



Winter 2017
Happy Holidays

THE CONNECTION

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Reduce • Reuse • Recycle • Compost

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 now 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 creative way to “reuse” old bicycle tire tubes.

Robin has been creative and artistic her whole life—and has been sewing from childhood. She felt confident she could take the old bicycle parts, sew rubber pieces together, and make something cool that people would want. She started creating her own line of purses, clutches, dog leashes, and harnesses from the discarded bicycle tire tubes. Her creations proved so popular, she began a new business called **Off the Tube**.



Robin enjoys displaying her products at local art & craft shows and at the Mars Hill Coffee Shop. An avid cyclist herself, Robin is often seen riding the backroads of Hollister, where fewer cars and beautiful scenery help her realize 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



Holiday Collection Schedule

DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY 2018					
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
25 Merry Christmas!	26 Service for Monday Customers	27 Service for Tuesday Customers	28 Service for Wednesday Customers	29 Service for Thursday Customers	30 Service for Friday Customers
1 Happy New Year!	2 Service for Monday Customers	3 Service for Tuesday Customers	4 Service for Wednesday Customers	5 Service for Thursday Customers	6 Service for Friday Customers

Christmas Tree Recycling

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 the city limits of Hollister and the city limits of San Juan Bautista on the following dates:

- Saturday, December 30
- Sunday, December 31
- Saturday, January 6
- Sunday, January 7



Trees need to be at the curb by 9am on those dates. Boy Scouts do not require trees to be cut. A donation of \$8 is appreciated and supports local Boy Scout activities and the Gerry Rawn Endowment Fund. For more information, call (831) 637-8022.

- Recology San Benito County can also pick up your Christmas tree for recycling on your garbage and recycling collection days between January 2nd and January 19th.

Before setting your tree at the curb for recycling by Recology you need to do the following:

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

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

Helpful programs sponsored by the County of San Benito

San Benito County Integrated Waste Management Department (SBCIWM) manages a wide range of recycling, waste reduction, household hazardous waste and contract management programs for the Cities of Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and unincorporated San Benito County. The purpose of our SBCIWM program is to help our member cities meet waste reduction and HHW state mandates like AB 939 and AB 341.

We provide free recycling guides, free Household Hazardous Waste recycling events, and free recycling programs for bulky items (appliances, furniture, etc.) for residents. We also manage a Small Quantity Generator program to assist our local businesses with safe disposal of hazardous waste and several other services. Visit <http://www.cosb.us/county-departments/integrated-waste-management> or call us at 831-636-4110 for more information on all the services and programs we offer.

Do you have questions on any of the programs listed above? Please contact Hannah Francis, SBCIWM Recycling Coordinator, at 831-636-4110 or hfrancis@cosb.us.

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 and click on the Guide.

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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 2017 dates are
December 30 & 31, 9am to 3pm**

The **2018** drop-off events are Saturdays & Sundays, 9am–3pm, on the following dates:

- March 24 & 25
- June 23 & 24
- September 22 & 23
- December 29 & 30



Safe Disposal of Hazardous & Electronic Waste

John Smith Road Landfill, located at 2650 John Smith Road, accepts electronic waste and household hazardous waste at no charge.

Electronic waste such as televisions, computer monitors and other computer equipment, cell phones and other consumer electronics can be dropped off during regular business hours.

Hazardous waste such as paints, pesticides, fluorescent lights and automotive fluids are accepted at no charge the third Saturday of every month from 9am–12pm. Each trip has a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of material.

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



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Buy Recycled!

It is important that we all remember the 3 Rs: **Reduce**, **Reuse** and **Recycle**. But we also need to remember to Buy Recycled when we can.



What this means is, you should look for products (such as envelopes and printer paper) that have "post-consumer" recycled content. Post-consumer means it is made from material (like office paper) that was collected through a recycling program, baled, sold and recycled into a new product—like other paper products.

If you can't find the "post-consumer" information on the product, then look for "recycled content" information. These products are made from material that would otherwise have been discarded, like odds and ends from the manufacturing process.



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