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EARTH DAY SANTA CRUZ 2019

Saturday, April 20th, 11 AM-4 PM in San Lorenzo Park

Earth Day Santa Cruz offers educational information, activities for kids including an arts and crafts tent, live music and a focus on green businesses. Come to San Lorenzo Park and enjoy this fun environmental celebration for the whole family!

www.scearthday.org



STOP WASTE BEFORE IT STARTS - FREE REUSABLE CUPS

Last year, the average American used 167 disposable water bottles, but only recycled 38. 50 billion paper coffee cups are thrown away in the USA every year; how many did you toss out? Do your part to reduce waste by always bringing your own reusable cup or bottle. Don't have one? Pick yours up for free at the County's booth at this year's Earth Day celebration, Saturday, April 20, in San Lorenzo Park.



RIGHT- SIZE YOUR SERVICE

Do you have the right number and size of trash and recycling bins for your needs? Would you like to replace carts with a bin to save space? Need more containers for multiple locations? Thinking you might be able to reduce your service a bit to save money, or need more frequent pickups to avoid overflows? For expert advice and assistance, please contact Customer Service at (831) 426-2711 or santacruzcs@greenwaste.com



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We at GreenWaste "Think Differently" and appreciate your suggestions and comments. Please call us today and let us know how we are doing at (800) 665-2209 or (831) 426-2711, or visit us on the web at www.greenwaste.com

GET SMART: Take the Challenge Keep Good Food From Going to Waste



Did you know that Americans throw away 35 million tons of food every year? Research shows that nearly everyone wastes more than they think they do.

Take the **Food: Too Good to Waste** Challenge to help you figure out how much food is really going to waste in your home and how to waste less. By making small shifts in how you shop for, prepare, and store food, you can save time and money, and keep the valuable resources used to produce and distribute food from going to waste!

Learn more at www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food

RECYCLE RIGHT!

The global recycling market is in turmoil. Among the recent changes are much stricter standards for what recyclers will accept. Here's how you can help:

CLEAN and DRY. Before placing recyclables in your bin, be sure to empty containers of all liquids first then give them some time to dry before tossing them in your recycling bin. Remove as much food as possible from containers by scraping and giving them a light rinse.

SORT THOROUGHLY. Make sure all of your paper, plastic and other recyclables are separate from each other and loose and lightweight items are contained.

Be a SAVVY SHOPPER! Buy local, buy in bulk and when possible, buy less! Avoid plastic and excessive packaging wherever you can.

TAKE IT BACK! Paint, used motor oil, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, leftover medicines and used sharps can be taken back to the store. None of these products should ever go in your trash or recycling bins. For more info go to www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org.



FREE PICKUP OF LARGE BULKY ITEMS!

Time to get rid of that old sofa or refrigerator? GreenWaste subscribers can call up to three times a year for free pickup of large items! To schedule collection contact GreenWaste customer service at (831) 426-2711 or santacruzcs@greenwaste.com.

KEEP IT GREEN!

The leaves and lawn clippings you put into your green bin are turned into mulch and compost and returned to the earth. But there's one problem: Plastic! Please don't bag your green waste; plastic should never go in the yard waste cart.



TOO MUCH TRASH?

Doing some spring cleaning? Just call GreenWaste and let us know you will have extra. This service is available up to four times a year for GreenWaste customers at no extra charge. All trash which won't fit in your cart must be neatly bagged. To request this service contact GreenWaste customer service at (831) 426-2711 or santacruzcs@greenwaste.com.

