



Wise About Waste

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Be Green This Holiday Season

The choices we make and the lifestyles we live have a profound impact on our planet. Here are some easy ways to make a positive change during the holidays.

BE MINDFUL WITH PURCHASING

- Consider shopping local and supporting small businesses when buying gifts this holiday season.
- Ditch a gift altogether and get an experience to share. Memories can last a lifetime!
- Shop for unique finds at a vintage or second-hand store.
- Choose products that are sold with little or no packaging.



GET CREATIVE WITH REUSABLE WRAPPING

- Take this opportunity to personalize your gift. Paint a paper grocery bag with a shared memory or holiday motif.
- Make the wrapping a part of the gift itself by using a t-shirt, dishtowel, reusable tote bag, bandana, or scarf.



CRAFT A WASTE-FREE FEAST

- Plan ahead and purchase only what you need for holiday meals.
- Ask your guests if they will be contributing any dishes to the meal to reduce leftovers.
- Compost any inedible leftovers. (use your **green** compost cart and handy kitchen pail)
- Scan the QR code to check out our previous newsletter for more tips on how to reduce food waste at home!



FIND OUT MORE

For a list of more actions you can take for a healthy planet, visit un.org/en/actnow/ten-actions.



Fall Clean Up

Thanks to your participation in the Fall Clean Up Reuse Program, over 1,200 pounds of material were donated to the local community!

In total, over 39 tons of material were collected, 65% of which were able to be diverted. This is the highest diversion rate to date! Material from the Clean-Up is taken to Zanker Recycling's Demolition Material Reduction System, where landfill-destined material is further processed and commodities like metal, wood, and glass are recovered. Thank you to all who participated!

Get Wise About Waste & Win \$500

For every 500 people who complete the new waste sorting training, **\$500 will be awarded**. Scan the QR code to **complete the ten-minute training and be entered to win**.



Try an Alternative Holiday Tree

Avoid a cut or fake plastic tree this year and select a sustainable alternative.

- **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.
- **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.



Holiday Tree Collection

PSSI will collect holiday trees curbside on your regular collection day. Remember to:

1. Remove all tinsel, ornaments, garland, & tree stands.
2. Cut into sections (if your tree is larger than 4 feet).
3. Place tree next to your compost cart at the curb on your regular collection day between 12/26 & 1/31. DO NOT place your tree inside your cart.



Holiday Collection Service Schedule

DECEMBER 22 - 26, 2025					
If your collection day is:	Mon. 22	Tue. 23	Wed. 24	Thu. 25	Fri. 26
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 22	Tue. 23	Wed. 24	Thu. 25	Fri. 26

CHRISTMAS DAY

If your regular collection day is Thursday, 12/25/25, your service is rescheduled to Wednesday, 12/24/25.

Watch your mailbox for a postcard, contact PSSI, or visit pssirecycling.com/holiday for more info regarding the holiday collection schedule and the holiday tree collection program.

DEC 29, 2025 - JAN. 2, 2026					
If your collection day is:	Mon. 29	Tue. 30	Wed. 31	Thu. 1	Fri. 2
Your holiday collection day will be:	Mon. 29	Tue. 30	Wed. 31	Thu. 1	Fri. 2

NEW YEAR'S DAY

If your regular collection day is Thursday, 1/1/26, your service is rescheduled to Wednesday, 12/31/25.



COLLECTION REMINDER: CARDBOARD

As the holidays approach, we'd like to remind all residents to please empty and flatten all cardboard.

Place flattened cardboard in your recycling cart if space allows. If your cart is full, place flattened cardboard next to your recycling cart.

- Remove all packaging material (packaging tape okay).
- NO waxed cardboard or pizza boxes. Put them in your compost cart.

Online Portal Provides 24/7 Access

Request services, make secure payments, sign up for paperless billing, and more.

All information is secure and confidential. Visit pssirecycling.com and click on the red "Account Login" button to get started.

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Everyone at PSSI wishes you the happiest of holidays & a successful 2026!

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