

What's New in Recycling?

santacruzcountyrecycles.org

The County of Santa Cruz Public Work's department has launched a new website to answer all of your waste reduction questions. Visit santacruzcountyrecycles.org to find numerous waste reduction resources such as:

- Materials Reuse Networks
- Local Green Businesses
- Green Building Information
- Composting Information
- Stop Junk Mail Information
- Waste Reduction Grants
- Environmental Shopping Guide
- Residential Recycling Guide
- Construction and Demolition Recycling
- Zero Waste How To Information
- and much, much more!

Construction & Demolition Waste (C&D)

Building and remodeling projects generate valuable discards that can be reused or recycled. Disposal sites can sort some C&D loads and offer steep discounts for pre-sorted materials. Visit santacruzcountyrecycles.org for more information.

Mandatory Recycling

County ordinance bans from landfill disposal a wide range of items that can be recycled locally. Recyclable items may not be put in garbage containers, and garbage haulers may not pick up trash containing recyclables.

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Local Resources To Help Reduce Waste

Santa Cruz County
Recycling Information:
454-2333

Household Hazardous
Waste Services:
454-2606

Composting "Rotline":
423-HEAP (423-4327)

Ecology Action:
WWW.ECOACT.ORG

Earth's 911:
1-800-CLEANUP

Where To Recycle in Santa Cruz County

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A Listing of
Recycling Opportunities
in Santa Cruz County

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Preparing Your Materials for Recycling

GENERAL GUIDELINES:
Check with your recycling program for details

Plastic Bags



Dry plastic bags are now accepted in all curbside recycling collection programs. "Bag your bags" by stuffing plastic bags into a larger bag, and knotting the end of the bag (without tape or twist-ties) so they stay together during transport. Do not put individual bags in the carts. Acceptable plastics include grocery, produce, and other stretchable clean plastic bags, and stretch/shrink wrap. Bags are also recyclable at Safeway, Nob Hill, Save Mart and other stores during business hours, and at several drop-off centers.

California Redemption

Allows you to receive money back for soda, beer, water, wine cooler, and sports drink bottles and cans. Look for "CA Refund Value" on container label.

Cans

Aluminum and tin cans may be mixed with other containers in curbside programs. Separate aluminum and tin cans for drop-off and redemption. Rinse lightly.

Cardboard

Flatten boxes. No waxed cardboard. Corrugated cardboard and brown paper bags widely accepted. Some drop-off and all curbside programs accept paperboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes, six-pack containers, notepad backings, paper egg cartons, etc.).

Plastic Containers

Check with your recycling program to verify which plastics are accepted. Remove and discard lids, rinse and flatten to save space. Symbol with number imprinted on container bottom identifies resin type.

Glass Jars & Bottles

Clear, brown, green. Separate by color for drop-off and redemption; mix colors in curbside collection. Light rinse; labels OK. Bottles and jars only. No caps, lids, pyrex, drinking glasses, ceramics, windows, or mirrored glass.

Used Motor Oil & Oil Filters

Motor oil and oil filters are accepted in all curbside programs throughout the county. To order a free motor oil container, call your curbside recycling program. For curbside pickup, place your motor oil container and oil filter next to other recyclables. Thoroughly drain oil filters and place in a plastic bag with the holes up. In the City of Watsonville, place filter with holes up in a filter box. Call 1-800-CLEANUP for drop-off locations.

Mixed Paper

Any color letter, copy, computer, fax, or NCR paper, envelopes, junk mail, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, phone books, paper board, or paper bags (no napkins, tissue, food-contaminated, or crosscut "confetti" shredded paper).

Wood & Yard Waste

Yard waste includes grass clippings, plants, weeds, leaves, tree trimmings, shrubs, ivy, ice plant, wood chips, and bark. Acceptable wood waste includes unpainted and untreated lumber. No food waste, soil, plastics, or trash. No pine pitch canker.

Special



Materials

Foam Packing Puffs

The UPS Store accepts all clean foam packing "peanuts." Call 426-5762 for locations. Most mailing or shipping services will accept packing materials for reuse.

Textile Discards

Goodwill Industries Donation Stations; call 800-894-8440 for locations and hours; open daily, collection by arrangement. Accept clean and dry textiles; along with other saleable items: clothes, household items, toys, books.

