

Tree-cycle After the Holidays

Real holiday trees will be accepted at the curb by Republic Services from Monday, December 30, 2019 – Friday, January 10, 2020. Be sure to take off all of the lights, ornaments, tinsel and garlands, as well as the metal or plastic stand. Set the bare tree at the curb. If your tree is more than 6 feet tall, please cut it in half for safe and easy collection.

If you don't take your tree down until after January 10, 2020, please cut it into pieces that will fit into your yard waste container with the lid closed. You can also recycle holiday wreaths and greenery in your yard waste container. The wreaths and greenery must also be bare, so please remove all wire, hooks, bows and other decorations. Collected trees and greenery are turned into mulch, compost and ground cover.

If your family enjoys an artificial tree, pack it up for next year. If you are discarding an artificial tree or wreath, please place it into the waste container. Artificial trees and wreaths are not recyclable.



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Start the Year Off Right at Your Business or Multi-Family Property

Whether you are running a business or managing a multi-family property, recycling is your responsibility.

Recyclables

Assembly Bill 341 makes recycling mandatory for businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of waste per week and multi-family properties with five or more units. Under AB 341, businesses and properties must recycle paper, boxes, cans, bottles and containers, as well as items that are unique to their operations.

Organics

Under Assembly Bill 1826, California businesses are required to reduce the amount of organics sent to landfills. Organics include both food scraps and yard debris. Organics recycling is mandatory for businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of solid waste (recyclables, waste and organics) per week and multi-family properties with five or more units. At this time, multi-family properties are required to recycle yard debris but do not have to provide food waste recycling.

For Assistance

If you have questions about your business or multi-family recycling programs, or if you wish to make changes or improvements, call Republic Services at **714.238.2444**.



The Right Way to Get Rid of Large Items

Before you call to request a bulk-item pickup, stop and think. Could this table and chairs be donated? Does the washing machine still work, making it useful to someone else? Would your old laptop be useful to a family member or friend? Before you dispose, consider reuse. Many unwanted items can be sold or donated so that your "trash" becomes someone else's treasure.

If you can't give away or sell unneeded items, Republic Services provides free pickup for large items, such as furniture and appliances, as well as electronics, at the curb. However, you must call **714.238.2444** at least 24 hours before your regular collection day to request a special bulk-item or electronics recycling pickup. Why do you need to make the call? It's simple — Republic sends out different trucks and crews to pick up bulk items and electronics. If you don't make the call, Customer Service doesn't know to send out the correct truck.



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Remember that household hazardous waste is not picked up at the curb. If you have unneeded household chemicals, such as tub and tile cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, paint, stain, paint thinner, used motor oil, antifreeze, pool chemicals, pesticides and similar hazardous products, you may dispose of them at no charge at the Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers. For locations and other details, visit **OCLandfills.com/hazardous** or call **714.834.6752**.

Slow Down to Get Around



Distracted driving causes too many accidents. The easiest way to ensure that everyone gets home safely each evening is to keep your eyes on the road.

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Slow Down to Get Around laws, which have been passed in California and 29 other states so far, require that motorists slow down and move over when they see a collection vehicle on its route. These laws are similar to those requiring motorists to move over when they see emergency vehicles pulled over to the side of the road or school buses preparing to stop.

"We want motorists to move over when they approach a waste and recycling collection vehicle," said Darrell Smith, president and CEO of the National Waste & Recycling Association. "Driving safely should be a top priority for anyone getting behind the wheel. These laws carry an important message — stay alert and slow down around

waste and recycling trucks."

Follow these steps to avoid an accident when you see a recycling or waste truck stopped or slowed:

- Slow down when approaching a recycling or waste truck making its rounds. Stop if necessary to allow workers to do their jobs.
- Look for workers before attempting to pass the truck.
- Check for traffic approaching from the opposite direction before attempting to pass the truck.
- Avoid distractions like texting, talking on the phone, adjusting your entertainment system or programming your GPS while driving near a recycling or waste truck.

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