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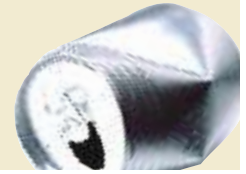


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The County of Santa Cruz

ENTERPRISING

Recycler

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

APRIL 2007



The ideal office space incorporates reuse, waste reduction and recycling, generating only a minimal amount of trash.

Learn how our Commercial Waste Reduction Program can turn your company into a more efficient and environmentally-friendly business (details on Page 2).



◀ Reusable beverage cup



◀ Reusable lunch bag



◀ Mini waste can



Environmentally Friendly Janitorial Practices



How can I get the help of the janitor to make our office recycling program succeed?

Are you concerned that many common cleaning products contain chemicals harmful to human health and the environment? Are economically viable safer alternatives available?

We can help you answer questions such as these for janitorial and maintenance personnel, professional cleaning and building maintenance service companies, landlords and property managers, private businesses, schools and government agencies.

Available information includes:

- Toxics reduction: Which cleaning products and ingredients are toxic, how to recognize and avoid them, and where to find safer alternatives.
- Recycling and waste reduction: How to implement a recycling program at your business and get the cooperation of your janitorial service. Sample green janitorial contracts are available.
- Storm water management: Which practices lead to pollution of our waterways. Only rain down the storm drain! Employee training materials are available to teach Best Environmental Management Practices for disposal of wastewater.

This program is sponsored by the County of Santa Cruz Public Works Department. To learn more, please call Ana María Rebelo at 831-454-2636 or Amy Gross at 831-477-3988.

Information and on-site training is available in both English and Spanish.

Welcome Green Waste Recovery New Franchise Hauler

Last fall the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors unanimously selected a new company, Green Waste Recovery (GWR), to take over the garbage and recycling services contract as of January 1, 2008. Eager to begin serving businesses and residences in the county, GWR has just completed a buyout of the remainder of the contract term of the current hauler, Waste Management of Santa Cruz County (WM). GWR will continue service unchanged for the time being, keeping on WM's staff and equipment. This administrative change will become apparent gradually as new trucks and containers with GWR's logo will begin appearing on the routes in the fall.

The early take-over of service, which was approved by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors on April 17, 2007, is expected to result in a smooth transition for customers as the new company takes the reigns. Some improvements in service which are provided in the new contract, such as unlimited recycling for business customers, are scheduled to start rolling out early this summer.



Recycle

It's The Law



The County's mandatory recycling ordinance took full effect on January 1, 2007, banning 22 commonly recyclable items from the trash. It's easy for residents and businesses to comply with the ordinance by using the comprehensive recycling programs that are now in place.

As recyclables are diverted from the trash, our Buena Vista Landfill will last longer, which will help keep disposal costs down.

All the items banned from garbage are accepted for recycling at the County's Buena Vista Landfill and Ben Lomond Transfer Station. Items need to be sorted into the proper collection categories at these facilities.

Although not all banned items can be recycled at curbside, business customers have the convenience of mixing cans, bottles and paper in the blue recycling cart picked up weekly at no extra charge. Grass, leaves, prunings and untreated wood go into a green yardwaste cart.

Because the garbage collection company is also not allowed to dump trash mixed with recyclable items at the landfill, the ordinance authorizes the hauler to refuse to pick up garbage carts and bins containing recyclable materials. Customers would be required to sort out recyclable materials before the garbage container will be picked up. Garbage company staff will be assisting customers with proper sorting requirements by leaving informational notices as needed on containers at the time of pickup.

The mandatory recycling ordinance had its roots in a search for a new landfill site in Santa Cruz County. Residents turned out in large numbers at public hearings in 2004 to oppose all proposed



landfill sites. County Supervisors responded to public sentiment with an alternate plan to prolong the life of our existing County Buena Vista Landfill, which included banning the burial of recyclables. The ordinance applies to all residences and businesses in the unincorporated area of the county. Scotts Valley is also affected by the ordinance, as trash from this city is also taken to the County landfill.

A list of recyclable items banned from the garbage and guidelines for proper sorting is inside this newsletter. For further information on the mandatory recycling ordinance, please call 831-454-2160.

