

Recology of San Benito County provides garbage and recycling service to residents, businesses, and multi-family buildings in Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and the surrounding unincorporated areas of San Benito County.

## Searching for Recyclables

If you have received a visit from Lisa or Julie, our Waste Zero Specialists, requesting to look in your garbage dumpster, you may have thought it to be a little strange. Our Waste Zero Specialists can tell you if your recycling containers are being used to their full potential just by looking in your garbage dumpster and completing a waste/recycling assessment. We can help improve your recycling program by providing staff training, posters/flyers and interior bins. Please call us at **(831) 636-7500** or email us at **customerservice055@recology.com** to set up an assessment.



Lisa Jensema, Waste Zero Specialist

## San Benito County Recycling Guide

Ever wonder what to do with all that stuff you can't place in your curbside garbage, recycling or yard waste cart? The County's new Recycling Guide is designed to help with that and offers a quick and easy resource for you to find out how to recycle, compost or reuse just about anything. With efforts like yours, we're keeping more resources out of landfills, preventing toxins from entering our soil and groundwater, and preserving natural resources for generations to come. It's important to remember the most effective way to reduce your waste is to avoid creating waste from the start. Visit [cosb.us/county-departments/integrated-waste-management](http://cosb.us/county-departments/integrated-waste-management) and click on the Guide.

Examples of items listed in Recycling Guide:

- Batteries
- Styrofoam packing peanuts
- Electronic waste
- Mattresses

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## Free Interior Recycling Containers

Successful recycling programs all have one thing in common—clearly marked recycling containers. The County of San Benito Integrated Waste Management Regional Agency has interior containers available for businesses located within Hollister, San Juan Bautista, or unincorporated San Benito County. Contact our Waste Zero Specialist at **(831) 636-7500** to request your free containers (while supplies last).



## Fiesta Plaza Recycles

Fiesta Plaza is the shopping center located at 191 San Felipe Road. There are a variety of businesses located here, which means they throw away a variety of materials.

Kathy and Robert Sampo have owned this shopping center since 1987 and are very "hands on" owners. Their regular visits include checking what is in the garbage and recycling containers. When they find something in the wrong place, they research where it came from and educate, educate, educate.

The tenants have three recycle bins to choose from and one garbage bin. Kathy worked closely with Recology on making recycling more convenient and easy.

**Thank you to all the businesses at Fiesta Plaza!**



In Photo: Chanel (Prosthetic Solutions), Lupe (Amezcu Insurance), Dr. Sylvia Morgan MD (OB/GYN), Tu (Creative Nails), Kathy Sampo (owner), Dawn and Laura (Dr. Morgan's office)

*Businesses not shown in photo include: Straw Hat Pizza, G & J Liquor, Boost Mobile, Hollister Pure Water, Animal Hospital of Hollister, El Rinconcito, Charis, Kelly Services, Hair Creations, Barones Florist, Janie's Cleaners & Alterations, Blue Ribbon Carpet, Happy Café.*

# Purchasing Products Made From Recycled Materials

Does your business have a policy to purchase supplies made of recycled material? Buying recycled-content products reduces waste going to landfills, reduces manufacturing waste and pollution, frequently reduces energy consumption, and creates jobs. Most importantly, buying recycled-content products ensures that the materials collected in recycling programs will be used again in the manufacture of new products.

Check with your current office supply company to see which recycled products they carry. If they don't have a great selection, search on the Internet for "recycled office supplies" and see what you can find.

These are just a few examples of recycled-content products:

- Trash bags
- Tissue products
- Binders
- Business cards
- Computer paper
- Printing & writing paper
- Pens and pencils
- Toner cartridges
- Envelopes
- Calendars
- Labels
- Packaging

When looking for items to purchase, first search for products with "post consumer" recycled content. This means the item is made from material (like office paper) that was collected through a recycling program, baled, sold and recycled into a new product—like a pad of writing paper. If you can't find the "post consumer" information on the product, then look for "recycled content" information. These products are made from materials that would otherwise have been discarded—like odds and ends from the manufacturing process.



## Does Your Business Generate Hazardous Waste?

The San Benito County Small Quantity Generator Collection Program can help you recycle it responsibly!

What is a Small Quantity Generator Collection Program? California State and Federal law requires all businesses and industries that generate, store, or accumulate hazardous waste to comply with regulations for proper treatment, storage, and disposal of these wastes. Generators of small amounts of hazardous waste may be conditionally exempt from many of these regulations if they ensure delivery of the waste to permitted hazardous waste management facilities. San Benito County can assist your business with this process if you generate per month:

- Less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste
- Less than 2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous waste. This is approximately equal to one quart of liquid with a comparable weight to water.
- Less than 110 pounds of perchloroethylene. This is approximately equal to 13 gallons of liquid with a comparable weight to water.

For more information on this program please contact County of San Benito Integrated Waste Management Regional Agency at **831-636-4110** or [hfrancis@cosb.us](mailto:hfrancis@cosb.us) or visit their website at

[www.cosb.us/county-departments/integrated-waste-management/small-business-hazardous-waste-program](http://www.cosb.us/county-departments/integrated-waste-management/small-business-hazardous-waste-program)



Examples of acceptable hazardous waste materials include:

- Fluorescent bulbs/tubes
- Thermometers
- Batteries
- Propane/helium tanks, aerosol cans
- Motor oil & filters
- Lubricants
- Antifreeze
- Pesticides
- Herbicides
- Fungicides
- Fertilizers
- Latex & oil-based paints
- Stains & varnishes
- Roofing tar
- Adhesives
- Acids



**Need more information?**

Contact us! (831) 636-7500

We value your opinion,  
questions, or comments.

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