

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



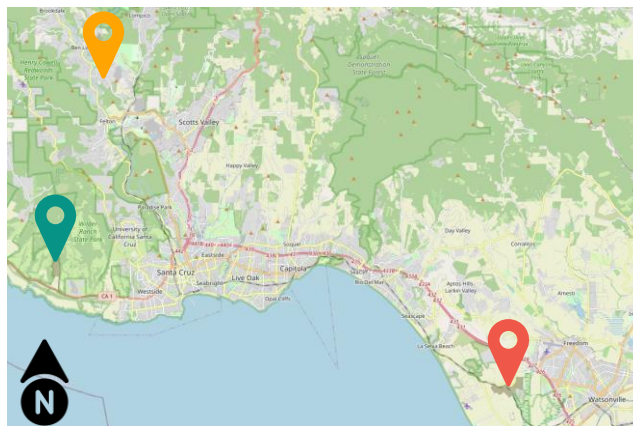
Ben Lomond HHW

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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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 (VSQGs): 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 VSQGs?

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 Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG).

VSQGs 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

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

For more information about VSQG and/or the laws which regulate HHW contact the Department of Toxic Substances Control at 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



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



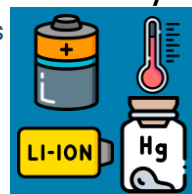
Outdoor Products
pesticides, herbicides,
fertilizers, pool & hot
tub chemicals



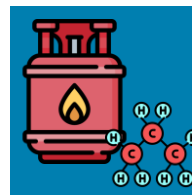
Auto Products fuel, motor oil & filters,*
cleaners, solvents,
antifreeze, fluids, road
flares (motor oil less
than or equal to 5 gal.
per visit)



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



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



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



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



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



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