Commercial Waste Reduction Program



In an effort to help businesses in the unincorporated areas of our county and the City of Scotts Valley decrease the amount of garbage entering our County's Buena Vista Landfill, the Department of Public Works Recycling and Solid Waste Services is offering your business a free opportunity to reduce your waste stream. The Commercial Waste Reduction Program will help you set up a recycling program at your facility by providing you with free educational information and on-site specific technical assistance. We identify targeted materials for recycling, establish optimal on-site separation techniques and systems, and work with your staff to identify all available options for reducing, reusing and recycling your wastes. If you feel you will benefit from the County's free consulting services, please contact the Commercial Waste Reduction Program Coordinator at (831) 454-2636 for an appointment.

HOW TO SORT

Recyclable Materials in Santa Cruz County

All Materials Listed are Banned from Landfill Disposal and Must Be Recycled

These guidelines apply to the following facilities and programs (rules may differ elsewhere)

• Curbside Recycling
Collection in the unincorporated county and cities of Scotts Valley and Capitola. Weekly collection on garbage collection day by the franchised hauler.

• Buena Vista Landfill
1231 Buena Vista Dr., Watsonville
831-454-2430 or 454-5153


• Ben Lomond Transfer Station
9835 Newell Creek Rd., Ben Lomond
831-454-2430 or 336-3951

Hours:
7:30 am – 3:30 pm, open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years.
7:30 – 11:30 am Christmas Eve.

• Household Hazardous Waste
831-454-2606 (recorded message)
Hours:
7:30 am - 3:30 pm
Buena Vista - Tue, Wed & Sat

Ben Lomond Transfer Station - Thu & Sun

City of Santa Cruz Resource Recovery - Sat

MATERIAL ▶ <i>How To Sort</i> ▶	COUNTY DISPOSAL SITES	CURBSIDE RECYCLING	
Corrugated Cardboard ✓ brown paper bags OK ▶	Cardboard Bin	Blue Recycling Cart ✓ mix all acceptable materials together in the blue cart	
Newspaper ✓ advertising inserts OK ▶	Newspaper Bin		
Mixed Waste Paper ✓ junk mail, magazines & glossy catalogs ✓ telephone books, office paper ✓ paperboard such as cereal boxes ▶	Mixed Waste Paper Bin	✓ weekly pickup	
Milk Cartons & Aseptic Drink Boxes ▶			
Glass Bottles & Jars ✓ remove lids, rinse ∅ no ceramics, Pyrex, window glass or mirrors	Clear Glass Bin Brown Glass Bin Green Glass Bin		
Plastic Bottles, Tubs & Trays #1 – #7 ✓ remove lids, rinse, flatten ∅ no Styrofoam blocks ∅ no packing peanuts ▶	Soda Bottle Bin ✓ soda & other PET #1 bottles Milk Jug Bin – recycle center ✓ milk & other HDPE #2 natural (uncolored) bottles Mixed Plastics Bin – all others Plastic Film Bin		
Plastic Bags & Film ✓ <i>bag your bags</i> , clean, dry, empty of product ✓ flexible, stretchable bags & sheeting OK ✓ bubble wrap, pallet wrap & stretch wrap OK ▶			
Aluminum Cans ✓ beverage cans ✓ aluminum foil & pie plates ▶	Aluminum Can Bin		
Tin Cans ✓ empty aerosol cans OK ▶	Scrap Metal Bin ✓ all acceptable metal & mostly metal items are collected together; non-ferrous metals are segregated by center staff		NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE
Small Scrap Metal Items ✓ small metal items under 18" ▶			NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE
Scrap Metal ✓ metal or mostly metal items ✓ small appliances ✓ large appliances & white goods ✓ scrap aluminum, brass, copper ✓ electrical wire ▶		NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE	
Non-Hazardous E-Waste ✓ scrap household electronic products ✓ computers & peripherals ✓ audio & video components, telephone equipment ▶		NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE	
Household Batteries ▶	Household Battery Bucket	✓ seal in clear plastic bag, put INSIDE blue cart	
Auto Batteries ▶	Auto Battery Cabinet	NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE	
Used Motor Oil ✓ transport in securely sealed screw top container ▶ ∅ do not mix with antifreeze, solvents or other fluids	Used Motor Oil Tank	✓ set oil jug NEXT TO (not in) blue cart	
Oil Filters ✓ drain filters	Oil Filter Drum	✓ seal in clear plastic bag, set NEXT TO (not in) blue cart	
Antifreeze ✓ transport in securely sealed screw top container ▶ ∅ do not mix with antifreeze, solvents or other fluids	Antifreeze Drum	NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE	
Household Hazardous Waste ▶	HHW Facility – limited schedule	NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE	
Video Display Devices ✓ televisions & computer monitors ✓ flat screen, plasma, LCD, CRT (cathode ray tube) ✓ laptop or other computer with built-in screen ▶	Hazardous E-Waste Trailer	NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE	
Wood Waste & Yard Waste ✓ grass, leaves, weeds, ivy, brush, tree trimmings ▶ ✓ clean lumber & pallets ∅ no painted or treated wood or lumber	Wood Waste Area ✓ maximum size for reduced rate: 8' long X 4' diameter	Green Yardwaste Cart ✓ maximum size: 3' long X 6" diameter ✓ weekly pickup	
Concrete ▶	Concrete Area	NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE	
Asphalt & Baserock ▶	Asphalt & Baserock Area	NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE	
Mattresses ▶	Mattresses Trailer	NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE	
Carpet & Pad ▶	Carpet & Pad Trailer	NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE	
Sheetrock ▶	Sheetrock Area	NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE	
Tires ▶	Tire Trailer	NOT ACCEPTED CURBSIDE	

