

## WINTER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Bethel Island, Brentwood  
& Knightsen Communities

Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery is your one-stop shop for organics, recycling, and solid waste collection services. We serve our customers, communities, and environment responsibly by optimizing the use of the materials we collect and process.

### We Want to Hear from You!



Scan to share your experience and opinions about MDRR service.

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(925) 655-2703  
**or mail:** Contra Costa County Department of Conservation & Development, Attn: Solid Waste Section, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553



**22 MILLION POUNDS**  
of reusable items collected and donated.

### A Message from Kish Rajan, CEO

As a father of three Gen Z kids, I've watched them grow up deeply aware of climate change and motivated to make a difference. Their passion for sustainability inspires me every day in my role at Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery (MDRR). It's what drives our commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, giving new life to reclaimed materials, and keeping as much as possible out of landfills. Plus, it just makes good business sense.



Every day, our team proves that we can maximize recycling and diversion, make the cities we serve cleaner and more sustainable, and strengthen our company at the same time. Waste management today isn't just about emptying garbage bins and carting waste to the landfill — it's about innovation and helping our customers reach their environmental quality goals.

Recycling and composting are key components of that diversion. Each year, MDRR collects and manages 160 million pounds of recyclables and 120 million pounds of organic waste, while also helping customers understand how to use these programs effectively.

But we don't stop there. Ten years ago, we partnered with RecycleSmart (Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority) to collect reusable items and find them new homes. At our Pittsburg warehouse, curbside-collected reusables are sorted and distributed through dozens of community organizations to families in need. Over the years, this has meant redistributing student desks to local schools and furnishing homes for those previously unhoused or aging out of foster care.

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### 2025-26 Holiday Collection Schedule

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>12/25</b>	<b>12/26</b>	<b>12/27</b>
No Service Christmas Day, Office Closed	Service for Thursday Customers	Service for Friday Customers
<b>1/1</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>1/3</b>
No Service New Year's Day, Office Closed	Service for Thursday Customers	Service for Friday Customers

Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Thursday this year. There will be no collection on these holidays. All regularly scheduled Thursday and Friday customers will take place one day later. **Thursday's pickup will be on Friday, and Friday's pickup on Saturday.** Normal service will resume after two weeks.



## Garbage Service Available in 20, 32, 64, and 96-gallon

For more information, including pricing, visit [www.mdrr.com](http://www.mdrr.com)

## TIPS FOR CURBSIDE CONTAINER PLACEMENT

- Place carts curbside by 5 am the day of service or the night before. Space carts 3 feet apart from one another.
- Do not overload carts; lids must be closed. For extra service please contact us for pickup options.
- Do not place carts near basketball hoops, cars, trees, or low-hanging wires. Our trucks cannot service carts when they are near these objects.
- Please remove carts from the curb within 24 hours of collection.

## PUT YOUR WASTE IN THE RIGHT PLACE:

### ORGANICS



The organics material collected by our trucks is taken to a compost facility and turned into enriched soil.

**ACCEPTED MATERIALS:** Meat • Fish • Poultry • Bones • Fruits • Vegetables • Grains • Plate Scrapings • Food-Soiled Paper • Leaves • Grass Clippings • Plant + Garden Trimmings • Weeds • Branches + Twigs (no more than 3-inch diameter and 3 feet long)



Dirt • Sod • Palm Fronds • Rock • Concrete • Pet Waste • BPI Certified Products • Bioplastics • Hazardous Materials



### RECYCLABLES

Please only place acceptable, clean, empty, and dry items loosely in the recycling container.

**ACCEPTED MATERIALS:** Plastics #1 PET + #2 HDPE • Bottles • Jars • Tin • Cans • Cereal + Snack Boxes • Cardboard • Clean Paper



Food-Contaminated Containers • Plastic Film • Foam Products • Textiles • E-Waste • Batteries • Hazardous Materials



### GARBAGE

Bag items that are no longer usable and place them in the garbage container. Donate items that are in good condition.



Recyclables • Yard + Food Waste • Fluorescent Bulbs • E-Waste • Batteries • Hazardous Materials

# 2026 CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE

Your organics are collected weekly with your garbage cart. Recycling is picked up every other week. See below for the Recycling schedule.

