

# Sustainable Benician

News on Community Recycling & Waste Services



Sustainability in Action

*Opens NOV 29th*

## Fresh Christmas Trees

Museum of History Benicia @ Our Downtown Location

Thurs & Fri: 3pm to 7pm  
Sat & Sun: 10am to 7pm

Location:  
900 E 2nd St. Benicia

## Recycle your Christmas Tree Lights

Republic Services, in partnership with Museum of History Benicia (MoHB) will have containers for collecting strings of old Christmas tree lights at MoHB's Christmas tree lot. Light strings with breakable bulbs will need bulbs removed.



## Take My Tree, Please!

Take advantage of a convenient community service and fundraiser from Benicia's Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venture Crew. You can drop off your tree or you can register for pickup at your home or business. Once recycled, the trees are chipped, and used for ground cover on City of Benicia properties.

To register for pickup, visit [BeniciaScouts.org](http://BeniciaScouts.org) or call the tree recycle hotline 707.551.4520. Appointments required for pickup. **Tree Recycling pickup dates are the same as drop-off dates.**

### Tree Drop-off Dates:

- Saturday, December 28, 2024
- Sunday, December 29, 2024
- Saturday, January 4, 2025
- Sunday, January 5, 2025
- Saturday, January 11, 2025

### Drop Off Locations:

Benicia Community Park (behind Matthew Turner School) or First Baptist Church on Southampton Rd.

Flocked Trees Are Accepted. Please have your tree out by 9 AM. Donations welcome! Make checks payable to BSA Christmas Tree Recycling. Attach donation or mail to: Benicia Scouts, Christmas Tree Recycling, PO BOX 485, Benicia, CA 94510.

**This project is run in full cooperation with the City of Benicia and Republic Services. Christmas tree recycling by Benicia Scouts.**



## Holiday Reminders:

- Be mindful—**Eat or share all the holiday food you make.** Compost food scraps from cooking, scrape plates into kitchen pail/compost cart after meals, and compost paper plates/napkins. Disposable (including compostable) utensils go in the trash.
- **Remove any batteries from holiday decorations** and dispose of them properly. Locations to dispose of batteries: in a sealed plastic bag by your recycle cart (not in it), in containers (near restrooms) at Benicia Library, inside City Hall entrance, at Pedrotti Ace Hardware in the Southampton Shopping Center, or at City Corporation Yard's public HHW drop-off, 2400 East 2nd St. open Saturdays, 9 AM to noon.
- **Ribbon and metallic wrapping paper are not recyclable.** Reusable gift bags are the best choice.



# Bags to Bins



## Was an OOPS tag placed on your residential cart?

Republic Services was lid-flippin' in random neighborhoods in October. No fines, just educating how to sort and dispose of waste properly. What we learned and want to remind you:

- Styrofoam and single-use utensils **are trash**.
- **Don't bag your recyclables** — Loose is best and there should not be food left in plastic "To Go" containers.
- **Use your green organics bin!** Diverting food waste from the landfill/trash helps fight climate change. Scrape in those food scraps, but no plastic please. Plastic bags and containers contaminate the load and won't turn into compost.

Happy Holidays  
and have a great start to 2025!



Miss any Sustainable Solano online classes or presentations, like 'Healthy Soil = Healthy Food = Healthy People'? Visit Sustainable Solano's YouTube channel at [youtube.com/sustainablesolano](https://youtube.com/sustainablesolano) and get caught up on sourcing local food, composting, cooking and more.

**A huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers that took the time to participate in this year's 40th Annual Coastal Cleanup event.** Approximately 275 volunteers from various groups, such as Benicia Litter Pickers, St. Dominic's School, Benicia High School Key Club, Benicia Yacht Club, Scout Troops 8 and 9, as well as many community members participated. Over 1,445 pounds of trash and recyclables were collected.

**Oil-based paints can now be dropped off at the City Corporation Yard's public Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off, Saturdays, 9 AM to noon, 2400 East 2<sup>nd</sup> St.,** Previously only latex paint was accepted. Oil base items include:

- Interior and exterior architectural paints: acrylic, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (including textured coatings)
- Deck coatings, floor paints (including elastomeric)
- Primers, sealers, under-coaters
- Stains
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component)
- Waterproofing concrete/masonry/ wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based)
- Metal coatings, rust preventatives
- Field and lawn paints

This facility will also continue to accept light tubes, CFLs, household batteries, car batteries (No EV), motor oil and oil filters, antifreeze, latex paint, and aerosols. No charge to Benicia residents. Other chemicals need an HHW Door-to-Door appointment for pickup. Look for the HHW button at [RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA](https://RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA) to schedule a free appointment (non-business accounts only).