



Wise About Waste

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Limit Food Waste at your Feast

The holidays are fast approaching, here are some tips on how to reduce food waste at home!

- **Plan ahead** and only buy what you need. Check your cabinets! Stop waste at the source and only cook what you can and want to eat.
- **Save the scraps** and use vegetable peels and meat trimmings to make a tasty broth for leftover turkey soup.
- **Get creative with leftovers** and label what they are to properly store them. Consider freezing items to help ensure they get eaten.
- **Donate unused canned goods** like pumpkin pie filling, green beans, and cranberry sauce. Contact Second Harvest: Shfb.org or Feeding America: FeedingAmerica.org to learn more about what and where to donate unwanted food.
- **Compost.** If all else fails and you must get rid of food as a last resort, make sure it ends up in your green cart.

Find more food waste prevention tips at:

- SavetheFood.com
- LoveFoodNotWaste.org

What to do with Fats, Oils, & Grease (FOG)?

Do NOT pour FOG down the drain! Improper disposal of FOG will pollute the environment and clog your pipes and sewer/septic systems. Wait for the FOG to cool, pour it into a glass jar, seal it with the lid, and place it in your trash cart. Jars with a wide mouth and tight seal work best. Save your next glass mayo or pickle jar and be prepared. For large amounts of FOG, such as oil from a turkey fryer, visit Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste at: hhw.org for free drop off information.



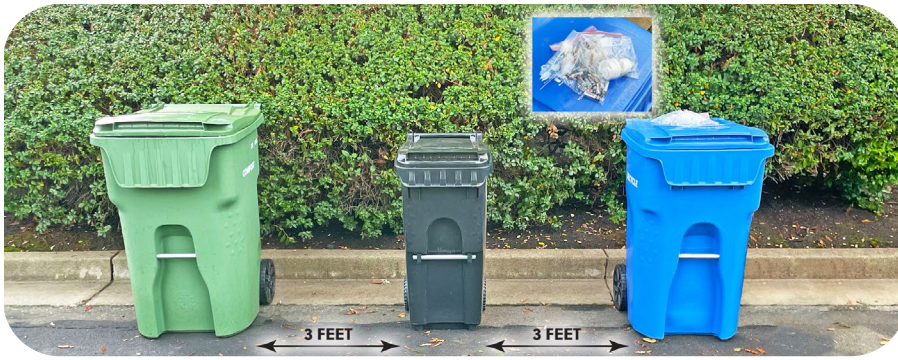
Lower Your "Foodprint"

Your "foodprint" is the result of everything it takes to get your food from the farm to your plate. Many of those processes are invisible to consumers.



Visit foodprint.org/what-is-foodprint for tips, tools and guides for helping you make food choices that can help you shrink your foodprint.

- **Shopping Sustainably**
Sustainability starts with where you shop and extends to what you buy once you're there.
- **Dining Out Sustainably**
Find restaurants that prioritize sustainability and minimize food waste both at the table and on your way out the door.
- **Cooking Sustainably**
Cooking at home allows you to make sustainable choices from shopping for the most sustainable ingredients to reducing food waste as you cook.



THE PERFECT CURBSIDE SETOUT

Be Mindful of Your Cart Placement for Quieter, Quicker Waste Collection

Join your neighbors and leave 3 feet between your carts to allow for the hydraulic gripper arm to service them properly.

- Be sure your carts are at the curb by 6am on your collection day. Leave 3 feet between each cart whenever possible.
- Please leave the carts at the curb until we've emptied them. Our trucks can arrive at different times each week.
- Please place your carts facing the street, wheels against the curb, & the lid closed. Customers with alleys should place carts in the alley.

Thanksgiving Holiday Collection Service Schedule

If your regular collection day is Thursday, 11/27/25, your service is rescheduled to Wednesday, 11/26/25. Visit pssirecycling.com/holiday for more info.

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If your collection day is:	Mon. 24	Tue. 25	Wed. 26	Thu. 27	Fri. 28
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 24	Tue. 25	Wed. 26	Wed. 26	Fri. 28

New Collection Rates September 1

Effective September 1st, 2025, the new single family rate for waste, recycling, and compost service of 35 gallon carts is \$134.63 per quarter, or \$44.87 per month. This equates to a \$11.10 increase per quarter, or \$3.70 per month. To view the 25-26 Waste Rates scan the QR code or visit utilities.stanford.edu (SU Net required) For questions or to adjust waste services, contact PSSI.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Fall Clean Up November 8th 7am - 12pm

Items in good, clean, and working condition will be collected for reuse.

Items must be set aside from other items and be labeled "REUSE".



Scan the QR code to view acceptable items & download a "REUSE" sign- or make your own!



PLEASE NOTE: Televisions and monitors must have your name and address included on each item per state requirement. Hazardous waste, universal waste, and contractor-generated waste will not be collected.

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