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Gilroy

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**OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES**

HHW.org  
RecycleStuff.org  
ReduceWaste.org



For more information, go to [www.cityofgilroy.org](http://www.cityofgilroy.org) or call **408-846-0460**

# The Connection

Keeping us connected to the communities we serve

## Recycler of the Year Award

Every year Recology South Valley presents an award to a business that has done a good job at recycling. The award is Recology's way to highlight one Gilroy business and hopefully other businesses will be inspired to implement or improve their current program.

The **Gilroy Business Recycler of the Year** award is going to **Black Bear Diner**.

Marlene Ayala, General Manager, says "I'm really big on recycling and my staff knows it." The restaurant recycles all glass bottles such as beer and champagne, metal and plastic food containers from salsa and ketchup, and "no cardboard box goes unrecycled, says Marlene." In addition, the restaurant reuses 5 gallon plastic buckets from pickles and sauces before they are recycled.

Marlene says, "Everyday I tell my employees how important recycling is, and especially my young staff. "They might roll their eyes at me but I know they get it."

One way Marlene has made recycling more convenient is placing special plastic bins to collect recyclables throughout the kitchen and prep area. These bins have made recycling much easier in the restaurant.

Marlene says she is looking forward to participating in a pilot organics recycling program to collect food waste. She realizes there may be challenges because she has areas of the restaurant like the dish room where employees have been doing it one way for over 20 years. Marlene is optimistic and stressed it's just "one more big thing we need to do."



Black Bear Diner has implemented a water restriction program with the outdoor landscaping and continues to monitor and reduce water consumption. In addition, they save energy through a "lights out" policy in the office and bathroom areas when not in use. *Thank you Black Bear Diner!*

## City of Gilroy R5K Fun Run & Recycling Event

Saturday, April 16, 2016 ~ 8:00 am to 11:00 am (rain or shine)

Christmas Hill Park, Ranch Site, 7049 Miller Avenue

The Gilroy Recreation Program and Environmental Services Program have teamed up to sponsor a 5K Fun Run with a theme of recycling in honor of Earth Day 2016. The event will include a small vendor fair highlighting environmental themes and will include the collection of electronic waste and other items for recycling.

*The following items will be collected for recycling from 8am-12pm*

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|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Small televisions | Computer monitors        | Computers     |
| Laptops           | Eye glasses              | Microwaves    |
| Clothes           | Plastic bottles          | Aluminum cans |
| Power supplies    | Cell phones, and more... |               |

## Clean up Opportunity for Gilroy Residents

During the week of April 18-22, Gilroy residents can set out seven additional 32-gallon cans or bags of garbage on their regular collection day. (35-pound limit for each can or bag)

Residents may also drop off two bulky items free of charge at the San Martin Transfer Station at 14070 Llagas Avenue in San Martin; Hours Monday-Saturday 8am-4:30pm, and closed Sunday.

### Examples of bulky items include:

Mattresses, appliances, furniture, etc. There will be a \$25 fee for appliances containing Freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, etc.

Please bring your original April billing statement (not a copy) when dropping off bulky items to show you are a Gilroy customer. The scale person at the transfer station will take the bill and the bill must be current to take advantage of this opportunity.

This special bulky item drop off event will last through July 31, 2016  
(only one trip is allowed).

### Examples of unacceptable materials:

Concrete, dirt, rock, tree stumps and hazardous waste.



## Got Paint?

Paint recycling is more convenient through a non-profit organization called PaintCare that was created to run paint stewardship programs in states like California. PaintCare is funded by a fee paid by paint manufacturers for each can of paint they sell in California. Paint and paint related items such as primers, sealers, stains, varnishes, wood sealers, rust preventatives, waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers, and lawn paints can be dropped off for free at a PaintCare location. Please call the site in advance to make sure they can accept the amount of paint you would like to recycle. All containers must have lids and original labels, and load them securely in your vehicle.

### Gilroy Drop Off Locations:



**Kelly-Moore** (accepts up to 5 gallons)  
8565 Monterey Street  
Gilroy, CA 95020  
(408) 848-1401

**Sherwin-Williams**  
(accepts up to 20 gallons)  
8589 Monterey Street  
Gilroy, CA 95020  
(408) 842-3688



**Not Accepted:** aerosols (spray paint or other spray products), paint thinners, auto paint, adhesives, traffic marking paint, Industrial Maintenance (IM) coatings, etc.; and containers without original labels, or containers that are leaking or empty.

For a complete list of covered products, please go to [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) or call (855) 724-6809.

## Free Compost and Wood Chips Saturday, April 23rd Only

On Saturday, April 23, Recology South Valley will be giving away compost and the City of Gilroy will be giving away wood chips at Christmas Hill Park Ranch Site. The event will be open 8am-noon.

You may take up to two 32-gallon cans of compost and up to two cubic yards of wood chips.



Using compost improves the fertility and health of your soil, helps with water retention, and reduces water run-off. Wood chips help with weed control and moisture retention.

After picking up your Recology compost, mix the compost with regular soil/dirt so it does not "burn" your plants. You must mix it 1:2 ratio-One part compost and two parts soil.

Look for signs that direct you to the give-away location near the dead-end of the Ranch site.

**Remember to bring your own shovel and container with you.**

### Home Composting Workshops

Discover the benefits of gardening using your own compost! You can learn basic backyard composting techniques in a fun and simple to understand lecture format. Join us for a FREE 2 hour workshop taught by a Santa Clara County Master Composter on either Saturday, April 30 or Saturday October 1st from 10am-12pm at the Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center, Multi-Purpose Room North. A free compost bin will be given to one lucky participant! Pre-registration is required. Please call (408) 918-4640 or visit [reducewaste.org](http://reducewaste.org) click on "Compost" to register.