

Mandatory Solid Waste Service

Trash, Recycling, Organics Collection and Disposal

State and local laws require all developed properties in unincorporated Santa Cruz County to have trash, recycling, and organic waste service.

All residents and businesses must have a County approved solid waste service or do one of the following:

OPTION 1



Sign up for Waste Collection Service

GreenWaste Recovery provides curbside trash, recycling, and organics collection.

STEP 1:

Review rates and service options at:
greenwaste.com/service-areas/santa-cruz-county

STEP 2:

Contact GreenWaste Recovery at (831) 426-2711 or email santacruzcs@greenwaste.com to set up service.

OPTION 2



Register as a Self-Hauler

Self-Haulers are responsible for transporting their own separated waste to the Ben Lomond Transfer Station or the Buena Vista Landfill.

STEP 1:

Complete a Self-Haul application

Applications are available online at: santacruzcountyca.gov/universalservice

STEP 2:

Submit your application & annual administrative fee

Submit your completed application and required annual renewal self-haul administrative fee to the County.

STEP 3:

Separate your waste

Separate waste into Organics, Recycling, Trash, and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

County waste sites have designated disposal areas for each waste type. Contact County staff at (831) 454-2160 or zerowaste@santacruzcountyca.gov with self-haul questions and for HHW service days/hours/locations.

Improper disposal of recyclable materials or organic waste, including food scraps and yard trimmings is prohibited under State law.

Visit santacruzcountyca.gov/universalservice for more information.

