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## How to Recycle Holiday Trees & Foliage

Holiday trees and foliage will be collected from December 26, 2025 through January 16, 2026.

Please remember to:

- Remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel, and stands.
- Place tree/foliage at the curb next to your trash carts on your regular collection day, without blocking streets, alleys, or sidewalks.

Plastic trees/foliage are not recycled or accepted. Please call (800) 631-7016, press option #6 for unincorporated LA County, to schedule a bulky item pickup for these items.



## Calendar of Events:

### Holiday Collection Schedule

**Universal Waste Systems** observes the following holidays:

#### Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 27, 2025

#### Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25, 2025

#### New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Residential collection service will be delayed one day if the holiday falls on a weekday.

## Too Toxic to Trash



The Los Angeles County Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste (HHW/E-Waste) Collection Program offers FREE and convenient ways to responsibly dispose of items that are too toxic and hazardous to go in the regular trash. If combined with regular trash, HHW and E-Waste items, such as lithium batteries, may cause fires and serious damage to the environment.

### Items collected at LA County HHW/E-Waste events and drop-off centers include:

- Unwanted electronic devices (TVs, microwaves, computers, etc.)
- Paint
- Car and household batteries
- Household cleaning products
- Used motor oil
- Sharps and pharmaceuticals
- Reusable 1 lb. propane tanks



For more information or to find an HHW/E-Waste collection event or drop-off location in your area, please call (888) CLEAN-LA, Monday -Thursday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m, visit [CleanLA.com](http://CleanLA.com), or scan the QR code below to be directed to the HHW Upcoming Events page.



## Pumpkin Food Waste on Halloween

Carving pumpkins is a huge part of our Halloween tradition. However, it is important to note that they play a huge role in Halloween-related food waste. To reduce the environmental impact of this tradition, please toss your pumpkins in your green organic waste cart. However, prior to doing so, be sure to first remove any paint, glitter, decorations, candles, or wax. If these items cannot be removed, pumpkins should go in your black trash cart.

## Frying a Turkey? Here are some helpful tips to gobble up first!

Fryer oil should never be poured down the drain. Oil and grease rinsed down household drains can clog pipes and cause backups. To properly dispose of cooking oil and grease, simply pour them into a sealable container after letting it cool down, then place the container in your regular household trash.



## Timing Is Everything: Don't Let Your Trash Carts Break the Rules

In accordance with Los Angeles County Code, trash carts may only be placed at the curb after 5 p.m. the day before pickup and must be removed by 8 p.m. on collection day, or within two hours after pickup, whichever is later.



## Take a Stand Against Illegal Dumping

Please help keep our communities clean by reporting illegal dumping in unincorporated Los Angeles County. Here's how you can take action:

- **By phone:** Call (888) CLEAN-LA (888-253-2652)
- **By email:** Send an email to [dumping@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:dumping@pw.lacounty.gov)
- **By mobile app:** Download the free *The Works* app on your iPhone or Android to file a report

## TAKE OUR SURVEY!



Los Angeles County Public Works provides trash collection and recycling services for your community. To ensure you are receiving the highest level of service, we invite you to participate in a short survey. Scan the QR code to begin. If you need assistance with the survey, please call (888) CLEAN-LA.

For additional information, please call **Universal Waste Systems** customer service at (800) 631-7016, press option #6 for unincorporated LA County, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., or Los Angeles County Public Works at (888) CLEAN-LA, Monday -Thursday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.