

GREEN PAGE

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Holiday Recycling

Have the holidays brought you new tech gadgets or cell phones? Need somewhere to take the old stuff? Perhaps you have uncovered some old or broken holiday lights. County residents and businesses can drop off electronic waste and Universal Waste at free collection events throughout the year. Onsite Electronics Recycling, a certified BAN e-Stewards® Recycler, provides responsible recycling of E-waste. Find a schedule at Onsite's [website](#). Bring your Christmas lights, cardboard, and Styrofoam to be recycled, too!

E-waste can be dropped off for free year round at: [North County Landfill](#), [Lovelace Transfer Station](#), [Foothill Landfill](#) or the [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#); [Tracy Material Recovery and Transfer Station](#); [Manteca Solid Waste](#); and [Ripon's Joint City/School Program](#).



Reduce

- * LED lights use less electricity. Put holiday lights on timers.
- * Give event tickets or make a donation to a favorite charity.
- * Buy local. Plan your trips to avoid wasting gas.
- * Stop junk mail and cancel unwanted catalogs.

Reuse

- * Save gift bags, wrapping paper, boxes, and bows.
- * Donate old usable items when you receive new ones.
- * Buy rechargeable batteries. (Batteries cannot be thrown in the trash in California. They must be [recycled](#).)

Recycle

- * Recycle wrapping paper and party waste.
- * Recycle your undecorated holiday tree. Watch your mail or contact your city for curbside pick-up options. Wreaths can go in your green waste bin.
- * Recycle ads and catalogs. Make gift tags from old cards.



Frying a Turkey (or anything else)? Recycle Used Fryer Oil!

Did you know that pouring used oil down the drain can clog your pipes and lead to expensive repairs? Throwing it in the trash creates safety issues and is bad for the environment. What to do? Wait for your oil to cool, put the oil back in its original container and bring it down to San Joaquin County's Household Hazardous Waste facility where your used oil will be recycled into new products like soap or even bio-diesel fuel! Now that's thinking outside the fryer!



San Joaquin County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

7850 R.A. Bridgeford Street
Stockton, CA 95205

Hours of Operation:

Thursday, Friday & Saturday
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Closed 11/28 - 29.

For more information: 468-3066
Batteries, bulbs, oil, paint, e-waste & more

Easy Green Tips!

1. **Buy a canvas bag.** One canvas bag can eliminate 1,000 plastic grocery bags.
2. **Keep reusable bags in the car.** This way they are on hand for spur of the moment grocery store visits and gift shopping.
3. **Avoid Styrofoam®.** Use regular dishes or eco-friendly paper plates for holiday parties.
4. **Make your own giftwrap.** Cut open brown paper grocery bags and let the kids decorate the inside! Use twine to make a bow.
5. **Unplug computer and TV equipment while on vacation.** You'll save lots of energy which means \$\$ in your pocket. Always unplug chargers when not in use.