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Thanksgiving Day Service Delayed

EDCO will observe the Thanksgiving holiday on **Thursday, November 23, 2023**. Only customers whose regular collection day is on **Thursday or Friday** will experience a one-day delay in service.

Christmas Day Monday, December 25, 2023 Service Delayed

EDCO will observe the Christmas holiday on **Monday, December 25, 2023**. There will be a one-day delay in service all week.

New Year's Day Monday, January 1, 2024 Service Delayed

EDCO will observe the New Year's holiday on **Monday, January 1, 2024**. There will be a one-day delay in service all week.

Can We Help?

Do you have questions regarding your service? Contact one of our friendly customer service representatives through the Contact EDCO tab on our website, send us a text message, or call our office.

Recycling this Holiday Season

The holidays are quickly approaching! Before you know it your house will be filled with holiday cheer, guests, and lots of items that can be recycled instead of going into the landfill! Knowing the most environmentally beneficial ways to dispose of everyday holiday products is essential.



Items such as wrapping paper (no metallic paper), cardboard and paper gift boxes (reuse when possible), glass bottles, hard plastic bottles, cartons, pie tins, and greeting cards (paper only) can all go into your **blue** recycling cart.

Items such as pumpkins, turkey bones, fruit cake, poinsettias, food scraps, soiled-paper products such as paper bags, paper napkins, paper towels, paper plates, paper cups, paper and cardboard takeout containers and takeout boxes (with no plastic or wax coating, and with any metal removed), and coffee filters can all go into your **green** organics cart.

Please remember to toss items such as foil wrapping, foil bows and ribbons, broken ornaments, and Styrofoam peanuts into your **grey** trash cart.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Please place botanical decorations ***inside your green organics cart*** on your collection day and follow these guidelines when setting out your Christmas tree for curbside collection:



- Remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel and the tree stand
- Cut tree in 4-foot lengths and trim off branches
- Place trimmed tree ***inside your green organics cart with the lid closed***
- No flocked trees please

Drop-off sites will also be available from **December 26, 2023 - January 5, 2024** at the following locations: **City Hall**, 635 Hwy 101 and **La Colonia Park**, 715 Valley Avenue. **Drop-off locations are for CHRISTMAS TREES ONLY.** Christmas trees do not need to be cut down for recycling at drop-off locations.

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Hosting for the Holidays?

The holiday season is a great time to celebrate and spread joy, but it can also lead to increased energy consumption and waste.

As a **family-owned and operated** company we know how important the holidays are for families to have more time together doing the activities they love. EDCO is working towards a more sustainable world, and we want to help friends and families enjoy their time together, while also making conscious choices that reduce your environmental impact.

Please see below for a few ideas for hosting sustainable holiday parties:

Decorations:

Choose decorations made from sustainable materials such as recycled paper, natural fabrics, or organic materials. Avoid using single-use plastic decorations and opt for reusable items instead. You can even incorporate natural elements such as pinecones, branches, or dried flowers into your decorations. When you are finished with the decorations, simply recycle the paper into your blue cart, or recycle the organic material into your green organics cart.



Reduce Food Waste:

Carefully plan your holiday meals to avoid overbuying and preparing excessive amounts of food. Take into account the number of guests and their preferences to estimate the right quantities. Once you have planned your menu, create a detailed shopping list to avoid purchasing ingredients that you may not need. Please consider buying local, seasonal, and organic ingredients whenever possible. When the meal is over, encourage your guests to take home leftovers!



Eco-friendly Tableware:

Instead of using disposable tableware, opt for reusable plates, cups and cutlery. Cloth napkins and tablecloths are also great solutions. If you need additional items, consider renting or borrowing them from friends, family or neighbors. Set up a collection bucket where guests can put their used dishes to be washed later.



Sustainable Gift Giving:

Encourage your guests to engage in sustainable gift giving this holiday season. Ask for or give gifts that are eco-friendly, ethically sourced, or have a low environmental impact. You can also suggest experiences or homemade/handcrafted gifts instead of material items. Don't forget to try and use brown craft paper or newspaper to wrap your gifts!

