

# What's New in Recycling?

[santacruzcountyrecycles.org](http://santacruzcountyrecycles.org)

The County of Santa Cruz Public Works department has launched a new website to answer all of your waste reduction questions. Visit [santacruzcountyrecycles.org](http://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](http://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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## WASTE REDUCTION ASSISTANCE

Why throw your cash in the trash? Businesses today can save money on utility bills by decreasing the amount of garbage you generate through implementation of waste reduction practices.

Ecology Action's Business Waste Reduction Program assists Santa Cruz County businesses in reducing waste going to our limited-capacity landfills, while saving money at the same time.

For more information, please call Ecology Action at 831-426-5925 ext. 117



## The Business Recycling Guide



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Department of Public Works  
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For Santa Cruz County



A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF COLLECTION AND DROP-OFF SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL RECYCLING



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		Tin Cans	Paperboard	Mixed Paper	
		Scrap Metals			

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Buyback	Area	Phone		Other Materials/Notes
State Recycling Company	56 Porter Dr. in Pajaro	724-7111	● □	□ separated metals: aluminum, copper, brass & ferrous metal
CA redemption & d	Area	Phone		Other Materials/Notes
Valley Women's Club	Boulder Creek Redemption and Recycle Center, 12890 Hwy 9 behind Village Wash & Dry	338-1728	● □ ● ● ● ● □ ● □ ● ●	□ plastic bottles, tubs & trays #1- 7 □ due to small size of site, take large amounts
Valley Women's Club	Felton Redemption and Recycling Center, corner of Hihn & Gushee	338-1728	● □ ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	□ plastic bottles, tubs & trays #1-
Collection	Area	Phone		Other Materials/Notes
Bayside Oil II Inc.		427-3773		+ motor oil & filters, antifreeze, auto batteries
City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	Santa Cruz City only	420-5220	● □ ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	□ plastic bottles, jars & tubs #1-7, no styrofoam or trays
D&D Recycling		722-3597	□	□ non-ferrous metals only + auto batterie
Green Waste Recovery, Inc. & County of Santa Cruz		800-665-2209	● ● ● ● ● □ ● ● ● ● ● ● □	□ plastic bottles, tubs & trays #1-7
Santa Cruz Records Management		479-8100		□ confidential papers destroyed and recycled for a fee + electronics and media destruction and recycling
Security Shred & Bale		724-3853		□ confidential papers destroyed and recycled for a fee

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Watsonville Metal Company	213 Dias Lane near Casserly & Webb	728-1551													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ non-ferrous metals only, copper, brass + jun</li> <li>□ cars for a fee by arrangement</li> </ul>
Watsonville Metals Company		728-1551													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ aluminum cans only; no foil</li> <li>□ non-ferrous metals only: copper, brass + jun</li> </ul>

Curbside collection	Area	Phone													Other Materials/Notes	
City of Watsonville	all residences in the city	768-3133	●	□	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	□ plastic items except Styrofoam	
Green Waste Recovery, Inc. & City of Capitola	all residences in the city	800-665-2209	●	●	●	●	●	□	●	●	●	●	●	□	●	□ plastic bottles, tubs and trays #1-7
Green Waste Recovery, Inc. & City of Scotts Valley	all residences in the city	800-665-2209	●	●	●	●	●	□	●	●	●	●	●	□	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ plastic bottles, tubs and trays #1-7</li> <li>□ small scrap metal items under 18</li> <li>□ household batteries sealed in a clear plastic bag placed on top of recycling cart for collection + all hard plastic items; remove meta</li> </ul>
Green Waste Recovery, Inc. & County of Santa Cruz	Residents of unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County by subscription	800-665-2209	●	●	●	●	●	□	●	●	●	●	●	□	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ plastic bottles, tubs and trays #1-7</li> <li>□ small scrap metal items under 18</li> <li>□ household batteries sealed in a clear plastic bag placed on top of recycling cart for collection + all hard plastic items; remove meta</li> </ul>

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California Grey Bears	2710 Chanticleer Ave. off Soquel Dr. near Sutter Hospital	479-1055	●	□	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ plastic bottles, tubs &amp; 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 component</li> </ul>
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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	420-6270	●	☒	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	☒	☒ plastic bottles, jars and tubs, #1-7; no styrofoam or trays ☒ fee charged for wood & yard waste + auto batteries, antifreeze, electronic waste, computers & TVs, toilets + fee charged for tires,
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City of Watsonville Waste and Recycling Drop-Off	320 Harvest Dr. (Watsonville city businesses only)	768-3133	●	☒	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	☒ plastic items except styrofoam + fee charged for mattresses + antifreeze, auto batteries, large appliances, tires + electronic waste, computers, and TVs large quantities may incur fees
City of Watsonville Waste and Recycling Drop-Off	320 Harvest Dr.; Watsonville city residents only	768-3133	●	☒	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	☒ plastic items except Styrofoam + fee charged for mattresses + antifreeze, auto batteries, large appliances, tires + household hazardous waste drop-off 2nd Sat. of month, 9am-3pm only +
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	454-2430	●	☒	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	☒	☒ plastic bottles, tubs & trays #1-7 ☒ fee charged for wood & yard waste + antifreeze, auto batteries, large appliances + electronic waste, computers and TVs + fee for mattresses, tires, asphalt, tile, concrete, brick,
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# Preparing Materials for Recycling

**GENERAL GUIDELINES:**  
Check with your recycling program for details

## California Redemption

Allows you to receive money back for soda, beer, wine cooler, water, 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 by type for drop-off and redemption. Rinse lightly.

## 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.

## Plastic Film

Acceptable plastics include grocery & produce bags, other stretchable clean plastic bags, stretch wrap, and shrink wrap. For curbside collection, "Bag Your Bags" by stuffing plastic bags into a larger bag, and tying off with the end of the bag (without tape or twist-ties) so they stay together during transport. No individual bags placed in the carts.

## Glass Jars & Bottles

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

## 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).

## 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, note pad backings, paper egg cartons, etc.).

## Newspaper

Newspapers and other newsprint items (newspaper-like material) are accepted with mixed paper in curbside programs, and separately at drop-off centers.

## 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.

**Santa Cruz County Recycling Information: 454-2333 • [santacruzcountyrecycles.org](http://santacruzcountyrecycles.org)**

## Materials Reuse

Do you have something you don't want, but you're sure someone else needs? Or do you need something that you know someone out there wants to get rid of? Many services are available to help County businesses reduce waste by promoting reuse of valuable items and materials.

There are many local online resources to help you find or get rid of items you don't want to throw away. Visit [santacruzcountyrecycles.org](http://santacruzcountyrecycles.org) and click on the Materials Reuse link for a full list of local exchange websites.



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## Hazardous Waste

For information on proper handling and disposal of hazardous materials generated by businesses, including:

- Paint
- Solvents
- Chemicals
- Automotive Fluids



**454-2022**

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