

ZEROWASTE

Santa Cruz County
GreenWaste Recovery

News

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Single-Family Residence Customers

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SELF-HAULING REMINDER

All Loads Must be Properly Covered and Secured

- All vehicles arriving at the Buena Vista Landfill or Ben Lomond Transfer Station must have loads properly secured. Materials escaping from vehicles during transport are a road hazard, a primary source of litter, and a violation of state law. If your load is not properly secured, you will pay an uncovered/unsecured load fee. The fee is used to clean up litter on County roadways.
- Customers conducting business at the County landfill/transfer station must unload their materials by 3:45 PM. A special handle rate may apply if you are unable to unload by 3:45 PM.



NOW IS THE TIME FOR ZERO FOOD WASTE

According to the U.S. EPA, Americans throw away an estimated 25% of the food they bring home. 40% of all food produced in the U.S. is wasted. Wasteful food habits are expensive and harmful to the environment. When food waste is buried in the landfill it breaks down anaerobically (without air) and produces methane gas; a "super pollutant" that is 84% more potent than carbon dioxide (Co2). Here are ways to reduce food waste:

- Inventory your refrigerator, freezer and pantry – make a shopping list and only buy what you need.
- Properly store fruits, herbs and vegetables to extend their shelf life.
- Eat older food and leftovers first or freeze them - date items and rotate.
- Find creative ways to use food scraps, like making croutons from bread crust or creating a soup stock from vegetable tops.

HOLIDAY TREE PICK-UP 2023

During the first three (3) collection weeks of each year, customers may place un-flocked and undecorated holiday trees curbside for pick-up on their normal collection day. Trees must be cut into sections no larger than 6' and placed next to their organics cart. For customers who do not subscribe to organics service, please contact GreenWaste customer service at (831) 426-2711 to schedule tree pickup.



Remittance Address:
GreenWaste Recovery, P.O. Box 11089, San Jose, CA 95103-1089

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



Tips for Using Your Organics Cart

- Save your food waste in a container from GreenWaste (call to request) or in a reusable container. To minimize smells in your green cart, put food waste out on collection day.
- Before adding food to your green cart, add a layer of yard trimmings or sprinkle with baking soda.
- Do your neighbors have extra yard waste? Offer your cart to improve your food/yard waste layers and help reduce their organics load.
- Dirty cart? Save shower water in a bucket. After pickup day when your cart is empty, spray inside cart with your DIY All-Purpose Green Cleaner then pour shower water into cart. Use a mop or broom to clean the cart and let dry before loading more organic waste.

All-Purpose Green Cleaner

- 3 parts water
- 1 part vinegar
(cuts grease, deodorizes, lifts dirt)
- 1-2 tsp lemon juice
(disinfects)
- 5-7 drops lemon essential oil
(eliminates unwanted odors)



FREE COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

Home compost systems don't produce methane gas because food and other organic wastes decompose with exposure to air. Composting at home allows you use your own ingredients, know exactly what you will put into your garden soil, and you don't have to drive anywhere to get it. If you are working with red wiggler worms, they produce castings, the prized "black gold" that is a super tonic for plant health and growth.

The County's free compost workshops teach the principles of composting kitchen and yard waste using backyard bins and vermicompost (worm composting) techniques. You will learn how compost improves your soil and the plants grown in your garden. Virtual and in-person workshops are led by a Certified Master Composter and sponsored by Santa Cruz County.



Sun. Oct. 30	2pm-4pm	Live Oak Grange	Basic Composting
Sat. Nov. 12	10am-12pm	Live Oak Grange	Basic Composting
Sun. Nov. 27	2pm-4pm	Live Oak Grange	Advanced Worm Composting
Sat. Dec. 10	10am-12pm	Zoom	Basic Composting
Sat. Jan. 28	10am-12pm	Live Oak Grange	Basic Composting
Sat. Feb. 25	10am-12pm	Live Oak Grange	Basic Composting
Sun. March 12	2pm-4pm	Zoom	Basic Composting
Sat. Apr. 8	10am-12pm	Live Oak Grange	Basic Composting
Sun. May 7	2pm-4pm	Zoom	Basic Composting
Sun. Jun. 4	2pm-4pm	Live Oak Grange	Basic Composting

Sign up online at <http://goo.gl/Fw6BaK> or call (831) 824-6484. GreenWaste customers in the unincorporated County and Scotts Valley are eligible for free or discounted compost bins upon completion of the workshop. Register now, classes fill-up quickly!

HOLIDAY PICKUP SCHEDULE

Collection does not occur on Thanksgiving Day November 24, Christmas Day December 25, and New Year's Day January 1. If an observed holiday falls on a regular collection day, collection for the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day.



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
20	21	22	23	24	25	26



DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

