



HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving collection will be one day behind on November 27 & 28, 2014

Christmas collections will be one day behind on December 25 & 26, 2014

New Year collections will be one day behind on and January 1 & 2, 2015

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Unflocked Trees may be placed at the curb
from December 26 - January 16, 2015 for FREE recycling

Recycling Tips for After the Holidays

It's true, while the Christmas Holidays are a festive time of year, they can create a huge amount of additional trash going to the landfills. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's day, Americans throw away a million extra tons of garbage each week, including holiday wrapping and packaging, according to Robert Lilienfeld co-author of the book Use Less Stuff: Environmental Solutions for Who We Really Are.

Here are some helpful tips to make sure that the holiday spirit doesn't go to the dumps!

- 1. Recycle your live Christmas tree:** When you're done enjoying your tree for the holidays, make sure to place it out for recycling where it can be recycled into wood chips, mulch and compost. **Christmas trees may be placed at the curb on your regular day of collection from December 26, 2014 through January 16, 2015.** Make sure to remove the stand, all decorations and tinsel. Only UNFLOCKED, live trees may be placed at the curb.
- 2. Reuse Bags, Ribbon and Bows:** This year, after the gifts are opened, don't toss away the bags, ribbons and bows. Save these easy to reuse items and next year you won't have to battle the stores, plus you'll save a ton of money. You can also fold and reuse larger pieces of paper for next year as well or use them to make festive book covers. And what you don't save, please make sure to recycle it in your blue recycle bin.
- 3. Reuse broken Ornaments and Decorations:** Don't toss old ornaments and decorations away! Save them and make a family fun day of refurbishing and redecorating them next year. Holiday decorations are only used an average of 1 month each year. Give them a long life by saving, sharing and sprucing them up!
- 4. Recycle Paper and Packaging:** During the holidays, we may feel overwhelmed with packaging. Between wrapping paper, gift boxes, product packaging and all the additional cards and mail the amount of recyclable paper and packaging can really add up. Make sure to recycle all this paper and plastic packaging in your blue recycle bin.
- 5. Recycle Broken Lights:** If you have strands of lights that have lived out their useful life, make sure to recycle them properly. The following two organizations will take old lights free of charge, recycle them for charity and send you a 10% discount for purchasing new lights next year. (PS: Make sure to purchase long-lasting LED lights or solar powered lights in the future).

- Christmas Light Source, Recycling Program, 4313 Elmwood Drive, Benbrook, TX 76116, <http://www.christmas-light-source.com/>
- The LED Warehouse, Attn: Christmas Light Recycling, 109 E. Prairie St., Vicksburg, MI 49097

