

'Tis the season to keep your tree out of a landfill!

Join us in composting your Christmas tree to create healthy soils.

General Guidelines for All Trees

Plastic/flocked trees cannot be composted and must go in landfill.

- ✓ Remove the tree stand.
- ✓ Remove all decorations: lights, ornaments, tinsel, etc.
- ✓ If you live in an apartment building, ask the landlord to set up one day for tree collection for the building.

Curbside Collection:

Don't know who your waste hauler is? Visit <https://zerowastemarin.org/who-is-my-hauler/>

Bay Cities Refuse

- No date restrictions: put your tree on the curb or cut it to fit in your green bin. Trees 7ft+ must be cut in half.

Marin Sanitary Service

- 1/5/26 - 1/16/26 place your tree on the curb on your regular collection day. Trees 6 ft+ must be cut in half.
- Or, cut tree into pieces and place it in your green compost cart, as long as the lid closes.
- Trees set out after 1/16/26 may be collected for \$5.00. Customers must call to request pick-up after 1/16/26.

Mill Valley Refuse Service

- 1/5/26 - 1/16/26 place your tree on the curb on your regular collection day. Trees must be cut into pieces four feet or less in length.
- Or, cut your holiday tree into pieces and place it in your green compost cart, as long as the lid closes.
- After 1/16/25 an additional fee may apply.

Recology Sonoma Marin

- **For customers in Novato:** 1/5/26 - 1/9/26 place your tree on the curb, or cut up the tree and place in your cart (lid must close).
- **For customers in West Marin:** Either cut up the tree to fit inside your green cart (lid must close), or drop off your tree at a drop-off location.

Tamalpais Community Services District

- 1/6/26 - 1/9/26 place your tree on the curb on your regular collection day. Trees 6 ft+ must be cut in half.
- Or, cut tree into 2 foot pieces and place it in your green compost cart, as long as the lid closes.
- \$30 charge for collection before 1/6 or after 1/9.

Tree Drop-Off Locations:

Kentfield: 1/2/26 - 1/16/26

Drop off at College of Marin, 700 College Ave Parking Lot #12 (south of the gym).

Larkspur: 1/2/26 - 1/16/26

- Piper Park, 250 Doherty Drive
- Niven Park, Drakes Landing Rd & Barry Way

Marin Resource Recovery Center:

During the month of January, customers can drop off up to 2 trees for free at 565 Jacoby St in San Rafael. There will be a charge for flocked trees.

Marinwood: 1/2/26 - 1/16/26

Drop off at Marinwood Community Center, 775 Miller Creek Road, in the parking lot.

Point Reyes: 12/26/25 - 1/16/26

Point Reyes Fire Station (4th & B St), 8am - 5pm.

Ross: 1/2/26 - 1/16/26

Drop off at Marin Art & Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Drive. Do not drop off trees at the fire station.

Sausalito: 12/29/25 - 1/31/26

Drop off at the MLK parking lot off Coloma Street.

San Rafael: 1/2/26 - 1/16/26

- Pickleweed Park, 50 Canal St
- Scotty's Market Parking Lot, 620 Manual T Freitas Pkwy

Stinson/Bolinas: Mondays, Wed - Sat

Drop off at Bolinas-Stinson Resource Recovery Park, 25 Olema Bolinas Road, 9am - 4:30pm.

Tomales: 12/26/25 - 1/16/26

Drop off at Tomales Fire Station, 599 Dillon Beach Road, 8am - 5pm.

Woodacre: 12/26/25 - 1/16/26

Drop off at Woodacre Fire Station, 33 Castle Rock Road, 8am - 5pm.

Give the gift of great memories.

Physical items may end up in the landfill, but memories last a lifetime.

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This holiday season, we encourage you to get creative with your gift-giving and think outside the box - literally. By gifting intentionally and focusing on giving experiences rather than “things”, you can help reduce what ultimately ends up in landfills.

For the crafter in your life:

- Look for local workshops on creating mini moss walls, watercolor painting, indigo dyeing, and more!
- Buy a class pack at a local art studio so your loved one can learn about pottery or painting!



For the bookworm:

- Give them a gift card to their favorite local bookstore so they can pick out their next read.
- Gift an audiobook subscription!



For the foodie:

- Buy a cooking class for you and your loved one to attend together.
- Give your loved one a gift card to their favorite local café, bakery or restaurant!
- Book them a wine tasting at a local vineyard.



For the adventurer:

- Buy tickets to see their favorite sports team!
- Plan a day full of their favorite things to do: hiking, a visit to the beach, or going to their favorite restaurant.
- Buy concert tickets to see their favorite artist!
- Is your loved one a yogi or crossfit enthusiast? Buy them a class pack of their favorite workout.
- Enjoy one of the many museums the Bay Area has to offer by taking your loved one on a museum date or getting them a pass to go regularly!

If you need to gift a physical item:

- Visit a local craft fair to buy a handmade item from a local artisan - there are many craft fairs throughout the Bay Area during the holiday season!
- Visit a local small business in Marin - support the local economy and avoid shipping waste.
- Prioritize items that will last: if you are giving a physical item, consider items that will last a long time.
- Try secondhand stores! There are great items to be found that can be given new life as a gift.
- Remember that wrapping paper is not recyclable or compostable. Opt for gift bags that can be used year after year, or use unlined Kraft paper and twine for natural wrapping that can be composted.