

Recycle Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)

Did you know that Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) are bad not only for your arteries and waistline but for your sewers too? They may not be toxic, but they will clog your pipes and the sewer. During the holidays and year round, easily and properly dispose of your FOG by following these simple guidelines:



- DON'T pour Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) into sink drains or toilets.
- DON'T use warm water and soap to wash grease down the drain; while this may move the FOG down your sink drain, it will only cause clogs further on in the sewer system.
- DO manage FOG properly.

Fun Fact: Did you know that Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste partially fuels their diesel fleet with cooking oil collected at their facility?

For small amounts of FOG, scrape out or use paper towels to wipe your pans, and then place the FOG or soiled paper towels in your Food Scrap pail. You can also pour cooled FOG into an old paper milk or ice cream carton, let harden and then place it in your green (*organics*) cart.

For large amounts of FOG, such as used oil from a turkey fryer, collect cooled oil in a sealable container and take it to the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Livermore. Please note that State Regulations limit the amount of waste you may transport to 15 gallons of liquid waste (*refers to the actual contents of the containers, not the container size*), or 125lbs solid waste. Individual items/containers must be no larger than 5 gallons or weigh no more than 50lbs.

For more information on the proper disposal of Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG):

- Visit the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste website at www.household-hazwaste.org or call 1-800-606-6606.
- Visit the Baywise website at www.baywise.org.
- Contact Livermore Sanitation by phone at 449-7300 or via email at <http://livermoresanitation.com>.
- Contact the City of Livermore's Water Resources Division by phone at 960-8100 or via email at wrd_info@ci.livermore.ca.us.
- Contact the City of Livermore's Solid Waste and Recycling helpline by phone at 960-8015 or via email at swr@ci.livermore.ca.us.

Reduce Waste This Holiday Season

According to CalRecycle, it's estimated that between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, more than 1 million tons of additional waste is generated each week nationwide. Follow these tips to reduce the amount of waste your family creates:



- Stock up on rechargeable batteries. If you're giving any electronic gifts, be sure to include rechargeable batteries.
- Send electronic greetings, or choose a holiday card that's made from recycled paper and can be recycled again.
- Repurpose old holiday cards. Cut them up to use as gift tags, book marks, or decorations.
- Use reusable bags. Take reusable bags with you when you shop. Use reusable bags to package gifts.
- Buy foods in bulk to reduce packaging waste.
- Compost all leftover foods. Use your green cart or backyard compost bin for food scraps and food-soiled paper.
- Visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/publiced/holidays/ for more tips!

Holiday Service Reminders

There will be no service on Thanksgiving Day. If your regular service day is Thursday or Friday, please put your carts out a day later during Thanksgiving week.

Service will be provided on your regular day during the weeks of Christmas and New Years.

Watch your mailbox in mid-December for information about this year's holiday tree collection.

STRIVE FOR 75

The Livermore City Council set a goal to reduce the amount of garbage we landfill by 75%. You can help by making the most of our convenient recycling and organics programs.

Contact us:

Livermore Sanitation's location:
7000 National Drive, Livermore

Our office hours:
7am - 5pm, Monday - Friday

You can reach us by phone:
925-449-7300

Contact us via our website at:
www.LivermoreSanitation.com

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Kid's Corner

Find the correct path through the maze and put this turkey leg into the **green cart**, and this foil pie pan into the **blue cart**.

Turkey scraps and empty pumpkin pie tins aren't the only seasonal items that don't belong in the garbage. Here are a few more:

RECYCLABLES

gravy jars
green bean cans
sparkling cider bottles
stuffing boxes

ORGANICS

corn husks
potato peels
pumpkins
uneaten leftovers

