

FAQs: Can I Recycle This?



Mattresses & Bulky Items

Yes! GreenWaste Recovery offers curbside pickup throughout the year for a nominal cost. To dispose of bulky items, please call GreenWaste Recovery to schedule a pick up at **831.768.9505**.



Plastic Bags & Film Plastic

Yes! Clean, dry plastic bags and film plastic (the stretchy kind), such as bread bags, zip-style bags, cling wrap, and dry cleaning bags can all be recycled when they are bagged into another clear stretchy plastic bag and tied shut. Bundle up your plastic bags and place them in your recycling cart.



Batteries

Yes! To recycle small household batteries, simply seal the batteries in a clear zip-style bag and place it on top (not inside) of your recycling cart.



Food Scraps

Yes! California state law requires residents, multifamily properties, and businesses to separate organic materials (such as food waste and plant debris) from trash. Place kitchen food scraps and yard waste materials into your GREEN cart. You can request a FREE kitchen food scraps pail from GreenWaste Recovery by calling **831.768.9505**.



Compostable Bags

No. Although compostable bags seem like a great way to keep your kitchen food scraps pail clean and to transport food scraps to your green cart, the bags don't break down like food, and decrease the quality of compost. Please place used bags in your trash bin and NOT in your green cart.



Hazardous Household Products

No. Household hazardous waste (HHW), such as paint, cleaning supplies, batteries and garden and pool chemicals should NOT be placed in your GreenWaste Recovery carts. Bring HHW to the HHW disposal facilities at Buena Vista Landfill, Ben Lomond Transfer Station, or City of Santa Cruz Resource Recovery Facility. For more information, call the HHW Information Line at **831.454.2606**.



Clean Creeks and Bay Start with Neighborhood Storm Drains

During the rainy winter months, it is especially important to keep pollution from washing down the storm drains. Only rain should go down the storm drain!

Storm drains flow directly to our creeks and rivers, and eventually the ocean, without treatment. Please do your part to limit common sources of pollution:

- Dispose of pet waste in biodegradable plastic bags and throw them in the trash.
- Keep cars maintained and check for oil leaks.
- Limit use of herbicides and pesticides. Never use them within 48 hours of rain in the forecast.
- Pick up trash and debris rather than sweeping or hosing them off your property.
- Carwash and pressure washing water can be very dirty and pollute creeks. Redirect this water to a sanitary sewer clean out or into a gravel or planted area.
- Please report incidents of illegal dumping into a storm drain to the Scotts Valley Public Works Department by calling **831.438.5854**, or call 911 after hours.



Fall Cleanup

Neighborhood Fall Cleanup Week is December 2-6. Save the date and watch for a cart tag with details.

Holiday Tree Recycling

Single-family customers can recycle your evergreen curbside with GreenWaste Recovery January 2-24, 2025.

- Remove all tinsel, decorations, and non-wood stands.
- Cut trees to 6-foot lengths.
- No flocked trees (fake snow), please!

Multi-family customers can request curbside tree pick up by calling Customer Service at **831.768.9505**.



	NOVEMBER						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

	DECEMBER						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

	JANUARY						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Holiday Schedule

Collection does not occur on Thanksgiving Day November 28, Christmas Day December 25, or New Year's Day January 1. If an observed holiday falls on a regular collection day, collection for the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day. Please put your carts out for service by 6 a.m. on the collection day. For more information, please contact GreenWaste Customer Service at **831.768.9505**.