Abandoned/ Inoperative Cars

Call 426-5925 x101 for a list of services offering collection or drop-off by arrangement; proof of ownership usually required.

Construction Materials

Various construction and demolition materials can be recycled at the Buena Vista Landfill (454-2430) and the City of Santa Cruz Resource Recovery Center (420-6270). Call for info.

Santa Cruz County Recycling Information: 454-2333



Recycle your used motor oil and oil filters drop-off and curbside



Motor oil and oil filters are now accepted free at 18 oil recycling collection centers throughout Santa Cruz County and in all curbside recycling programs.

For drop-off locations, call: 1 - 8 0 0 - C L E A N U P

Household Hazardous Waste

The County of Santa Cruz HHW Program allows residents to properly dispose of harmful household products such as paints, cleaners, and garden and automotive products that are no longer needed. The service is free to all residents of Santa Cruz County. Useful products are given away for free through the Second Chance Store. Call for a schedule of days and hours of operation of HHW facilities located at city and county disposal sites.



For info call 454-2606 - In Watsonville call 768-3133



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Notes (*) and Other Materials (+)

Sponsor	Location	Mode	Hours	Phone	CA Redemption	Glass Containers	Plastic Containers	Milk Cartons & Juice Boxes	Aluminum Cans & Foil	Tin Cans	Scrap Metal	Newspaper	Corrugated Cardboard	Paperboard	Mixed Paper	Magazines & Catalogs	Phone Books	Plastic Bags	Motor Oil & Filters	Dry Cell Batteries	Wood & Yard Waste	
Countywide																						
Green Waste Recovery, Inc. & County of Santa Cruz	Residents of unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County by subscription	curbside collection	weekly on garbage day	800-665-2209	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	●	* plastic bottles, tubs and trays #1-7 * small scrap metal items under 18" * household batteries sealed in a clear plastic bag placed on top of recycling cart for collection + all hard plastic items; remove metal
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Tomra Pacific, Inc.	783 Rio Del Mar Blvd. Deluxe Foods Shopping Ctr.	\$ CA redemption	10-4:30 M, Tu, Th, F, Sat closed 1-1:30	877-737-5263	●																	
Capitola																						
Green Waste Recovery, Inc. & City of Capitola	all residences in the city	curbside collection	weekly on garbage day	800-665-2209	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	●	* plastic bottles, tubs and trays #1-7 * small scrap metal items under 18" * household batteries sealed in a clear plastic bag placed on top of recycling cart for collection + all hard plastic items; remove metal
NexCycle 20/20 Recycling Centers	Nob Hill Foods parking lot 809 Bay Ave.	\$ CA redemption	11-6 Tues-Sat, closed 3-4	800-883-2274	●																	
Live Oak																						
California Grey Bears	2710 Chanticleer Ave. off Soquel Dr. near Sutter Hospital	drop-off	7:30 am to 4 pm daily	479-1055		●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			* plastic bottles, tubs & trays sorted into #1, #2 and #4-7; no Styrofoam, no #3 + separated white office paper + reusable clothes and household goods accepted at the Thrift Shop 10am-3pm M-F + computers and components
San Lorenzo Valley																						
County of Santa Cruz & Valley Women's Club	Ben Lomond Transfer Station Recycling Center Newell Creek Road	\$ CA redemption & drop-off	7:30-3:30 every day, 10-3 for CA redemption	336-3950 338-1728	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	* plastic bottles, tubs & trays #1-7 * fee charged for wood & yard waste + all hard plastic items; remove metal + antifreeze, auto batteries, large appliances + fee for tires, mattresses, carpet & pad, foam rubber + electronic waste, computers and TVs + household hazardous waste drop-off Thu & Sun
Valley Women's Club	Boulder Creek Redemption and Recycle Center, 12890 Hwy 9 behind Village Wash & Dry	\$ CA redemption & drop-off	24-hr drop-off; redemption 11-5 daily, closed 1-2	338-1728	●	●	*	●	●	●		●	*	●	*	●	●					* plastic bottles, tubs & trays #1-7 * due to small size of site, take large amounts of cardboard and paper to Ben Lomond or Felton sites
Valley Women's Club	Felton Redemption and Recycling Center, corner of Hihn & Gushee	\$ CA redemption & drop-off	24-hr drop-off; redemption 11-5 Mon-Sat, 12-4 Sun, closed 1-2	338-1728	●	●	*	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●					* plastic bottles, tubs & trays #1-7
Santa Cruz																						
City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	all residences in the city	curbside collection	weekly the day after garbage collection	420-5220		●	*	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	* plastic bottles, jars and tubs, #1-7; no Styrofoam or trays
City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	Resource Recovery Center Dimeo Lane, 3 mi. north on Hwy 1 Santa Cruz city and north county businesses only	drop-off	7:30-3:30 Mon-Sat	420-6270		●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	* plastic bottles, jars and tubs, #1-7; no Styrofoam or trays + auto batteries, antifreeze, electronic waste, computers & TVs, toilets + fee charged for tires, appliances, mattresses, wood & yard waste + household hazardous waste drop-off Sat only



