

TINY PLASTIC BIG PROBLEM

Tiny plastics are causing big environmental problems, both at Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs) and in our oceans. These tiny items are very difficult to capture and sort out at our MRF. Even with our most recent facility upgrade, items smaller than 2"x2" can fall through the machinery and may end up on their way to the landfill. Some examples of tiny plastics include: bottle caps, plastic utensils and straws, single-use coffee pods, zip ties, pens and markers.

Tiny plastics are also a pollution problem in our bays and oceans. Plastic is very durable and slow to degrade. When these tiny plastics are littered, they harm our environment, flow through our waterways, and harm our marine life.



What you can do to help:

- **Cap it:** Keep lids on plastic bottles
- **Refuse it:** Say no to plastic straws, utensils and consider bringing your own.
- **Clean it:** Volunteer with litter pick up organizations such as FlowsToBay.org and the Ocean Conservancy.

Burbank Neighborhood Clean-Up Day*



GreenWaste Recovery, in cooperation with Burbank Sanitary District, will be conducting the Annual Clean-Up Day.

***Burbank Sanitary District Residents Only – proof of residency required.**

A clean-up day notice will be mailed to you prior to the event. You must provide the clean-up notice to dispose of your items and receive your free bag(s) of compost. Please refer to the forthcoming notice for additional information, including a complete listing of acceptable and unacceptable items.

**May 18th, 2019
7am - 11am
or until dumpsters
are full**



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Our fleet operating out of San Jose runs on 100% renewable diesel (RD) which is a superior heavy-duty vehicle fuel compared to traditional biodiesel and petroleum-based diesel. RD uses tallow and vegetable oil for feedstock, is processed to burn cleaner and has lower nitrous oxide (NOx) emissions than biodiesel.

SLOW DOWN TO GET AROUND

GreenWaste is committed to safety and are very excited that California recently passed the "Slow Down to Get Around" law. This law will become effective on January 1, 2020 and will require motorists to slow down and move over when they see a waste collection vehicle on the side of the road. Thank you for doing your part to keep you and our drivers safe!

- ◆ Slow down when approaching garbage trucks
- ◆ Look before attempting to pass - If you can't see them, they can't see you
- ◆ Avoid distractions like texting or programming a GPS

Holidays - GreenWaste will be providing regular collection service on the following holidays. Please remember to set out your containers on your regular collection day for service.

- Monday, May 27: Memorial Day
- Thursday, July 4: Independence Day

GW NEWS

GreenWaste's very own Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) manager, Ricky Lopez, was selected as one of Waste360's 2019 40 Under 40! This award honors the next generation of leaders who are shaping the future of the waste and recycling industry. Ricky has been with GreenWaste for over 22 years. He has maintained GreenWaste's relationships with existing end market users and established new ones even in the current recycling crisis.



In January 2019, our MRF's upgrades were recognized and we were awarded MRF of the month by Resource Recycling.