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## WM Encourages Customers to Recycle Right This Holiday Season

**Sacramento, California – December 17, 2024** – The holiday season is a time for joy and celebration, but it's also a peak period for waste generation. As North America's leading provider of comprehensive waste services, WM (formerly Waste Management) encourages customers to sort right this season to minimize waste contamination and ensure a more sustainable holiday.

To help residents properly dispose of common holiday items, WM offers tailored guidance for customers in Lodi, San Joaquin, Stockton, West Sacramento, Woodland, and Yolo County.

### Holiday Tree Disposal:

For customers with organics collection, holiday trees can be placed in curbside carts by following these steps:

- Remove all decorations, flocking, nails, and stands.
- Cut natural trees into sections that fit entirely within the cart with the lid fully closed.

Aside from curbside disposal, customers can also drop holiday trees at the following locations:

- **City of Lodi:** Drop off Christmas trees at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds (413 E Lockeford Street, Lodi), from January 2–8, 2025.
- **San Joaquin County:** Bring Christmas trees to the WM Central Valley Waste Transfer Station (1333 E Turner Road, Lodi).
- **Stockton:** Place Christmas trees curbside on your regular service day between December 26, 2024, and January 12, 2025.
- **West Sacramento:** Drop off trees at the city parking lot on W Capitol Ave, from December 26, 2024, to January 9, 2025.

### Christmas Lights

Christmas lights and similar “rope-like” items should not go in the recycling containers as they can tangle in sorting equipment. Consider reusing them or disposing of them in the trash.

### Greeting Cards

- **Recyclable:** Plain cards without foil or embellishments can go in your curbside recycling.
- **Non-Recyclable:** Cards with foil, glitter, or electronics should be placed in the trash. Be sure to remove and recycle batteries separately.

### Garland

Garland and other “rope-like” decorations can jam sorting equipment. Reuse them if possible or dispose of them in the trash.



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**Broken Ornaments**

- Glass Ornaments: Not recyclable due to their fragile nature.
- Plastic Ornaments: Generally made from non-recyclable mixed resins. Please place them in the trash.

**Wrapping Paper & Ribbons**

- Recyclable: Plain brown paper can be placed in the recycling cart.
- Non-Recyclable: Paper with foil, glitter, or plastic coatings should go in the trash.
- Ribbons are not recyclable and should be reused or disposed of in the trash.

**Being a Sustainability Champion**

In addition to sorting right, customers can take their sustainability efforts one step further by:

- Opting for Reusable Gift Wraps: Use fabric, scarves, or reusable gift bags instead of single-use wrapping paper.
- Helping Compost Food Scraps: Use your curbside organics cart to dispose of food scraps and food-soiled paper.
- Buying Local: Support local businesses and reduce your carbon footprint by shopping locally for gifts and holiday essentials.
- Donating Unwanted Items: Instead of discarding old decorations, clothing, or toys, donate them to local charities or thrift stores.

By following these guidelines, residents and businesses can help divert more waste from landfills and create a more sustainable future for generations to come. For more tips and resources, click [here](#).

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**About WM**

WM ([WM.com](http://WM.com)) is North America's leading provider of comprehensive environmental solutions. Previously known as Waste Management and based in Houston, Texas, WM is driven by commitments to put people first and achieve success with integrity. The company, through its subsidiaries, provides collection, recycling and disposal services to millions of residential, commercial, industrial, medical and municipal customers throughout the U.S. and Canada, as well as compliance-based solutions for regulated waste and secure information destruction in the U.S., Canada and Europe. With innovative infrastructure and capabilities in recycling, organics and renewable energy, WM provides environmental solutions to and collaborates with its customers in helping them pursue their sustainability goals. WM has the largest disposal network and collection fleet in North America, is the largest recycler of post-consumer materials and is a leader in beneficial use of landfill gas, with a growing network of renewable natural gas plants and the most landfill gas-to-electricity plants in North America. WM's fleet includes



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more than 12,000 natural gas trucks – the largest heavy-duty natural gas truck fleet in the industry in North America. To learn more about WM and the company's sustainability progress and solutions, visit [Sustainability.WM.com](https://www.wm.com/sustainability).

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