

The Recycler

Fall 2015



Holiday Collection Schedule

This year Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on **Friday**. In order to allow our employees to spend Christmas and New Year's Day with their families, we need to reschedule garbage and recycling collection for those two days only!

This change will affect **ONLY** customers who have normal collection on **Friday**. **Friday** customers will have collection services on Saturday, December 26, and Saturday, January 2, instead of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. **Friday** customers will receive notice by mail of the change in the collection day the week prior to Christmas Day, as a reminder, with more information.

Customers who have collections on **MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY** will have normal collection service.

South San Francisco Scavenger Co. Holiday Schedule

- ◆ **Thanksgiving Day**, Thursday, November 26, office open 7 am - 12 noon, normal collection service
- ◆ **Christmas Eve**, THURSDAY, December 24, office open 7 am - 12 noon, normal collection service
- ◆ **Christmas Day**, FRIDAY, December 25, office closed, **No** collection service
- ◆ **New Year's Eve**, THURSDAY, December 31, office open 7 am - 12 noon, normal collection service
- ◆ **New Year's Day**, FRIDAY, January 1, office closed, **No** collection service

Blue Line Transfer, Inc. Holiday Schedule

- ◆ **Thanksgiving Day**, Thursday, November 26, open from 6:00 am to 12 noon
- ◆ **Christmas Eve**, THURSDAY, December 24, open from 6:00 am to 12 noon
- ◆ **Christmas Day**, FRIDAY, December 25, closed
- ◆ **New Year's Eve**, THURSDAY, December 31, open from 6:00 am to 12 noon
- ◆ **New Year's Day**, FRIDAY, January 1, closed



Extra Garbage & Recycling??

Please do not overload your garbage, recycling and organics carts. The lids on all of your carts must be closed.

Extra Garbage

If you have extra bags of garbage, please call the office at 650.589.4020 and tell us how many bags you have. If you are calling after hours, please leave a message.

Place extra bags of garbage beside your gray cart. There is an additional charge for extra bags.

Extra Recycling

Please put extra bottles, cans and papers in separate paper bags and place beside your blue recycling cart. **Cardboard boxes should be flattened and put along side your cart.** There is no additional fee for extra recyclables.

Please see page 2 for tips on reducing your garbage and organic waste.

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Twenty Fourth Annual Holiday Food Drive to Benefit Local Families

South San Francisco Scavenger Company, in association with the Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, and the Young Men's Institute, is sponsoring the 24th annual holiday canned food drive to benefit local families.

Last year, more than 3000 pounds of food was donated to local charitable organizations, which have provided food to approximately 200 local families per year since 1992. Your donation of nonperishable food and canned items help supplement holiday meals for local families in need.

Suggested Items for the Holiday Food Drive

**Please,
No expired
food products**

Canned foods such as:

- Vegetables & Fruit
- Tuna Fish
- Stews & Chili
- Soups
- Peanut Butter

**Please,
No opened
packages**

Packaged foods such as:

- Rice
- Dried Beans
- Cereals
- Pastas

Food Drive Collection Days

**Monday, November 30, to
Friday, December 18, 2015**

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Reducing Waste During the Holiday Season

In the United States, we generate an extra **5 million tons** of household waste each year between Thanksgiving and New Year's, including three times as much food scraps as at other times of the year. This holiday season, please help our cities to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill.

Tips for Reducing Holiday Food Waste

- ❖ Plan holiday meals ahead and create a shopping list to reduce the risk of impulse buying or buying too much.
- ❖ Measure portion size to avoid cooking too much food.
- ❖ Share left over food with family, friends and neighbors.
- ❖ Feed the Green Cart!! Please put **all** food scraps and food soiled paper into the green cart along with live decorations like pumpkins, poinsettias, pine cones, garlands and wreaths.



Still not using your green cart for food scraps?

This is the best time to take advantage of the green cart. Potentially half or even more of your holiday waste consists of organic materials. By putting food scraps and other organics into the green cart you will be able to close the lid on your garbage cart, reduce the amount of waste that goes to the landfill and, last but not least, contribute to the production of organic compost.

Tips for Reducing Holiday Waste

- ❖ Purchase gifts that create little or no waste (gift cards, concert tickets, spa day).
- ❖ Use durable and reusable shopping bags and gift bags and wrap.
- ❖ Don't want to use the good dishes for your holiday crowd? Use recyclable or compostable food service ware.



We would love to hear and then share your tips for reducing, recycling and composting! Please call us at 650.589.4020 or send an email to info@ssfscavenger.com.

Food Drive Collection Days

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How you can participate

Place your donation inside a brown grocery bag labeled "Food Drive" and place it next to your recycling cart on your regular pickup day from **Monday, November 30 through Friday, December 18, 2015.**

You may also bring your donation to our office located at 500 East Jamie Court (off East Grand Avenue and Haskins Way) in South San Francisco.

Office hours are 7 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.



You can recycle your Christmas tree on your regular yard waste collection day. Simply place your tree on or near the curb by 5:00 am on the morning of your yard waste collection.

Please remove all decorations, tinsel, lights and metal/plastic stand before placing the tree at the curb. Also, please **do not** put your tree in a plastic bag. Trees 6 feet or more need to be cut in half. Flocked trees are NOT recyclable and should be placed with regular trash on your normal garbage collection day.

Every recycled tree represents an average of 20 pounds diverted from the landfill.

How to recycle your Christmas tree

- ❖ Remove all decorations, tinsel, lights and metal/plastic stand.
- ❖ Cut tree in half if it is over 6 feet.
- ❖ Place tree on or near curb by 5:00 am on your yard waste collection day.

Resource Information

South San Francisco Scavenger Co.

- ◆ **Debris and mini debris box service**
- ◆ **On Call Clean-Ups**
Take advantage of your two annual On Call Clean-Ups for extra trash and bulky items.
- ◆ **Online Bill Pay and Paperless Billing are now available.**

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Blue Line Transfer, Inc.

Public Disposal and Recycling Facility

- ◆ **Drop off for San Mateo County Residents**
 - Car batteries
 - Household batteries (\$)
 - Sharps Containers
 - Cooking oil (\$)
 - Fluorescent tubes & bulbs (\$)
 - Used motor oil & filters
 - Latex paint
 - Antifreeze
 - Electronics (\$)

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