

Santa's Helpers and Important Tips



(Left) Employees who visited the Acosta family included (from left to right) Joe Rojas, Julia Lopez, Paul Bandetini, Thom Hope, Scott Pardini, Ed Farewell, Arturo Berumen, Jason Krogue, Daniel Melgoza, Nate Moreno, Santa (played by Howard Clark), Brian Fox, Denny Halling, Javier Nunez, Ron DePorto, Antonio Peralta, and Sixto DeLaCruz. The Acosta family, in the front row, are Gaston, Samuel (age 7) Briseida holding Brianna (age 15 months), Grace Kelly (age 8), and Juliana holding Omar (age 3 months).

(Below) Seventeen office employees donated gifts, food, and supplies for the Morales/Gaona family. Delivering the gifts (from left to right) are **DSS** employees Scott Pardini, Julia Lopez, Justina Day, and Stacey Foss. Next to Stacey is Leticia Morales, Diana Gaona, and Delfino Gaona. To the right are employees Jolene Silveira and Laura Morales.

Only leaves, grass clippings, weeds, bread products, and tree or shrub prunings may be placed inside the 96-gallon green Toters®. No plastic bags, non-yardwaste materials, food scraps, animal feces, lumber, rocks, or any form of hazardous waste may be mixed with the yardwaste. Fruit is no longer allowed in the green Toters® due to the Medfly concerns. For information on Dixon's Medfly problem visit www.cdfa.ca.gov.

Cut up Christmas trees may be placed inside the green Toter® if they are not flocked and all tinsel, ornaments, and stands are removed. Trees with flocking or any of these other materials may be cut up and placed in your gray trash Toter®.

Bundles of tree and shrub prunings may always be put out with yardwaste. Place bundles on top of or beside your green Toter®. Bundles must be no larger than 2 feet by 3 feet. Tie bundles with twine. Never use wire to tie bundles.

Keep Storm Drains Clean

Please refrain from raking leaves into the



street and properly contain leaves for recycling or debris for disposal. Only water should go in the storm drain system. For more information call 1-800-CLEANUP.

Keep it Contained & Covered

Secure loose papers or other lightweight materials into bags before placing in the trash. Keep Toters® covered to keep materials from blowing out and prevent rain going in. Toter® lids can close unexpectedly during high winds or when Toters® are on an incline. Please be careful with open Toters®.



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Giving Back



(Left) Grace Kelly, age 8, and Samuel, age 7, watch the procession of trucks making their way down the rural road in the Dixon countryside. **DSS** drivers and Santa himself surprised the Acosta family with gifts and a lighted Christmas tree.

(Below) Santa and his helpers unload new bicycles, toys, and food for the Acosta family. **DSS** drivers and maintenance crew donated the money to purchase the gifts that brightened the holiday for the Acosta family.

Two families were surprised with visits from Santa and his helpers this holiday season. The employees of **Dixon Sanitary Service** wanted to have a holiday celebration that captured the spirit of the season. They contacted Dixon Family Services and were put in touch with two families who were in need of extra help.

Employees took donations amongst themselves and then paid



surprise visits to the families. Drivers in a procession of trucks visited the Acosta family with Santa and his many helpers. Office employees paid a surprise visit to the Morales/Gaona family.

"This was entirely our employees idea, and they put the event together," said **DSS** General Manager, Ed Farewell. "Our employees are always finding ways to give back, but this effort was truly touching for us all."

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Curbside Recycling Comes to Dixon



Curbside recycling service begins in Dixon the last week in March. Residential customers will be provided with a large blue Toter® like the one pictured above. The recycling program will help Dixon increase the volume of materials that are diverted from the landfill.

The City of Dixon has approved a curbside recycling program for Dixon. Residential customers will receive new blue recycling Toters® between Monday, March 24, and Friday, March 28. Curbside recycling begins on Monday, March 31.

“Customers using the Toters® for recycling really like the convenience,” reports Ed Farewell, General Manager of DSS. “All recyclable materials are placed in the Toter®. There is no need to sort materials into different bins.”

The City of Dixon is allowing 305 customers to “opt-out” of curbside recycling services. Information about the Opt-Out program is included in the January garbage bill and is available online at www.dixonsanitary.com. The new blue Toters® match the current green and gray toters and provide secure storage for materials. The covered containers keep the materials dry and safe from winds. The wheeled toters are also easy for residents to set out and are safer for drivers to empty. Automated trucks with robotic arms will be used to empty the blue Toters®.

Materials that may be placed in the recycling Toter® include:

Glass

All beverage and food containers in all colors. Empty container, rinse, and remove lid or cap.

Plastic

All #1 through #7 narrow-neck bottles (water, soda, and detergent bottles). All California Redemption Value (CRV) containers. All colors. Plastic tubs for margarine, butter, yogurt, etc. Empty containers, rinse, and remove lid or cap.

Metal

Food and beverage cans (aluminum, steel, and tin). Rinse. Clean aluminum pans or foil. Empty aerosol cans. Loose lids from jars.

Paper

Newspaper, boxes, bags, cardboard (flat-tened), magazines, catalogs, glossy paper, phone books, softcover books, shredded paper

in clear bags, rinsed milk cartons, rinsed juice cartons, junk mail, envelopes, all colors of office paper.

When to Place Out

The new blue Toters® may be set out weekly, but customers are encouraged to only set them out when they are over half full. This helps the curbside recycling program work most efficiently, and the large containers can often hold a few weeks worth of materials.

Complete details about the blue Toters® will be printed in a mailer that will be sent to customers in March. Details of the program will also be covered in the *Trash Talk* newsletter and on the **Dixon Sanitary Service**

website at www.dixonsanitary.com.

“We are gearing up now to deliver the new Toters® in time for the late March start date,” reports Farewell. “We believe that customers will like the ease and convenience of the program. We are glad we’re able to bring this important service to Dixon.”

Contact **DSS** at 678-4026 or on the web at www.dixonsanitary.com for more information on curbside recycling.



The recycling facility in Dixon will remain open after curbside recycling services start in late March. Pictured above are the people who staff the center. From left to right are Jeff Golindo, Job Coach Dave, Phillip King, and Curtis Matthews.

New Rules For Toter® Placement

To help prevent empty Toters® from falling across and blocking sidewalks after they are emptied, please follow the new Toter® placement procedure.

Residents are now asked to follow all the current rules for setting out trash and yardwaste Toters® with one simple change. In the past the Toters® were required to be set out with the lids opened out to the street and the handle of the Toter® was facing the sidewalk. The new procedure requires that the Toters® be placed out sideways in the street. As you face the street, place the handle to your left with the right-hand side of the Toter® parallel to the curb. Your Toter® will now open on the right-hand side.

The purpose of the change is to cause any fallen Toter® to lie in the street and not over the sidewalk.

• **Toters® should be placed out sideways with right wheel touching the curb. The handle should be on your left as you face the street with the lid opening towards the right.**

AS ALWAYS:

- Don't block the sidewalk.
- Don't park cars within 3 feet of Toters®.
- Place Toters® 3 feet apart.
- Put Toters® out by 6:00 AM on your pickup day.
- Remove Toters® from curb as soon as possible after pickup and place them out of view from the street.
- Call Dixon Sanitary Service at 678-4026 if you have questions.