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NexCycle 20/20 Recycling Centers	Costco Gas Station, Harvey West Blvd. at Sylvania Ave. behind Costco	\$ CA redemption	10-4:30 Tues-Sat, closed 1-1:30	800-883-2274	●																	
Scotts Valley Green Waste Recovery, Inc. & City of Scotts Valley	all residences in the city	curbside collection	weekly on garbage day	800-665-2209		●	●	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	*	●
NexCycle 20/20 Recycling Centers	Nob Hill Foods parking lot 222 Mt. Hermon Rd.	\$ CA redemption	10-5 Sun, Mon, Tues, Fri, Sat, closed 1-2	800-883-2274	●																	
South County County of Santa Cruz & California Grey Bears	Buena Vista Landfill Recycle Center, 1 mi. south of Hwy 1 on Buena Vista Dr.; serves unincorporated county, Capitola & Scotts Valley	drop-off	7:30-3:30 every day	454-2430 479-1055		●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	*
State Recycling Company	56 Porter Dr. in Pajaro	\$ CA redemption, buyback & drop-off	8-5 Mon-Sat	724-7111 800-447-7117	●			●		*												
Watsonville City of Watsonville	all residences in the city	curbside collection	every other week on garbage day	768-3133		●	*	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
City of Watsonville Waste and Recycling Drop-Off	320 Harvest Dr.; Watsonville city residents only	drop-off	9-3:30 every day	768-3133		●	*	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Watsonville Metal Company	213 Dias Lane near Casserly & Webb	\$ buyback & drop-off	8-5 Mon-Fri, 8-4 Sat	728-1551 800-750-9732				*		*												
Tomra Pacific, Inc.	Crestview Shopping Ctr. 1424 Freedom Blvd.	\$ CA redemption	10-4:30 Tues-Sat closed 1-1:30	877-737-5263	●																	
Tomra Pacific, Inc.	2010 Freedom Bl. at Airport Bl. behind Safeway	\$ CA redemption	11:30-5 Mon, Thurs, 10-5 Wed., Fri, 9:30-5 Sat, closed 1-1:30	877-737-5263	●																	
Tomra Pacific, Inc.	Barsi Liquor 602 East Lake Ave.	\$ CA redemption	10-4:30 M, Tu, Th, F, Sat closed 1-1:30	877-737-5263	●																	
D&D Recycling	710 B Walker St.	\$ CA redemption, buyback & drop-off	9-5 Mon-Sat	722-3597	●						*											
Ed's Alloy Recycling	1705 Freedom Blvd.	\$ drop-off	8-5 Th-Sat	408-472-4726							*											

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* fee charged for wood & yard waste
+ antifreeze, auto batteries, large appliances
+ electronic waste, computers and TVs
+ fee for mattresses, tires, asphalt, tile, concrete, brick, toilets, sheetrock, carpet & pad, foam rubber
+ household hazardous waste drop-off Tu, Wed, & Sat.

* separated metals: aluminum, copper, brass & ferrous metals

* plastic items except Styrofoam

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+ fee charged for mattresses
+ antifreeze, auto batteries, large appliances, tires
+ household hazardous waste drop-off 2nd Sat. of month, 9am-3pm only
+ residential electronic waste, computers, and TVs

* non-ferrous metals only, copper, brass
+ junk cars for a fee by arrangement

* non-ferrous metals only
+ auto batteries

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