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Single-Family Residential News

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Reduce Waste During the Holidays

Americans produce 25% more waste from Thanksgiving to New Year's. With planning, we can reduce waste while experiencing the joy of coming together with family and friends.

REDUCE WASTE WHEN COOKING

- Buy only what you need. Plan your shopping trips and avoid wasted food. Use a meal planning tool to adjust your ingredients and portions accordingly.
- Send guests home with leftovers. Have guests bring empty containers or reuse containers you've saved.
- Compost your food scraps. Use your handy kitchen pail to collect vegetable trimmings. Need a pail? Contact us, we will deliver one!

Visit [SavetheFood.com](https://www.savethefood.com) for more food-saving tips.

REDUCE WASTE WHEN GIVING

- Shop second-hand first. Shopping at resale or thrift stores, or your local buy-nothing group, not only saves money, but keeps stuff out of the landfill.
- Support local stores. Shop local and support businesses that focus on sustainable, lasting goods. Try to avoid buying online, which creates additional packaging and transportation waste.
- Give experiences. Gift tickets to a museum exhibit, sporting event, gift cards to a local restaurant, or make homemade treats.

Visit earth911.com/living-well-being/make-holidays-more-sustainable for more ideas.



Help End Hunger in Your Community

There are many ways to support essential local food organizations that help nourish our communities throughout the year. Here is a list of local organizations to get started.

[Foodbankccs.org](https://www.foodbankccs.org)
Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano

[Loavesfishesc.org](https://www.loavesandfishes.org)
Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa.

Find more resources at:
[SanRamon.ca.gov/our-city/social_services/food_resources](https://www.SanRamon.ca.gov/our-city/social_services/food_resources)

Holiday Service Schedule

THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS, & NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEKS:

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



For more info, scan the QR code, or visit [SanRamonRecycles.com/holiday](https://www.SanRamonRecycles.com/holiday)

Real or Fake: Which Christmas Tree is Better?*

Short answer—real!

First off, real trees don't require the intensive carbon emissions that it takes to produce and ship artificial trees. Nearly 90% of artificial trees are shipped across the world from China, resulting in an increase of carbon emissions and resources. And most artificial trees are not recyclable and end up in local landfills.

Next, you're supporting forests and healthy soils. Out of the 350-500 million growing on tree farms across the U.S., only 30 million trees are harvested for the holidays each year. Buying real trees will help keep tree farms in business—and in turn keep their lands covered in the healthy forest habitat that supports wildlife. Once all the festivities are done, real trees can be recycled and given a second life as compost.

Try an Alternative Christmas Tree

**Skip the cut or fake plastic tree this year.
Choose a Trash-Free alternative instead!**

Rent or adopt a tree that is delivered alive and then replanted once you are finished. Search the internet for local sources.

Decorate a plant or tree you already have, or purchase a potted tree that you can use each year or plant after the holidays.

Get creative! Make a tree out of books, a photo collage, or wooden frames, the possibilities are endless.



Happy Holidays from everyone at ACI!

*SOURCE: nature.org/en-us/what-we-do/our-priorities/protect-water-and-land/land-and-water-stories/real-vs-fake-christmas-tree



Manage & Dispose of "FOG" Properly

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

For small amounts of FOG, scrape out or wipe and place in your handy kitchen pail or your **Organics** cart.



For large amounts of FOG, use the curbside cooking oil collection program! Residents may place used cooking oil (in sealed 1-gallon containers provided by ACI of San Ramon or the original sealed container) at the curb for collection each week. Contact us to request containers.



For even LARGER amounts of FOG (5-gallons or less) such as from a turkey deep fryer, contact ACI of San Ramon to arrange collection.



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For a comprehensive list of what belongs in your collection containers, scan the QR code at left or on your containers to visit: SanRamonSort.com



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