Accepted at RECYCLING CENTER – no charge

Accepted at SCALEHOUSE – fees apply



Landfill Disposal 101

Properly loading your vehicle is the most important step in making the disposal process quick and easy. Only garbage is allowed in the landfill and all recyclable or hazardous waste items must be dropped off first at their designated areas.

Your first stop is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) if you have the following: paints, chemicals, florescent lights, cleaners and solvents. Safely pack to avoid spilling and load so it can be removed first. HHW locations and days of operation are listed in the accompanying article.

Your second stop is the Recycling Center. If you have common recyclable items such as cardboard, newspaper, mixed waste paper, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, tubs and trays #1-#7,

plastic bags, aluminum cans, tin cans, scrap metal items, household and auto batteries, motor oil, oil filters and antifreeze, you need to take them to the recycling center before disposing of garbage, so pack them on the top or back of your load.

Your third stop is the Scalehouse to pay for garbage and reduced fee recyclables including wood waste, yard waste, concrete, asphalt, brick, baserock, tile and porcelain fixtures, mattresses, carpet and foam pad (rolled and tied), sheetrock, tires and sorted construction debris. These items have separate collection areas so keep them separate from each other. What little you have left is the actual garbage that goes into the landfill.

Qualified Small Business Hazardous Waste Accepted at County Facilities



Does your business have unwanted paint or cleaning products, or do you regularly generate small amounts of hazardous waste? The County of Santa Cruz Household Hazardous Waste Program offers a legal disposal option for small businesses that is convenient and affordable.

If your business meets the definition of a Small Quantity Generator (SQG), it may be eligible to legally dispose of its hazardous waste at County operated Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facilities. State and Federal law defines an SQG as a business that generates less than 100 kilograms (about 27 gallons or 220 lbs.) of hazardous waste per month and less than 1 kilogram of extremely hazardous waste per month (40 CR 261.5 & CA Health & Safety Code 25218-25218.12).

For a small fee, HHW facilities will accept up to 15 gallons or 125 lbs. of hazardous waste per day from an SQG.

Hazardous waste must be clearly labeled and in sealed containers no greater than 5 gallons in size. No radioactives, explosives, ammunition, gas cylinders, or medical wastes are accepted. The person transporting waste must be an employee of your business and must sign an SQG certification and inventory form for each load. A copy of this form will be provided as a receipt for your records. Call 454-2606 for more information.

The locations and hours of operation are as follows:

All facilities open: 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

- **Buena Vista Landfill**
1231 Buena Vista Drive, Watsonville
Open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.
- **Ben Lomond Transfer Station**
9835 Newell Creek Road, Ben Lomond
Open every Thursday and Sunday.
- **City of Santa Cruz Resource Recovery Facility**
605 Dimeo Lane, Santa Cruz
Open every Saturday

County of Santa Cruz Public Works

701 Ocean Street, Room 410
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
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Recycling Resources

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

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