

# About The HHW Program

## Where Can I Take My HHW?



County of Santa Cruz  
Recycling and  
Solid Waste Services

The program began in 1991 and was one of the several household hazardous waste collection facilities in the State. Over 10,000 residents and businesses drop off nearly 1 million lbs. of HHW for processing and safe disposal on an annual basis.

**Serving Residents and Small Business in the County of Santa Cruz Service Area only, including:**

**Cities of:**

- Capitola
- Santa Cruz
- Scotts Valley

**Unincorporated Santa Cruz County:**

- Aptos
- Ben Lomond
- Boulder Creek
- Brookdale
- Davenport
- Felton/Mount Hermon
- Freedom
- Live Oak
- Los Gatos
- Soquel
- Unincorporated Watsonville (includes La Selva Beach and Corralitos)

Not available to City of Watsonville Residents  
Call (831) 768-3133 for information.

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More Information About the  
County's HHW Program**



## Three Convenient Locations to Serve You



**Buena Vista HHW**

1231 Buena Vista Dr., Watsonville  
Open Wed: 7:30 am–2:30 pm;  
Fri and Sat: 7:30 am–3:30 pm



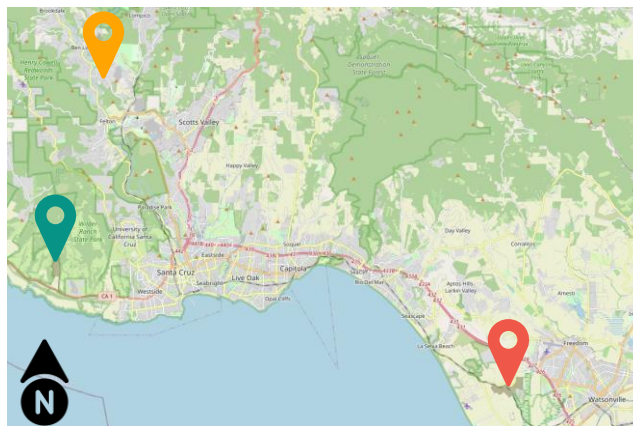
**Ben Lomond HHW**

9835 Newell Creek Rd., Ben Lomond  
Open Thurs: 7:30 am–3:30 pm



**Santa Cruz HHW**

605 Dimeo Ln., Santa Cruz  
Open Sat: 7:30 am–3:30 pm



## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program



**The Santa Cruz County  
Household Hazardous Waste  
Program is funded by the  
County of Santa Cruz and the  
Cities of Scotts Valley,  
Capitola and Santa Cruz**

**Questions?  
Call (831) 454-2606**



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[HHW.SantaCruzCountyCA.gov](http://HHW.SantaCruzCountyCA.gov)

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# County of Santa Cruz Recycling and Solid Waste Services

## What is Considered HHW?

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) includes chemical and solid waste generated incidental to maintaining a residence, business, vehicle, and yard. Products considered HHW contain hazardous ingredients and are labeled with words such as danger, poison, flammable, corrosive and toxic. HHW also includes Universal Waste, a regulated waste including batteries, and items containing mercury (e.g., fluorescent bulbs, thermostats and thermometers).

## Drop-Off and Transport Limits

- Residents: 15 gallons or 125 lbs. per turn-in.
- Small Businesses (CESQs): 27 gallons or 220 lbs. per month. (Businesses pay applicable fees.)



## Safe Transport of HHW

- Products must be packaged in sturdy, nonleaking, tightly closed containers, no larger than 5 gallons. If a container leaks, secure it in a secondary leak-proof container.
- Keep products in original containers with label intact when possible. If a product is missing original label, label it yourself if you are sure of contents.
- Don't mix products together. Keep chemicals separate.
- For transport, place items securely in a box, in a well-ventilated space away from driver and passengers such as trunk or bed of vehicle.



## What about HHW from businesses or CESQs?

Small businesses, schools and non-profit organizations located within the County Service Area and generating less than 27 gallons or 220 lbs. of hazardous waste per month, are classified as Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG).

CESQs are eligible to utilize the hazardous waste collection program with the following conditions:

- Businesses must be located within the County of Santa Cruz service area and have proper I.D.\*\*
- Make an appointment at [SantaCruzCountyRecycles.org](http://SantaCruzCountyRecycles.org)

\*\*Proof of residence or business address is necessary, and EPA I.D. #, Haz. Mat. # if required.

For more information about CESQG and/or the laws which regulate HHW contact the Department of Toxic Substances Control at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).

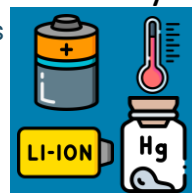


# Did You Know That Some Household Products Are Too Toxic To Trash?

## What **IS** Accepted and What Is **NOT** Accepted At The HHW Facility?



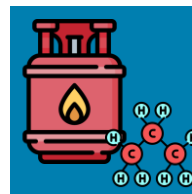
**Household Products**  
cleaners, aerosols,  
solvents, pest control



**Universal Waste**  
household batteries,  
items containing  
mercury (e.g.,  
fluorescent light  
bulbs, thermostats)



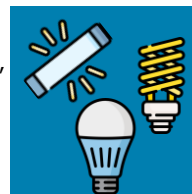
**Paint & Building Products**  
paint, stain varnish,  
thinner, adhesives,  
roofing cements and  
sealers



**Compressed Cylinders**  
MAPP, propane,  
butane gas  
(less than or  
equal to 1 pound)



**Outdoor Products**  
pesticides, herbicides,  
fertilizers, pool & hot  
tub chemicals



**Fluorescent and LED Bulbs**  
compact  
fluorescent, LED,  
HID, fluorescent  
tubes



**Auto Products fuel, motor oil & filters,\***  
cleaners, solvents,  
antifreeze, fluids, road  
flares (motor oil less  
than or equal to 5 gal.  
per visit)



**Unacceptable Wastes**  
ammunition,  
asbestos,  
explosives,  
radioactive, and  
medical waste  
**Unacceptable Wastes**



**Cooking Oil**  
up to 15 gallons  
accepted in a sealed,  
labeled plastic  
container



Medications;  
syringes, sharps;  
controlled  
substances; or  
any waste greater  
than 5 gal.