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*Recycling and waste reduction opportunities for businesses and agencies in the unincorporated County of Santa Cruz*

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## The Bottom Line

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# The Bottom Line

## Recycle More to Reduce Your Costs

Take advantage of free County services to help your business reduce waste and comply with the County recycling ordinance. You might even save on your waste services costs.

Effective Jan 1, 2008, Green Waste Recovery is offering weekly single stream (no sorting needed) recycling, with a capacity of up to 400% of your refuse service, at no charge. Green Waste offers several options for recycling service depending on your needs. Your choices range from sixty-five (65) gallon blue wheeled recycling carts up to 6 yard bins. Recycling services for bin customers have been expanded and you may request additional bins or more frequent weekly collection up to four times your weekly refuse collection volume. You can use this expanded service to meet your business recycling needs and reduce the size of your refuse bin and your bill.

If you are unsure of the level of recycling service needed, the County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works Recycling and Solid Waste Program offers free consulting services for your business through the Commercial Waste Reduction Program. The Commercial Waste Reduction Program Coordinator will:

- Provide free educational information and site-specific technical assistance and training
- Identify targeted materials for recycling
- Help you set up a Recycling Program at your facility
- Establish optimal on-site separation techniques and systems
- Identify all available options for reusing, reducing, and recycling your wastes.

Contact the Commercial Waste Reduction Program Coordinator at (831) 454-2160 for a free waste audit and assistance with developing and scheduling the right recycling and refuse collection services for your business.

*Effective January 1, 2006, the County Board of Supervisors banned all recyclable items from the landfill and prohibits any permitted or licensed waste hauler from collecting any refuse container with any amount of recyclables.*

*County Code 7.20 includes adopted changes to require all residents (living in single-family structures, multi-family structures and mixed-use buildings) and all commercial establishments to separate recyclable materials for recycling.*

*If you're not already, do your part to comply with the County Recycling Ordinance.*



# Garbage Service Rate Increase Unincorporated Santa Cruz County

Effective January 1, 2008, a new franchise agreement between Green Waste Recovery and the County of Santa Cruz goes into effect. Listed below are the new franchise rates for bin customers who reside or do business in the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County. For any questions regarding service levels, or to sign up or change your current services, please contact Green Waste Recovery at (800) 665-2209 or (831) 768-9505.

## Santa Cruz County Cart Rates

*Cart services are billed quarterly (3 months). Rates reflected are monthly.*

10 Gallon Limited Service ....\$10.11

20 Gallon Limited Service ....\$11.23

*Limited services include 2-18 gallon recycle baskets. There is no yard waste (organic) option with the limited service.*

10 Gallon Service.....\$11.11

20 Gallon Service.....\$12.23

35 Gallon Service.....\$16.89

65 Gallon Service.....\$33.74

95 Gallon Service.....\$50.57

*Included with each refuse cart service is a 65 gallon recycle cart and up to two (2) 65 gallon yard waste (organic) carts at no additional cost. Extra recycle/yard waste carts available for a small rental fee.*

65 Gallon  
Recycle Only Service.....\$6.00

65 Gallon  
Yard Waste Only Service .....\$6.00

## Monthly Rates for Refuse Bin Customers as of January 1, 2008

Size of Bin	Pick-Up 1x / week	Pick-Up 2x / week	Pick-Up 3x / week	Pick-Up 4x / week	Pick-Up 5x / week	Pick-Up 6x / week
1 YARD	\$124.17	\$214.33	\$366.91	\$474.89	\$604.34	\$723.08
1.5 YARD	\$162.46	\$297.64	\$459.33	\$595.21	\$756.98	\$905.75
2 YARD	\$204.11	\$384.33	\$551.73	\$715.61	\$909.50	\$1,088.42
3 YARD	\$275.98	\$509.89	\$785.87	\$1,019.78	\$1,295.82	\$1,550.77
4 YARD	\$332.72	\$616.46	\$949.19	\$1,232.92	\$1,565.67	\$1,873.89
6 YARD	\$484.40	\$898.19	\$1,382.59	\$1,796.40	\$2,280.87	\$2,682.95
8 YARD	\$609.71	\$1,152.60	\$1,708.47	\$2,652.85	\$2,652.85	

