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THE CONNECTION

Keeping Us Connected To The Communities We Serve



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 are accepted. All PaintCare drop-off sites accept up to 20 gallons of paint per visit. 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.



Hollister Drop Off Location:

Hollister Paint Company
57 East Street
Hollister, CA 95023
(831) 637-4145



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 or call (855) 724-6809.

Recycling Plastic Bags

We all have heard it over and over, "Bring your own bag!" But for those of you who haven't converted to personal bags yet, remember to recycle the paper and plastic bags you do end up taking home. Did you know that you can recycle plastic bags in your blue recycling cart? Clean empty bags like grocery, shopping, produce, newspaper, and bread can be recycled. **The bags need to be "bagged" together.**

If you didn't know you could recycle plastic bags, and you want to make sure you know all of the materials that can be recycled with Recology, please go to our website at RecologySanBenitoCounty.com Go to the Recycling page and learn more. You can print the brochure (in English and Spanish) or you can call our office and request a copy to be mailed to you.



Recycling Batteries

Americans purchase more than 3 billion dry-cell batteries every year, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Batteries contain heavy metals—including mercury, lead, cadmium and nickel—that react with chemical electrolytes to produce power. Tossed in the trash, batteries can harm the environment by leaking chemicals and heavy metals into soil, groundwater, rivers and oceans. When batteries have served their purpose, seek out battery recycling programs.

You can put household batteries in a plastic zippered bag on top of your blue recycling cart or drop them off at one of the locations listed below (call for hours of operation)

Fairview Country Market
6509 Fairview Rd.,
Hollister
(831) 630-1330

Hollister Ace Hardware
1725 Airline Hwy.,
Hollister
(831) 634-1590

Hollister True Value Hardware
1260 Fourth St., Hollister
(831) 637-1338

Spanish Translation Para recibir información en Español llame a este número (831) 636-7500.

Benefits of Home Composting

Backyard composting keeps kitchen waste out of landfills and turns organic material into valuable product for your garden and houseplants.



Upcoming Compost Education Classes

The Water Resources Association of San Benito County is sponsoring a home composting education class on June 25th 9:30am-12:30pm. The class will be held at the Gavilan College Hollister campus in the Briggs Building, Room 1. Register online by visiting www.GavilanCE.com. All participants will receive a free compost bin from Recology San Benito County.

The second composting education class will be sponsored by the San Benito County Integrated Waste Management Regional Agency. It is tentatively scheduled on Saturday, October 1st at the 2016 San Benito County Fair. Recology will provide participants with a free compost bin. You must pre-register at cosb.us/county-departments/integrated-waste-management or by calling (831) 636-4110.

Any time during the year you may purchase a compost bin for \$50 by calling Recology at 831-636-7500.

More Convenient Sharps & Pharmaceutical Disposal

Bring expired or unused medications and used syringes to these locations:

ANSR Pharmacy

581 McCray St., Hollister
Call for hours: (831) 630-3100

Aromas Water District

387 Blohm Avenue, Aromas
Call For Hours: (831) 726-3155

Paicines General Store

12261 Airline Hwy, Paicines
Call for hours: (831) 628-3293

Walgreens

600 Tres Pinos Rd., Hollister
Call for hours (831) 638-1024

County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

John Smith Landfill
2650 John Smith Rd, Hollister
Every third Saturday of each month
Hours- 9am-12pm
(831) 636-4110

Used needles, syringes and lancets must be in an approved Sharps container as shown on the right (available free with exchange of old Sharps container). Call (831) 636-4110 for more information.

No controlled substances can be accepted. Be sure to "black out" your name on the prescription label.



Need more information?
Contact us! (831) 636-7500
We value your opinion, questions, or comments.
www.recologysanbenitocounty.com

Other Important Resources
San Benito County Integrated
Waste Management Regional Agency
(831) 636-4110