**BLUE = RECYCLING**

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## BEYOND THE CART

Bethel Island, Brentwood, and Knightsen residential customers with active service can contact MDRR for the following curbside services at no additional charge:



**Two On-Call Pickups:** Each calendar year we will collect up to twelve 32-gallon bags of household garbage or yard waste weighing no more than 50 pounds apiece. If you have branches, tie them in a bundle no larger than 18" x 3'. On-call pickups must be at least one week apart.



**Bulky Item Pickup:** You can call to schedule ONE bulky item pickup per year. Which may be an appliance, electronic, or a piece of furniture weighing at most 200 pounds.



**Used Motor Oil + Filter Pickups:** Please contact our office to request a motor oil recycling kit. We will provide a free 6-quart oil container and sleeve. Once received and filled, contact us, and we'll schedule a pick up.



**Safe Drug + Sharps Disposal:** For information on safe disposal resources for medications and sharps, please visit: [Medications](http://www.medtakebackcalifornia.org): [Sharps](http://www.sharptakebackcalifornia.org): [Sharps](http://www.sharptakebackcalifornia.org)

## A Message from the CEO cont.

So far, we've collected and donated more than 22 million pounds of reusable items — materials that otherwise would have ended up in the landfill. And we're just getting started.

Building on our success, we're expanding local partnerships to support youth and families. Through a new program with **The First Tee of Contra Costa**, Executive Director Brandon Garcelon, and **Play It Again Sports**, donated sporting goods now help fund First Tee's youth development programs. We're also growing our Back-to-School project to provide at least 500 fully stocked backpacks to local children in need.

These efforts reflect our ongoing promise to our customers, community, teammates — and my own kids — **to keep making a real difference for generations to come.**

I'm proud of how far we've come and excited for what's ahead.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE IS TOO TOXIC FOR YOUR CARTS

Household items containing corrosive, toxic, or flammable ingredients are considered Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). Never put these products down the drain or in your carts. Dispose of fat, oil, and grease (FOG) with HHW products. **Take HHW including sharps + medications to Delta Diablo** at 2550 Pittsburg-Antioch Hwy in Pittsburg. Disposal is free. For a list of HHW items and drop-off hours, call (925) 756-1990 or visit [www.deltadiablo.org](http://www.deltadiablo.org).



Prescription medication



Sharps



Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)



Electronics



## TEMPORARY DUMPSTER & DEBRIS BOX RENTALS

With easy scheduling, unmatched service, and sizes for any job, MDRR dumpster and debris box rentals are the easiest way to handle those challenging cleanups and remodel projects.

**Our Oakley office will be relocating in early 2026. More details will be shared soon!**

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## Free Christmas Tree Recycling

There are 2 easy ways to recycle your Christmas tree:

**AT THE CURB:** Scheduled in advance, Christmas trees will be picked up curbside at no additional charge. Trees longer than 3 feet must be cut into 3-foot sections before placing the pieces inside or next to your organics cart. Pieces larger than 3 feet cannot fit inside the truck.

**DROP OFF:** Bring your **full-size tree (no need to cut it)** to our 1300 Loveridge Road Facility in Pittsburg. Christmas trees will be taken at no charge — limit one tree per vehicle. See below for our facility hours.

**NOTE:** Remove all tinsel, ornaments, lights, and tree stands. Flocked trees cannot be recycled and must be disposed of as garbage — consider using an artificial flocked tree that can be reused year after year.



## RECYCLE YOUR WASTE AT OUR PLACE!



**YOUR FRIENDLY & CONVENIENT  
SELF-HAUL DESTINATION**

Our Recycling Center & Transfer Station (Contra Costa Waste Services) is conveniently located at 1300 Loveridge Road in Pittsburg. Our full-service transfer station is open daily to the public from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm (closed Christmas Day + New Year's Day only). We accept solid waste, organics, yard waste, wood, plastics, metals, cardboard, building material, dirt, rock, concrete, electronics, appliances, and more. For pricing, please visit [www.mdrr.com/rcts](http://www.mdrr.com/rcts).



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