



# Baldwin Park Go Green and be Merry



## SMALL STEPS CAN GO A LONG WAY TO REDUCE WASTE THIS SEASON

Nothing says “Happy Holidays” like lots and lots of food! Unfortunately, those holiday feasts often end with a lot of waste. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day, the volume of household waste in the U.S. increases about 25 percent — That’s one million extra tons.

### Tips for reducing food waste:

- Shop Smart. Plan meals, use grocery lists, and avoid impulse buys.
- Buy exactly what you need. Buy loose produce instead of packaged, and buy grains, nuts, and spices from bulk bins.
- Practice “First In, First Out:” When unpacking groceries, move older products to the front and place newer items in the back of the fridge/freezer/pantry.

### 2017 Holiday Reminder:

There will be no service on:

- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- New Year’s Day

For the remainder of the week following a holiday, collection will be pushed back one day.



## Recycle Your Tree after the holidays

Residents may recycle their trees following Christmas on their scheduled collection day on **December 30 and January 6**. Trees will be collected at the curb and may be picked up by special bed trucks. After the collection period, you may cut your tree and place the pieces in your green waste carts with the lids completely closed.

### Remember:

- Trees taller than six feet must be cut in half.
- Residents are asked to remove decorations, including tinsel, lights, ornaments and tree stands from their tree.
- Residents are reminded that flocked trees cannot be recycled. They will be collected by the trash collector.

## Be of green cheer

### Make the Promise:

- Recycle bottles, cans and paper
- Keep items dry
- No trash, food, green waste, clothing or plastic bags in recycling



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## Too many holiday sweaters piling up?

Try donating unused clothing to a local charity.



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