

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE



ZERO WASTE

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Starting July 1, 2025, the Ben Lomond Transfer Station CRV Redemption Center will not be available to accept CRV. However, starting January 1, 2025, any beverage retailer must either be in a dealer cooperative or will redeem CRV in store for customers.

Train your workers to redeem CRV at the register or another location on your property. Consider where and how you will receive CRV containers for redemption, and how to provide the cash or credit to customers. You may want to set up times you will accept CRV and how many items per person, and determine how to inform your customers. Train employees how to use the refund button on the register or another means to calculate and track redemptions.

You might want to work with other businesses in your area as to who will collect the CRV recyclables in the cart or bin. Check the CalRecycle website for what is expected by the State.

CRV-eligible beverages are packaged in aluminum, glass, plastic and bimetal. Effective January 1, 2024, this includes wine, liquor and juice, and beverage containers that are boxes, bladders or pouches.

The CRV refunds are:

- 5 cents for containers less than 24 ounces
- 10 cents for containers 24 ounces or larger
- 25 cents for bag-in-box, multi-layer pouch, paperboard carton, plastic pouch



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) PROGRAM

Many common household products are legally defined as hazardous. If a product label has the words danger, caution, poison or “handle with care” then it’s likely HHW. Items such as batteries, cell phones, computers, smoke detectors, solar panels and propane cylinders can pose a threat to human health, animals, and the environment when improperly used or disposed. Hazardous items cannot be disposed in the trash or recycling. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program with trained professionals provides the only proper way to dispose of hazardous products when they are no longer wanted.

HHW Collection Facilities are open FREE OF CHARGE to residents of the unincorporated County of Santa Cruz and the Cities of Scotts Valley, Capitola and Santa Cruz. Please bring proof of residency with you (e.g. driver license, utility bill). For locations and hours of operation, check our website at www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org.

When you buy batteries, check if they are alkaline or lithium. Knowing what type of battery you are buying can help you to know how to dispose of your used batteries. Always tape the two terminals on a 9-volt battery, and both ends of lithium batteries. If terminals touch each other or other metal, they could spark a reaction.



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY TAKE BACK PROGRAM

The Santa Cruz County Take Back Program allows you to take back certain hazardous items to a retail location for disposal, to save you a trip to the HHW Collection Facility.



Paint

Find paint drop off locations
www.paintcare.org/drop-off-sites/#/find-a-drop-off-site



Fluorescent Light Bulbs

NEVER throw your used fluorescent bulbs in the trash or recycling! Locate a drop-off retailer at www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org

Limit: 10 bulbs per day. Compact fluorescents and tubes up to 4' length accepted.



USED MOTOR OIL & FILTERS

Find used oil certified collection centers
www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/CertifiedCenters/



MEDICATIONS AND SHARPS

Locate a safe drop off
med-project.org/locations/santa-cruz-county/

SWAP SINGLE-USE TO REUSABLE

Recycling and composting are good, but are still resource- and labor-intensive processes to manage discards. Eliminate waste from your bottom line and replace single-use service ware with durable plates, cups, and silverware for your business. The one-time up front investment will pay for itself with savings from not purchasing single-use items, and reducing your disposal collection costs.

Minimizing the use of disposable food ware products can help you:

- Reduce disposable food service ware costs
- Improve customer and/or employee dining experience
- Prevent litter near your business
- Keep local waterways clean
- Be a greener business and reduce waste
- Lower waste collection service costs

For more information, including case studies and business testimonial videos about the impacts of going reusable explore

www.rethinkdisposablefoodwarecalculator.com.

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YES



HHW FOR BUSINESSES

Some businesses with small quantities of hazardous waste may qualify as Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG). Businesses generating hazardous waste in excess of the regulatory limits for CESQG may not use HHW County and City Facilities. The Program is designed to provide an inexpensive hazardous waste disposal option to these companies, non-profits and other entities instead of contracting with commercial hazardous waste.



SAVE THE DATE!



California Coastal Cleanup Day

Saturday, September 21, 2024

For more info go to www.saveourshores.org

County of Santa Cruz Community Development & Infrastructure

701 Ocean Street, Room 410
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
(831) 454-2160

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RECYCLING RESOURCES



Recycle Information Line 831-454-2333

- What and where to recycle (recorded messages)

Curbside Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection 800-665-2209

(operated by GreenWaste Recovery)
www.greenwaste.com/santa-cruz-county

- Begin new service
- Report missed recycling or trash service
- Request delivery or removal of carts
- Obtain oil recycling jugs



County Community Development & Infrastructure. 831-454-2160
www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org

- Apartments and business recycling inquiries
- Complaints, compliments or suggestions
- Report roadside trash 831-477-3999

Household Hazardous Waste. 831-454-2606
(recorded messages)

- Schedule for free disposal
- Non-hazardous alternatives

Contact Zero Waste Outreach Team 831 454-2160
or ZeroWaste@santacruzcounty.us

- Questions
- Volunteer as a Zero Waste champion



Composting Resources www.compostsantacruzcounty.org

Buena Vista Landfill & Recycling Center 831-454-5153

- Recorded information 831-454-2430
- 1231 Buena Vista Drive, Watsonville 95076
- Open: Mon-Tues, Thurs-Sat 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM;
Wed 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM
- HHW Facility - Open: Wed 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM;
Fri and Sat 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Ben Lomond Transfer Station & Recycling Center 831-336-3951

- Recorded information 831-454-2430
- 9835 Newell Creek Road, Ben Lomond 95005
- Open: Mon-Tues, Thurs-Sat 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM;
Wed 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM
- HHW Facility - Open Thursdays 7:30-3:30

California Grey Bears Recycling Centers 831-479-1055 ext. 235

- Mid County, 2710 Chanticleer Avenue, Santa Cruz 95065
- Open: 7:30-3:45 daily
- Buena Vista Landfill -
- Open: Mon-Tues, Thurs-Sat 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM;
Wed 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM

- Ben Lomond Transfer Station -
- Open: Mon-Tues, Thurs-Sat 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM;
Wed 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM

City of Santa Cruz Resource Recovery Facility & Recycling Center 831-420-6270

- Open to unincorporated county residents in Davenport and Bonny Doon only
- 605 Dimeo Lane, Santa Cruz 95060
- Open: Mon-Sat 7:30-3:30
- HHW Facility - Open: Saturdays 7:30-3:30



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