



Summer 2017

# THE CONNECTION

Keeping Us Connected To The Communities We Serve



## Have you ever asked yourself, "Where does it all go?"

After you put your garbage in the grey garbage cart and your recyclables in the blue cart, and your yard waste in the green cart, and it leaves your house — What happens to it all?

Here is what happens to your:

### Recycling



Materials are separated with the work of machines and people at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF).



Recyclables are baled, sold and manufactured into new products.

### Yard Waste



Yard waste is combined with wood waste and ground to create a protective barrier over the unused areas of the landfill.

### Garbage



When material is landfilled, it **cannot** be recycled into new products. Reducing, Reusing and Recycling helps reduce the amount of material that ends up here.

### Why Should You Recycle?

- Recycling saves energy
- Recycling saves our clean air and clean water
- Recycling conserves our natural resources
- Recycling saves landfill space
- Recycling saves money and creates jobs

Give your recyclables a chance to become something new:



## Mattress Recycling at John Smith Road Landfill

You can now recycle up to a total of 5 mattresses and/or box springs per household per day at no charge. Proof of residency will be required, and businesses cannot participate in this free program.



This program is available because California has a Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act, and the Mattress Recycling Council manages the funds to pay for the recycling and disposal of the mattresses. When consumers purchase a new mattress, there is an \$11 recycling fee collected to fund this program.

### Why should we recycle mattresses?

Conservation of resources by using **OLD STEEL, FOAM, WOOD** & other materials to create **NEW PRODUCTS.**



Less reliance on **INCINERATORS & LANDFILLS** by diverting mattresses from **THE WASTE STREAM.**



**CREATING RECYCLING JOBS.**

Reducing the number of **ILLEGALLY DUMPED MATTRESSES.**



Up to 80% of a used mattress' components **CAN BE RECYCLED.**

To learn more about mattress recycling, go to [mattressrecyclingcouncil.org](http://mattressrecyclingcouncil.org)



**Need more information?**  
Contact us! (831) 636-7500  
We value your opinion, questions, or comments.  
[www.recology.com](http://www.recology.com)

**Other Important Resources**  
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 remaining **2017** drop-off events are Saturdays & Sundays, 9am-3pm, on these dates:

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



## Reduce Litter – Keep Your Community Clean

Litter is a problem throughout California. Litter affects human safety and wildlife. Reducing litter in our communities will improve our environment and contribute to a better quality of life.

**If you do the following, you can reduce litter when your car is emptied at the curb:**

- Put shredded paper in a clear bag. If you do not have a clear bag, it's OK to put it in a light colored garbage bag and label it "Paper" with a marker.
- Bag your plastic bags. When you put single plastic bags in the recycle cart, they can become litter and cause problems at the processing facility by getting caught in machinery.
- Bag your garbage. Not only will this reduce litter, it will keep your garbage cart clean.



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