## Rates for Other Services as of January 1, 2008

Size of Bin	Each Extra Pick-Up	Special Services	Monthly Rate
1 YARD	\$41.38	Lock Charges	\$11.00
1.5 YARD	\$54.14	Enclosure Charges	\$11.00
2 YARD	\$68.03	Push Charge	\$11.00
3 YARD	\$92.00	65 Gallon Cart - Recycle	\$0.00
4 YARD	\$110.90	Additional 65 Gallon Cart - Recycle	\$0.00
6 YARD	\$161.47	Each 3 Yard Insta Bin South County	\$99.00
8 YARD	\$203.24	Each 3 Yard Insta Bin North County	\$132.00

## Food Scrap Compost Program

**If you own a food-related business** consider joining the County's Food Scrap Compost Program.

Just separate food scraps, soiled paper and waxed cardboard cartons from regular garbage. Green Waste Recovery provides green carts or yellow bins that hold up to 1.5 cubic yards of scraps and empties them up to three times weekly.

Scraps are taken to the compost site at the Buena Vista Landfill. Food scraps and other compostables contain rich nutrients and break down into a soil-like material called compost.

Businesses outside the collection area (Live Oak to Rio Del Mar) can haul their food scraps to the compost site for a discounted rate.

Participants save money on their garbage bill, receive placards for display to customers, and are recognized as environmental leaders through press releases, the County website and newsletters.

They also have the satisfaction of knowing that their business is contributing to the solution of a community problem, and their food scraps are turned into an environmentally beneficial product.

**If you own a business that uses compost,** consider participating in the County's compost demonstration project. You'll receive free compost for use and experimentation. The purpose of the project is to demonstrate the practical application of compost in landscaping, erosion control and agriculture.

To participate in either program, contact the Food Waste Compost Program Coordinator at (831) 454-2160.



# Building Maintenance Waste Reduction Tips

*There are many opportunities to reduce waste in building maintenance. Reducing waste can mean saving money on garbage bills and supplies. The following are suggestions from professionals in property management for waste reduction.*



- Service all building equipment as recommended by their warranties.
- Purchase durable, repairable, and energy efficient equipment. It may cost more up front, but will save money in the long run.
- Keep buildings in good repair. Preventative maintenance is your best investment against costly repairs.
- Avoid deferred maintenance. Repairs are usually less expensive if handled right away.
- Use durable, recycled, and recyclable materials when doing maintenance and repairs.
- Obtain and recycle material through your recycling exchange program. Materials exchanges help businesses and institutions locate markets for materials they have traditionally discarded and to find materials suitable for reuse. <http://groups.yahoo.com/santacruzcountyfreecycle/>
- Contact local processors who accept construction/renovation debris for recycling.
- Use sensors or timers to automatically turn lights and equipment on and off. This can reduce wear on equipment and energy costs.
- Donate old furniture, office equipment, outdated forms, or paper that is only used on one side. These materials can be used by many organizations, including non-profits and schools. Contact United Way, local homeless shelters, or social service organizations for potential recipients.
- Purchase reusable air filters or air filter frames. Completely reusable air filters require cleaning with hot water (no soap); reusable frames have a disposable filter insert. Some organizations have found it cost effective to hire a firm to regularly replace filter inserts.
- Purchase longer lasting, energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs. Incandescent light sockets in exit signs can be converted to fluorescent. Check for availability of rebates from your electric company. Be sure to manage burned out fluorescents bulbs as hazardous waste.
- Maintain the building with lead-free paint, and paint on as-needed basis.
- Recycle old paint and other related materials appropriately at the Household Hazardous Waste collection facilities. (Call 454-2606 for locations and schedule) Find free paint at the second chance stores at the Hazardous Household Waste Facility at the Buena Vista Landfill second hand store in the Household Hazardous Materials area.



## Safety for Sharps

*Hazardous products don't belong in the trash.*

Hypodermic needles and syringes used for delivering medicines, once used, become bio-hazardous sharps waste. They must be handled carefully when disposed to avoid hazards to workers and contamination of the environment. Sharps that end up in the recycling or trash pose a puncture wound risk to recycling and waste management workers.

