

Reduce • Reuse • Recycle • Compost

Save the Date for Earth Day & Environmental Day!

April 20, 2019 • Veterans Memorial Park, 1221 Memorial Drive, Hollister

Art Poster Contest Winners will be Announced! Time: 10:30am - 3pm

San Benito County Integrated Waste Management will host its 1st Annual Earth Day Event in partnership with Recology, San Benito County Chamber of Commerce, REACH San Benito Parks Foundation, Water Resources Association of San Benito County, Hollister Downtown Association and more!

This event will bring educational resources and activities to our community and include Recology's Environmental Day activities; FREE compost giveaway, FREE E-waste collection, and FREE on-site security document shredding! Stay up to date on this event follow @San Benito County IWM or @Recology on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

Services Available during Environmental Day: 9:30am - 3pm

Secure On Site Paper Shredding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recology will accept a maximum of 5 boxes of paper per resident to securely shred on-site Staples and paper clips attached to paper are acceptable as the shredding truck has a magnet that collects metal material
Electronic Waste Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recology accepts old/broken laptops, TV's, cellphones, small microwaves, batteries, printers, cables, computers & their components, game consoles, radios/stereos Staff will unload your e-waste material so you do not have to get out of your car!
Compost Giveaway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please bring your own Bucket & Shovel to collect your compost For residents using a truck to collect compost, please bring a tarp to cover the compost to avoid excess from spilling or blowing away Each resident may receive up to 32 gallons of compost (due to the limited amount of compost available it is on a first come first served basis)

Keep Recycling Clean!



Lids are to remain closed at all times

- Break down, flatten, and bundle cardboard into piles no larger than 3ft. x 3ft.
- Don't put loose plastic bags into recycling—always bag and tie them together
- Leave hangers and cords out of the recycle container because they damage machinery
- Place clothing in a clear plastic bag **next to** the blue recycle cart (not inside it)
- Check out our Residential Recycle Guide at

www.recology.com/recology-san-benito-county/guides for more information

Have you ever heard the phrase, "one bad apple spoils the bunch?" The same is true for recycling, where one non-recyclable item can spoil an entire batch of otherwise good materials. It may seem like such a small detail—a wrong item in the recycling bin—but it represents a global problem that's preventing thousands of tons of recyclables from being manufactured into new products.

Here's what you can do to help:

- Rinse and wipe clean all empty bottles, cans, paper, plastics
- Leave candy wrappers, chip bags and zip lock baggies out of the recycle cart
- Place food and food soiled paper items into the organics cart and not the recycling cart



Environmentally Friendly Homemade Cleaning Recipes!

Surface Disinfectant Recipe	Glass Cleaner	Dusting Spray	Drain Cleaner
<p>½ cup White Vinegar ½ cup Vodka ½ tsp Lemon Juice 10 drops Lavender Essential Oil 1 ½ cups Water</p> <p>Put all ingredients into a spray bottle and shake well. Spray all surfaces and let sit for 10 minutes. Wipe clean with a clean cloth.</p>	<p>¼ cup Rubbing Alcohol ¼ cup White Vinegar 2 tbsp Corn Starch 2 cups Warm Water 5 drops Peppermint Essential Oil</p> <p>Pour ingredients into a spray bottle and shake well. Spray surface and wipe with a clean cloth.</p>	<p>½ tsp Olive Oil ½ tsp Lemon Essential Oil 1 cup White Vinegar 3 cups Water</p> <p>Combine all ingredients into a spray bottle. Spray furniture and wipe with a clean cloth.</p>	<p>1 cup Baking Soda 1 cup Vinegar ½ tbsp Lemon Juice 1 gallon Hot Water</p> <p>Pour baking soda down the drain. Slowly pour the vinegar and let sit for 30 minutes. Add lemon juice to the hot water and rinse the mixture away.</p>

These non-toxic recipes made from ingredients you may have at home are a great way to cut down on single-use plastic cleaning supplies

Spring Green Cleaning Tips!

Spring time is here which means packing away that winter clothes, cleaning out those cob webs, and giving the house that well deserved Spring Cleaning! No matter what part of the house you need to tackle, you can find recycling tips and non-toxic household cleaner recipes for every room. The best part about these recipes is that they are made from things you may already have around the house!

Tips:

- Reuse sauce jars as containers for dry ingredients bought in bulk
- Switch out your plastic toothbrush with a bamboo one; once you're ready for a new one the bamboo can be thrown into your green Organics bin and made into compost
- Pour old, unwanted, flat soda into your toilet bowl and let it sit for an hour as a stain remover. Soda is also a great degreaser!
- Use old socks as rags to clean surfaces like fans, vents, and windowsills



- Use vinegar to remove grass stains, clean mold, eliminate odors, and more!
- Soak orange peels in vinegar for 2 weeks in a sealed mason jar. Use this citrusy vinegar in the recipes above instead of essential oils

Remember- as you go through your home make sure to refer to the County of San Benito's Recycle Guide for places to recycle and donate any and all items you may find around your home!



Green Kids Corner

There is a great website that has a lot of useful information about the environment for kids. Please go check it out! www.epa.gov/students. There is a mixture of homework, games and fun activities kids can do to learn about the environment they live in.

How to play: Try to unscramble the words! (Answers are upside down at the bottom of the page)

1. eastw _____
2. ereycl _____
3. udecer _____
4. ueser _____
5. gziceroelo _____

- Answers:**
1. Waste
 2. Recycle
 3. Reduce
 4. Reuse
 5. Recologize



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