

Huntington Beach

Recycling News – Winter 2019



Recycling Tips for the Holiday Season

The holidays are the most wonderful (and wasteful) time of the year. Americans generate 25% more waste than average between Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day — almost 1,000 pounds per household.

Throw Away: foil wrapping paper, cellophane wrapping, and disposable decorations

Recycle: plastic bottles, soda cans, clean paper plates, cardboard boxes and wrapping paper

Donate/Reuse: packing peanuts, bubble wrap, gift bags, ribbon/bows, decorations, packing materials, artificial trees and clothing/shoes

Other Ideas:



Host a Sustainable Holiday Party

Set up separate labeled containers for recycling and food alongside your waste to help guests dispose of waste materials properly. Don't bag your recyclables. Keep them loose and free of food and liquid residue.



Keep Your Wrapping Simple (And Recyclable!)

Think twice when it comes to wrapping paper. Most plastic-coated papers cannot be recycled. Instead, try folding or re-rolling your wrapping paper to reuse it. Sticky gift tags are not recyclable by themselves, but they are acceptable if affixed to an envelope or wrapping paper.



Separate Toy Boxes

Toy packaging made of heavy cardboard is only recyclable when the cardboard is separated from the plastic, including the plastic window on the box of a doll or action figure. Make sure you separate these before adding them to your recycling container.

Holiday Tree & Cardboard Recycling

Once the holidays are over and you are ready to take down your tree, simply follow these steps:

1. Remove all ornaments, hooks, lights and stands.
2. Place tree next to your containers on collection day.
3. Trees over 6 feet should be cut in half.
4. Do not block access to containers.
5. Flatten large cardboard boxes and place next to trees.

Holiday tree and cardboard recycling collection days will be from December 26, 2019 - January 12, 2020. Please set items out by 7 a.m. on your collection day.

Artificial trees and flocked trees CANNOT be recycled. Carefully cut into smaller pieces for your trash container, or call for a bulk item pickup.

Multi-family, condo and townhome residents with commercial service (blue container) should place trees to the side of the dumpsters; not in front or on top of them. Check with your Property Manager or HOA for other restrictions.

If you require assistance, please call customer service at **714.847.3581**.

Bulk Item Pickups (10 Items, 4 Times Per Year)

Residential waste customers can schedule free bulk item collection for large household items such as furniture, appliances, mattresses, bagged waste, yard clippings and bundled palm fronds. This is allowed 4 times per year and up to 10 items per pickup. Commercial and multi-family customers with dumpster service can have bulk items collected for a fee of \$26 per item. Please call **714.847.3581** to schedule. Allow 48 hours advance notice.

Safe Battery Disposal

Batteries contain hazardous ingredients that can leak under certain conditions. You can properly dispose of batteries at any Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection center. You can pick up a free reusable bucket for your used batteries at the HHW Collection Center at 17121 Nichols Lane, gate 6. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; closed major holidays. For more information, call the County of Orange at **714.834.6752** or visit **oclandfills.com**.

Christmas & New Year's Schedule

| No waste collection Wednesday, December 25 or Wednesday, January 1 | | | | | |
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| Regular Collection Day | Monday 12/23 and 12/30 | Tuesday 12/24 and 12/31 | Wednesday 12/25 and 1/1 | Thursday 12/26 and 1/2 | Friday 12/29 and 1/3 |
| Holiday Schedule | Unaffected | Unaffected | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |

DON'T GET MISSED!
Remember to set your containers out **BEFORE 7 a.m.** on your collection day and check inside before putting them away. The route times can vary from week to week between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

What can be recycled

Recyclable

These items can always be placed in your recycling container:



Paper

Paper (staples okay)
Newspaper
Envelopes
Junk mail
Phone books
Brochures
Magazines



Cardboard

Ream wrappers
File folders
Poster board
Frozen food boxes
Cardboard boxes
Milk cartons



Plastic

Water bottles
Take-out containers
Soda bottles



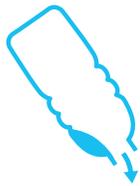
Metal

Aluminum
beverage cans
Food cans



Glass

Bottles (clear,
green & brown)
Jars



Empty.



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Please make sure your recyclables are **empty, clean and dry** before placing them in your recycling container.

Place in your brown container

Plastic bags or wrap
Soiled pizza boxes
Polystyrene foam
Tissues, paper towels and napkins
Mirrors or ceramics

Diapers or wipes
Dry paint cans (empty)
Food waste
Clothing or fabrics
Pet waste or cat litter

Stickers or labels
Soiled paper plates or cups
Rubber products
Spent cigarettes
Foam products

Household Hazardous Waste

These items should never be mixed with regular recycling or waste and require special handling. They can be dropped off at the Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Center located at 17121 Nichols Lane in Huntington Beach, using gate #6.

Incandescent light bulbs
Fluorescent tubes
Toxic material containers
Paint

Computers, electronics and cellphones
Hazardous waste
Cellphones
Batteries

Sharps and needles
Pesticides
Medications

For more information on recyclables, visit RepublicServices.com

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