

Compostable Holiday Treecycling & Non-Compostable Tree Disposal Options

City of Richmond

1. NEW! No-Charge Curbside Natural Holiday Tree Collection

Starting December 26th natural holiday trees will be collected curbside for a 3-week period only!

Residential customers may now place your natural holiday tree curbside next to your carts on one of your regularly scheduled collection days **between 12/26/2025 and 1/16/2026** for no charge collection. Please note that your tree may be collected by a different truck than your carts. Collected trees will be composted, artificial and flocked trees are not accepted and should be broken down to fit in your black/brown trash cart.

Set out instructions: Leave natural tree at your curbside next to your carts **by 6 a.m. on the same day as your regular collection day** between 12/26/2025 and 1/16/2026. Trees must be accessible and at the curb in order to be collected for composting.

Trees that do not follow guidelines cannot be picked up.



Important Guidelines for Curbside Holiday Trees



- Remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel, nails and stands.
- No flocked, painted, fireproofed or artificial trees or trees contaminated with decorations, stands or plastic/cloth wrappings.
- **If trees are more than 6 feet tall, must be cut in half.**

2. Place Tree in Your Cart

If you miss the 3-week curbside collection period, you can still cut your tree and place it in your cart for collection on your regularly scheduled collection day. Please note, tree must fit with the lid closed for safe collection. Natural trees should be placed in your green organics cart with decorations removed. Artificial and flocked trees should be placed in black/brown trash cart.



3. On-Call Bulk Pickup

If you have not already used your allocated On-Call Curbside Bulky Item Cleanup, call our Customer Service office to arrange for a no-cost curbside pickup at **510.262.7100**. Trees more than 6 feet tall must be cut in half.

4. Self-Haul (Drop-Off)

With proof of Richmond residency (driver's license or CA ID), Republic Services customers can take trees to Golden Bear Transfer Station (1 Parr Blvd., Richmond, Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday – Sunday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) through the first weekend in February at no cost for compostable trees. There is a disposal fee for non-compostable trees or no proof of residency.

For more information please call our Customer Service team at **510.262.7100** or visit RepublicServices.com/Municipality/Richmond-CA



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