

# ZERO WASTE News

Santa Cruz County  
GreenWaste Recovery

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## HAULING YOUR WASTE TO THE LANDFILL

### Buena Vista Landfill is Filling Up

Did you know that our landfill is filling up? Once the landfill reaches capacity in the next 8 to 10 years, we will need to transfer the County's trash to another landfill. You can help extend the landfill's life by reusing, repurposing or recycling your items and taking the time to sort them properly.

**Spring cleaning:** As you pull items out, sort and make piles according to the Diversion Checklist: Unusable, usable, household hazardous waste, donations, Craigslist, recyclable, Styrofoam and trash.

### Disposal:

1. Styrofoam is recyclable at Grey Bears in Santa Cruz at 2170 Chanticleer Avenue.
2. When loading your vehicle or trailer, load the landfill waste first, followed by the items to be diverted from landfill, and load any recyclable items last (this is the opposite order it will be unloaded).
3. At the landfill or transfer station, you can donate to the Grey Bears Recycling Area. Check online for what they are accepting: TV's, monitors, futon, box springs and mattresses (5 each). These items are all FREE to drop off.
4. Drop off Household Hazardous Waste. Open 7:30-2:30 - Buena Vista Wed, Fri, & Sat; Ben Lomond Transfer Station Thurs; Dimeo Lane Landfill every Sat.
5. Return to the weigh station to pay for other items.

### Reminders:

- If items are left in the rain or get wet, they are not recyclable. Used carpeting, futons and mattresses can only be recycled DRY, not wet.
- Recycle carpet and padding. Cut carpet (not rugs) in 4- to 5-foot widths and roll for easy handling. Keep items dry! Reduced disposal fee for clean, dry carpet; full rate to dispose of wet items.
- Save money by considering "reuse" or "repurpose" options. Check donation locations, churches, or post your items online to see if someone else can reuse or repurpose them instead of paying to dump the items and adding more waste to the landfill.
- Compost at home. Free classes on Zoom – sign up today!
- Yard waste and unpainted or unstained wood can be composted at the county landfill and through GreenWaste Collection services. Keep separate from trash so it can be made into mulch in the yard waste area. Remove any metal or plastic.
- Any metal can be recycled! Examples include metal fencing, stakes, screens and more.
- Donate your unwanted clothing or share with family and friends. Learn to sew and mend your clothing. Make new items like bags, vests, rags or shorts out of old clothes.
- Tarp and secure loads.

### UPDATE: Treated Wood Waste (TWW)

As of January 2021, the County's landfills are not accepting Treated Wood Waste. Treated Wood Waste contains hazardous chemicals at elevated levels and is subject to California's Hazardous Waste Control Law. To keep updated on how to handle this material, check the Department of Toxic Substances Control at: <https://dtsc.ca.gov> or the County's website at [www.dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Home/RecyclingTrash.aspx](http://www.dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Home/RecyclingTrash.aspx)



### Remittance Address:

GreenWaste Recovery, P.O. Box 11089, San Jose, CA 95103-1089

We at GreenWaste "Think Differently" and appreciate your suggestions and comments. Please call us today and let us know how we are doing at (800) 665-2209 or (831) 426-2711, or visit us on the web at [www.greenwaste.com](http://www.greenwaste.com)





**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE CUP!**

**OR PAY AN EXTRA \$15**

# 25¢ Single-use Cup Charge Reminder



Starting July 1, 2021, cafes, restaurants, events, hotels, and food vendors in Santa Cruz County will be required to charge 25¢ for each disposable cup provided. Even if the beverage is free, you must charge a 25¢ fee. This is to promote folks to supply their own cups to reduce waste. Business owners, please keep in mind that this charge must be a separate item at your point of sale, so this item can be easily tracked. For more information, please contact County of Santa Cruz Public Works at (831) 454-2160.

July 1, 2021 is coming up fast! Prep now to make it easy on your team and customers. Think about promoting your business by selling your own reusable to-go cups, fabric napkins, and straws to customers.

## AB 827 IS IN EFFECT AS OF JULY 1, 2020

All businesses, multi-family properties and apartment complexes with 5 units or more, must offer convenient recycling receptacles next to the trash receptacles throughout the property and multipurpose rooms for their tenants' use.

Purchase a few grabbers to assist your employees in quickly and easily moving thrown out items to the correct containers to prevent contamination in recycling, food waste, or trash receptacles. Provide signage on or near containers to inform tenants, customers, and/or employees about "what goes where." Contamination is a major issue and may lead to additional charges. Contact GreenWaste to receive a hard copy of posters for use in your facility (831) 426-2711.

Do the right thing in a safe way. Remember to wipe down carts to prevent the spread of viruses.

## AB 1826 SIGN UP NOW FOR FOOD WASTE COLLECTION

In 2016, AB 1826 Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling required businesses that currently generate 2 yards of waste per week to arrange for recycling services of organic waste. Please contact GreenWaste Recovery at (831) 426-2711 to add organics hauling services and resize your service, if needed. Keeping your organic waste out of the trash should result in less landfill garbage allowing you to downsize your container. BPI-Certified compostable to-go food ware may be placed in the yellow Food Waste cart or bin.

## SIGN UP FOR GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION



Save money, save the planet, and improve your business today!  
Here to help:

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## HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

GreenWaste Recovery will provide regular collection service on the following holiday:

### Memorial Day

Monday, May 31, 2021

Please set out your containers on your regular collection day by 5:00 AM.