Proper disposal now requires the use of approved red plastic sharps containers, available at pharmacies. Home generated sharps in these red containers are accepted at no charge at HHW Facilities and at participating pharmacies. For a list of collection sites, call County Public Works at (831) 454-2160.



# Construction & Demolition Waste

Construction and demolition (C&D) materials are those items left over at a construction, renovation or demolition site. C&D waste represents up to 40% of all landfilled waste. For each square foot of a new construction project, 4 pounds of waste materials are generated. Some materials, such as chemically treated wood, can result in soil and water pollution. In many cases, up to 90% of all construction waste is recyclable, or reusable with proper salvaging.

In Santa Cruz County, the mandatory recycling law that went into effect on January 1, 2006 includes C&D recycling. To assist the industry, the County has developed significant C&D diversion services and facilities at the Buena Vista Landfill. Construction professionals can realize considerable cost savings through disposal fee discounts on two different recycling methods: single stream and commingled materials.

In single stream recycling, also called source separation, waste streams are separated into specific materials at the job site. Recyclable materials include:

- Cardboard
- Asphalt
- Base rock
- Metals
- Sheetrock
- Concrete
- Unpainted and untreated wood
- Tile
- Porcelain
- Carpet and pad

Source separated materials receive the deepest discount at the landfill, and clean source material can be disposed of for free.

When sorting materials at the construction site isn't an option, commingled recycling is the alternative to source separation. Commingled recycling means placing recyclable materials, such as woods, metals, cardboard and carpet (but no trash), into a single container, which is transported to a processing facility where different materials are separated by hand or by automated equipment. Non-recyclable trash must be collected in a separate container. In this method, workers may need more education and bins may require monitoring to prevent contamination. Certain recyclable materials require separation and may not be commingled for recycling, such as sheetrock, porcelain and tile, so please contact the Commercial Waste Reduction Coordinator for guidance in setting up your onsite commingled recycling program.

Simple planning and separation will benefit the environment and your business. Contractors who fail to recycle will not only pay higher rates for disposal, but will also be subject to a 50% mandatory recycling surcharge.

For a complete list of recyclable C&D materials and for more information, visit our web site at [santacruzcountyrecycles.org](http://santacruzcountyrecycles.org). Contact the Commercial Waste Reduction Coordinator at 831-454-2160 for free assistance with your C&D recycling program.

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# Recycling Resources

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| <b>Recycle Info Line</b>                       | <b>831-454-2333</b>                                    | <b>Ecology Action</b>  | <b>831-426-5925</b><br>www.ecoact.org     |
| • What and where to recycle (recorded message) |  | • General recycling information  |   |
| <b>Green Waste Recovery</b>                    | <b>800-665-2209</b>                                    | <b>Buena Vista Landfill</b>  | <b>831-454-2430</b><br>(recorded message) |
| • Begin new service                            |  | • Staff  | 831-454-5154                              |
| • Report missed recycling or trash service     |  | • Recycling Center   | 831-479-1055                              |
| • Request delivery or removal of carts         |  | (Operated by the California Grey Bears)                                    |   |
| <b>County Public Works Dept.</b>               | <b>831-454-2160</b><br>www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org | <b>Ben Lomond Transfer Station</b>   | <b>831-454-2430</b><br>(recorded message) |
| • Apartments or business recycling inquiries   |  | • Staff  | 831-336-3951                              |
| • Complaints, compliments or suggestions       |  | • Recycling Center   | 831-338-1728                              |
|  |  | (Operated by the Valley Women's Club)                                      |   |
| <b>Household Hazardous Waste</b>               | <b>831-454-2606</b><br>(recorded message)              | <b>City of Santa Cruz Resource Recovery Facility</b>                       | <b>831-420-6270</b><br>(landfill)         |
| • Schedule for free disposal                   |  | • Open to unincorporated county residents in Davenport and Bonny Doon only |   |
| • Non-hazardous alternatives                   |  |  |   |
| • Free surplus paint                           |  |  |   |
| <b>Home Composting Hotline</b>                 | <b>831-423-HEAP (423-4327)</b>                         |  |   |

Para información en español sobre el reciclaje en las áreas no incorporadas del condado de Santa Cruz, favor de llamar al (800) 665-2209.