

Summer 2015

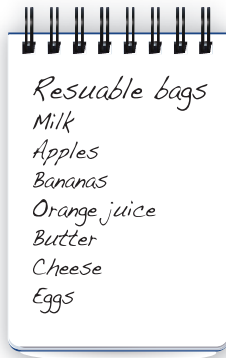
THE CONNECTION

Keeping Us Connected To The Communities We Serve



Make it a Habit and Grab it

Trips to the hardware store, grocery store, and many other places add to the number of bags that Americans use every day and each of those bags have an environmental impact. One thing that everyone can do to reduce the number of single use bags is to bring a reusable bag everywhere.



Here are a few tips on

- Add bags as the first item on your shopping list.
- Return your bags to your car after each trip to the store.
- Keep bags in the back seat or the trunk.
- Only buying a couple of items? Just carry them out without a bag.
- If you forget your reusable bags, you can recycle plastic and paper bags in your blue recycle cart. (when recycling plastic bags—bag your bags together to help prevent litter)



Bulky Item Recycle Days Drop-Off Events

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

The remaining **2015** drop-off events are Saturdays and Sundays, 9am to 3pm, on these dates:

- June 27 & 28
- September 26 & 27
- December 26 & 27

Drop-off event dates are subject to change, call to confirm



The following is a partial list of items you can bring (limit two bulky items per event):

- Furniture, appliances, mattresses, tires
- Concrete, asphalt, green waste, unpainted wood (one cubic yard equals one bulky item)

For more information on what is acceptable, call the John Smith Road Landfill at (831) 637-4515.

Benefits of Home Composting

You may compost your yard waste and food scraps at home. Backyard composting keeps kitchen waste out of landfills and turns organic material into valuable product for your garden and houseplants. To get started with home composting, visit the CalRecycle website at CalRecycle.ca.gov/organics/gardening/



What are the benefits of home composting?

- It can help lower your garbage bill and replace soil-bought soil conditioners.
- Improves the fertility and health of your soil.
- Saves water by helping soil hold moisture and reducing water run-off.
- Benefits the environment by recycling valuable organics resources and extending the life of our landfills.

You may purchase a compost bin for \$50 by calling Recology at 831-636-7500.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Don't forget you can safely dispose of household hazardous waste on June 20, from 9am-12pm, at the John Smith Road Landfill.

Collection events are held the third Saturday of every month. Items such as paints, pesticides and pool chemicals are accepted free of charge with a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds per trip.

Remember, when it comes to purchasing hazardous products, only buy the amount that you need. Donate usable paints, stains and household cleaners to friends or neighbors and consider using an alternative product that is less toxic.

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

Education & Fun For Kids!


Environmental Education

There is a great website that has fun games for kids and great information for teachers. Please check it out! Go to <http://www.epa.gov/students/index.html>. For kids K-12, there are games, quizzes and homework resources. There are also resources and information on lesson plans, awards and contests you can get involved with too.

Here is a game you can try to test knowledge of what is and is not recyclable:


How to play: Draw a line from the item listed to the garbage cart or the recycle cart-whichever it belongs

The answers are upside down at the bottom of this page.



GARBAGE

- Tube of toothpaste
- Aluminum cans
- Capri Sun drink pouch
- Diapers
- Newspaper and magazines
- Dirty paper plates
- Facial tissue or napkins
- Broken toys
- Broken mirror
- Wire or plastic hangers
- Shampoo & Conditioner bottles
- Empty paper towel roll
- Metal pots & pans
- Empty soup can
- Clean plastic bags (bagged together)
- Plastic yogurt containers
- Glass jar



RECYCLE

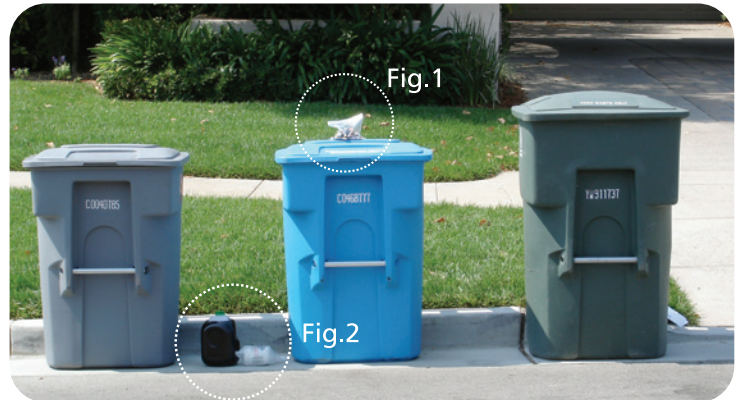
Battery & Used Motor Oil Recycling at Home is Simple!

You can recycle your used batteries at home. Place regular household batteries (AAA-D, 9V, button cell, rechargeable) in a clear, zippered plastic bag and set them on top of your blue recycling cart (Fig.1).

By law, batteries cannot be thrown away.

To recycle used motor oil and oil filters, simply request special containers from Recology by calling

(831) 636-7500. Upon request, your recycling driver will deliver special one gallon jugs for used oil and special plastic bags for used oil filters (Fig.2). You may recycle up to three gallons of oil and three oil filters per week.



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

ANSWERS	Garbage
Aluminum cans	Tube of toothpaste
Shampoo & conditioner bottles	Capri Sun drink pouch
Empty paper towel roll	Diapers
Clean plastic bags (bagged together)	Dirty paper plates
Plastic yogurt containers	Facial tissue or napkins
Glass jar	Broken toys
Metal pots & pans	Broken mirror
Empty soup can	Wire or plastic hangers
Newspaper and magazines	