



Winter 2016
Happy Holidays

THE CONNECTION

Keeping Us Connected To The Communities We Serve



Reduce • Reuse • Recycle • Compost

Reuse and Donate to Your Community this Holiday Season

The colder months are a great time to clean out your closets and other cluttered areas of your home. When looking at items like clothing that you don't use anymore, remember to reuse, repair or donate.

For your unwanted clothes and other household items that are in good condition, here are four organizations that would love to accept your items:

- Goodwill of Silicon Valley**
 1703 Airline Highway, Hollister (831) 630-5780
Donations accepted Mon-Sun 9am-5pm
 Store hours: Mon-Sat 9am-9pm; Sun 9am-8pm. Also accepting mattresses (small fee) and electronic waste.
- Hazel's Thrift Store**
 898 San Benito St., Hollister (831) 638-0526
Donations accepted
 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat 9am-3pm
 Wed & Fri 9am-2:30pm
 Store hours: Tue, Thurs & Sat, 9am-4pm
 Accepts clothes, small appliances (no washer & dryers), TVs, computers and monitors, and more.

- Pat's Place**
 101 Fifth St., Hollister (831) 637-5500
 Open Mon, Wed, Fri 10am-4pm
 Accepts clothes, furniture, toys and more.
- Sacred Heart Thrift Store**
 680 College St., Hollister (831) 637-7998
Donations accepted
 Mon-Thurs 10am-12pm.
 Accepts clothes, linens, small kitchen items and small appliances.
 No large appliances or furniture.



The San Benito County Integrated Waste Management Regional Agency has a great tool to help you with other items you want to reuse, repair or donate. The online guide is found at: cosb.us/wp-content/uploads/Recycling-Guide.pdf

Christmas Tree Recycling

There are two ways residents can recycle Christmas trees at the curb:

- Local Boy Scout Troops 436 and 428 will be collecting and recycling Christmas trees again in Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and surrounding neighborhoods on the following dates:
 - Sunday, January 1
 - Saturday, January 7
 - Sunday, January 8
 Trees need to be at the curb by 9am on those dates. Boy Scouts do not require trees to be cut. Donations of \$8 are appreciated and support local Boy Scout activities and the Gerry Rawn Endowment Fund. For more information, call (831) 637-8022 or email HollisterTroop436@gmail.com

- Recology San Benito County will pick up your Christmas tree for recycling on your garbage and recycling collection days between January 2nd and January 20th.

Before setting your tree out curbside for recycling pick up, you must do the following:

- Cut trees** into three-feet by three-feet sections
- Remove all decorations, tinsel and stands
- Flocked trees are acceptable



Holiday Collection Schedule

Christmas and New Year's both fall on Sunday and there will be no service interruption on Monday, December 26, 2016 or Monday, January 2, 2017.

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

Give Gifts Without Waste!

According to CalRecycle (www.calrecycle.ca.gov), it is estimated that between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, more than 1 million tons of additional waste is generated each week nationwide. In fact, 38,000 miles of ribbon alone is thrown out each year—enough to tie a bow around the Earth.

Here are some specific gift ideas that generate less waste:

Give a donation

For the person that has "everything," consider making a donation in their name to their favorite non-profit organization.

Bake, sew, create or cook

- Bake cookies or bread
- Knit a sweater, scarf or blanket
- Create a scrapbook
- Make jam or salsa and package with a personalized label



Give an Experience

To help ensure your family and friends receive what they really want, give gift certificates. These can be for restaurants, movies, concerts, sporting events, "spa" experiences, etc.

For cool gift ideas made in Hollister, visit Offthechainbikes.com and scroll down to the Eco-friendly Bag Designs section to see photos of unique products that have been recycled from used bicycle inner tubes.

More Convenient Sharps & Pharmaceutical Disposal Locations

ANSR Pharmacy

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

Aromas Water District

387 Blohm Avenue, Aromas
Hours: 9am-5pm, Mon, Wed, Fri
(831) 726-3155

Paicines General Store

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

Walgreens

600 Tres Pinos Road, Hollister
Hours: 8am-10pm, 7 days a week
(831) 638-1024

County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

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

Used needles, syringes and lancets must be in approved Sharps containers as shown to the right (available for 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

Another Important Resource
San Benito County Integrated
Waste Management Regional Agency
(831) 636-4110

Bulky Item Drop-Off Events

There are four opportunities each year for residents (not businesses) to drop off specific items at the John Smith Road Landfill at no additional charge.

**The last 2016 dates are
December 17 & 18, 9am to 3pm**

The **2017** drop-off events are Saturdays & Sundays, 9am-3pm, on the following dates:

- March 25 & 26
- June 24 & 25
- September 23 & 24
- December 30 & 31



Battery & Cell Phone Recycling



According to the U.S. EPA, about 40% of all battery sales occur during the holiday season. There are convenient ways to recycle used household batteries. Residents can place them in clear zippered bags on top of the blue recycling cart (as shown in photo) or take them to one of the collection locations listed below.

Fairview Country Market

6509 Fairview Road

Hollister Ace Hardware

1725 Airline Highway

Hollister True Value Hardware

1260 San Juan Road

John Smith Road Landfill

2650 John Smith Road

(Also accepts electronic waste every day)

Batteries and cell phones are accepted at these 4 locations



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