

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.

County Employees Leading by Example

San Benito County employee, Jeremy Simmons, is leading the crusade to make sure all employees are on the front line when it comes to modeling the role of environmental leadership. Jeremy is the Recycling and Resource Recovery Coordinator and has been busy making sure his co-workers are putting practices into place that will reduce waste, use resources efficiently, and minimize the negative impacts on the environment. Jeremy says, "Recycling is not just separating out cans and bottles that can be turned in for money. Recycling is about separating out everything that does not need to end up in a landfill. Paper, plastic, cardboard, metal, and yard waste are all resources that can be recycled." Going even further, the County offices recycle batteries, printer cartridges and business generated hazardous waste such as paint, fluorescent bulbs, and motor oil. Businesses interested in more information can visit cosb.us/county-departments/integrated-waste-management or contact JSimmons@cosb.us



Jeremy Simmons

Off the Tube—Making Art from Used Bike Parts

Robin and Brian Lucas own the Hollister bike store, Off the Chain. Off the Chain has been recycling with Recology for years, but they go beyond just recycling. Robin hated to see all of the discarded bicycle tubes, chains, seats and frames being thrown into their trash, so she came up with a "reuse" idea from bicycle tire tubes that are no longer usable. She designs her own line of purses, clutches, dog leashes, and harnesses from the discarded bicycle tire tubes and began her business called Off the Tube.

Robin says she has been creative and artistic her whole life so she knew there was something she could make from the used bicycle parts. Robin has been sewing from childhood so she felt confident she could sew rubber pieces together and make something cool that people would want.

She enjoys displaying at local art & craft shows and was recently at Mars Hill coffee shop. Robin is a cyclist herself and is often seen riding the backroads of Hollister where fewer cars and beautiful scenery



make her realize that her business is helping the environment. Robin is available to show her art pieces at your event and can be reached at **(831) 207-7656** or Lucasbikes@att.net



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 Recology at **(831) 636-7500** to request your free containers (while supplies last).



Remember the Three “Rs” During the Holidays

- Reduce** Make the gift wrap part of the gift. For example: wrap kitchen items inside a pretty kitchen towel.
- Reuse** Reuse gift bags, wrap and bows from gifts you have received.
- Recycle** Recycle your wrapping paper! (bows are reusable, not recyclable)

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.

Does Your Business Generate Hazardous Waste?

You May Qualify For The Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator Program

Hazardous waste must be properly disposed of to prevent pollution to our land, water, and air. To assist businesses, the San Benito County Integrated Waste Management Regional Agency hosts hazardous waste collection events the third Saturday of every month by APPOINTMENT ONLY. This Hazardous Waste Program is an affordable and convenient collection event to legally dispose of hazardous waste for businesses qualifying as Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG). Fees will depend on the type and quantity of waste.

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 quantities 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 or to temporary collection facilities.



You qualify as a CESQG if you generate per month:

- Less than 220 pounds of most hazardous waste
- Less than 2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous waste
- Less than 110 pounds of perchloroethylene

Call the San Benito County Integrated Waste Management Regional Agency at **(831) 636-4110** to find out more about this collection 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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