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Top 5 Reasons to Recycle

Did you know there's something easy you can do every day that creates jobs while saving money, energy and water? It's recycling! Check out these 5 reasons why we should all be recycling, every chance we get.

1. Recycling keeps resources out of the landfill.

Items are made from valuable and limited resources; recycling them helps us keep these resources for future use. Plastic, paper, metal and glass can be turned into new products. Organic materials are full of nutrients that we can return to our soil in the form of compost. We also have limited space in our landfills, which we need for the waste that can't be recycled or composted.

2. Recycling reduces our need for new raw materials.

Extracting raw materials from the environment is expensive. It consumes water and energy, and expels emissions in the process. When we recycle, we are able to use materials already extracted so we extract less, which conserves many of our precious (and irreplaceable) natural resources, including trees, water, petroleum, minerals and metals.

3. Recycling conserves energy.

Using recycled aluminum cans to make new aluminum cans uses 95% less energy than using bauxite ore. Making recycled glass products consumes 40% less energy than making new glass from raw materials. Each year in California, recycling saves enough energy to power 1.4 million homes.



4. Recycling creates jobs.

Recycling isn't just good for the environment; it's good for the economy. In California, recycling accounts for 85,000 jobs, generates \$4 billion in salaries and wages, and produces \$10 billion worth of goods and services annually. Recycling also generates \$200 million per year in sales tax revenue, which help local governments pay for health and social services programs, transportation improvements, and public safety.

5. Recycling reduces pollution.

Annually, recycling reduces water pollution by 27,047 tons, reduces air pollution by 165,142 tons, and saves 14 million trees. Organic material decaying in landfills emits methane, a greenhouse gas 84 times as potent as carbon dioxide, and a major contributor to climate change. Trees absorb carbon dioxide, prevent soil erosion, and cool the air when water evaporates from their leaves, acting as natural air conditioners.

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

GreenWaste will provide regular collection service on

Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4, 2023, & Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2023.

Please remember to keep walkways and storage areas clear, and provide access through any gates, fences, etc. on your regular collection day by 6 AM.



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DELIVER IT

Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, payment drop off at our office is temporarily unavailable.

A Recycling Success Story: A.W. Shucks

In Carmel-by-the-Sea, there has been a shift towards better recycling practices in local businesses. A.W. Shucks on the NWC of Ocean Avenue and San Carlos Street currently diverts 78% of their waste through recycling and compost programs, and has taken the initiative to switch over to BPI-Certified compostable products for their to-go ware.

While it may seem like small businesses have little environmental impact compared to the corporate giants, 90% of California businesses consist of 20 employees or less, and the collective action of all these businesses represents a huge overall impact on the environment.

As Carmel-by-the-Sea residents, you can join the movement by supporting local businesses leading the way in sustainability.



Alternatives to Kitchen Pails

Recycling your food scraps does not have to be complicated or expensive. There are many options beyond a typical kitchen pail to separate your food scraps. Use what fits your personal preference and your kitchen space.

Alternative containers don't have to cost money; you can reuse items you have around your house, like coffee cans, produce clamshell containers or small wastebaskets. There are also many good-looking options on the market that are specially made to minimize odor. If you're worried about odor or have limited counter or cabinet space, place scraps in a Tupperware-style container or bowl and place in the freezer until you're ready to dump the scraps into your curbside cart.

Rate Adjustment Reminder

Effective July 1, 2023, an annual rate adjustment was applied to your collection services. For more information on annual adjustments please contact Customer Service at 831.920.6707 or visit us online at www.greenwaste.com



Green Kids



Help Captain GreenWaste find the correct bin for these items.

