/septic systems.*



**SMALL** amounts of FOG - Place in the **Food Scraps** side of your gray **GARBAGE/FOOD SCRAPS** split cart.

**LARGE** amounts of FOG - Use the curbside cooking oil collection program! Residents may place up to two (2) gallons of used cooking oil (*in accepted containers*) at the curb for collection each week. Oil containers can be requested from Milpitas Sanitation. Contact us for more information.

**LARGER** amounts of FOG - Collect cooled oil in a sealable container (*no larger than 15 gallons*) and take it to a Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Limits apply. Please visit [www.HHW.org](http://www.HHW.org) or call (408) 299-7300 for more information.

## Holiday Service Schedule

### THANKSGIVING WEEK:

If your regular collection day is Thursday or Friday, service will be one day later.

### CHRISTMAS WEEK:

There are **NO CHANGES** to the service schedule during the Christmas Holiday Week

### NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEK:

There are **NO CHANGES** to the service schedule during the New Year's Holiday Week

NOVEMBER 20 - 26, 2022						
If your collection day is:	Mon. 21	Tue. 22	Wed. 23	Thu. 24	Fri. 25	
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 21	Tue. 22	Wed. 23	Fri. 25	Sat. 26	

**DECEMBER 25 - 31, 2022**  
There are **NO CHANGES** to the residential service schedule during the Christmas Holiday week.

**JANUARY 1 - 7, 2023**  
There are **NO CHANGES** to the residential service schedule during the New Year's Day Holiday week.

## Sustainable Holiday Tree Ideas



- Rent or Adopt a live tree.
- Decorate a plant or tree you already have.
- Purchase a potted tree that you can use each year or plant after the holidays.
- Get creative! Make a tree out of books, recycled cardboard, a photo collage, or wooden frames, the possibilities are endless.

## Prevent Food Waste

Californians throw away nearly 6 million tons of food waste each year. Manage food more thoughtfully before it becomes part of the **FOOD SCRAPS** collection program, such as planning your purchases so you don't buy in excess, reducing the quantity of food made in a meal, or making sure excess edible food is rescued.



FIND FOOD WASTE PREVENTION TIPS AT:  
[www.SavetheFood.com](http://www.SavetheFood.com) and  
[www.LoveFoodNotWaste.org](http://www.LoveFoodNotWaste.org)

- **STORE ITEMS PROPERLY** - Learn the best way to store food.
- **SHOP YOUR FRIDGE** - Use food you already have.
- **MEAL PLAN** - Use the Meal Prep Mate and Guest-imator tools at [www.SavetheFood.com](http://www.SavetheFood.com).
- **GET SOCIAL** - Follow @Savethefood on social media for recipes, videos, and more!
- **SAFETY FIRST** - Get the latest news, alerts, tips, and answers to your questions about safely handling and storing food at: [www.foodsafety.gov](http://www.foodsafety.gov).

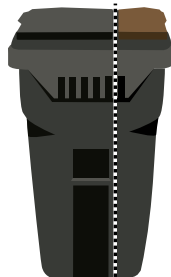


### FOOD RESCUE & FOOD BANK RESOURCES:

- [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/Donation/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/Donation/)

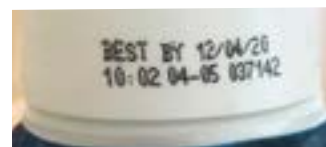
### PROPER SORTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Put all discarded food scraps and food-soiled paper in the **FOOD SCRAPS** side of your gray **GARBAGE/FOOD SCRAPS** cart! It's the law! (Senate Bill 1383: <http://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/>)



## Understanding Food Product Date Labels

**Regardless of the date, consumers should always evaluate the quality of food prior to its consumption.**



### "BEST BY"

Indicates when a product will be of best flavor or quality. Not a purchase/safety/expiration date.



### "SELL BY"

Tells the store how long to display the product for sale for inventory management. Not a safety/expiration date.



### "USE BY"

Last date recommended for use of the product while at peak quality. Not a safety/expiration date except when used on infant formula.

Try the **FoodKeeper App** to help you use food while at peak quality and reduce waste. Visit: [www.foodsafety.gov](http://www.foodsafety.gov) for more info!



Remember to:  
Reduce, Reuse,  
Recycle, Rot, & Donate!

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