



THE CONNECTION

Keeping Us Connected to the Communities We Serve



Restaurant employees (left to right):
Lorenzo, Jose, and Ivanir.

Chama Nativa brings the flavors of Brazil to Gilroy diners and, in turn, adds some South American spice to our city's organics program.

Every year, Recology South Valley presents the **Gilroy Business Recycler of the Year Award** to a local business doing an exemplary job of recycling, composting, and preventing waste.

THIS YEAR'S WINNER IS CHAMA NATIVA!

Shortly after opening in November 2022, owner Clair Peres eagerly agreed to have his steakhouse in the program. He worked with Recology Waste Zero Specialist Diana Ocampo to train employees and create systems that comply with state law SB 1383, which requires food scraps and yard trimmings to be composted.

Clair put up sorting posters and established setups for internal bins to ensure all materials are sorted correctly.

"My team was pretty good to catch on needing to sort compostables and

recycling," he said. "I also make sure to walk around and check the bins. If there is any plastic or garbage in composting bins, I point it out to the team so they know not to place plastic in with the food. Then I ask a team member to help me clear it up."

Recology South Valley extends a big "Thank you!" to the Chama Nativa team for their dedication to recycling and composting.

Call Recology at **408.842.3358** to have a Waste Zero Specialist help your business with composting and recycling right.

TWO GREAT PROGRAMS FOR GILROY RESIDENTS

CALL FOR CURBSIDE BULKY ITEM COLLECTIONS

Residential customers with cart service receive two **FREE** curbside Bulky Item Collections per year. Choose one of the following:

Option 1 — UP TO 12 32-gallon garbage bags. All items must be bagged, boxed, or bundled; no loose items. This equals 2 cubic yards (3ft x 3ft x 6ft) of materials.

Option 2 — 2 ITEMS such as appliances, furniture, or electronics. A mattress/box spring set counts as 1 item. Items must be less than 6 feet long, less than 200 pounds, and manageable by one person.

No sharp objects, glass, automotive parts, dirt, rock, stumps, large limbs, painted/treated wood, hazardous waste, or construction/demolition debris.

Call **408.842.3358** to schedule your collection.

Bulky Item Collection is available to apartment complexes. If you own or manage an apartment complex, contact Customer Service and learn how to take advantage of this FREE program.

MATTRESS DROP-OFF EVENTS

Residents have two opportunities to recycle mattresses and box springs for free. No appointment necessary.



WHEN: April 27 and October 26, 9 AM to Noon

WHERE: 1351 Pacheco Pass Hwy, Gilroy 95020

BRING: You must show a recent Recology bill and ID as proof of Gilroy residency.

Only mattresses and box springs (any size) will be accepted during these events.

There will be a charge to recycle mattresses and box springs if they are taken to the San Martin Transfer Station.

CONTACT US!

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OTHER

RESOURCES

HHW.org

RecycleStuff.org

ReduceWaste.org

HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

Learn how to compost at home by attending a free Community Composting Workshop organized by the University of California Cooperative Extension and the County of Santa Clara and taught by certified Master Composters.

WHEN: May 4 and November 9, 10 AM to Noon

WHERE: Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center, 17000 Monterey Road.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3HJdhs3> or call **408.918.4640** for more details and registration. Participants must be 18 or older.

KEEP BIKE LANES OPEN

The City of Gilroy and the Gilroy Bicycle Pedestrian Commission would like to remind you to set your Recology bins curbside and not in bike lanes on your collection service day. Thank you!



INCLUDE THE

FOOD!

Remember to put compostable items like yard trimmings, greasy pizza boxes, and food scraps in your green organics cart.

Residents and businesses are required by law to subscribe to Recology's organics program. If you do not have a green cart, please call Customer Service at **408.842.3358**.

*Palm trees, yucca leaves, oleander, and poison oak are not accepted.



COMPOST GIVEAWAY!



WHEN: 8 AM to Noon, Saturday, April 20 (while supplies last)

WHERE: Christmas Hill Park Ranch Site

WHAT: Get the equivalent of one 32-gallon can of compost and up to 2 cubic yards of wood chips.

BRING: Your own shovel, gloves, and containers.

WHY: Using compost improves the fertility and health of soil by helping it retain water and preventing run-off. Wood chips improve weed control and moisture retention.

DON'T BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES—KEEP THEM LOOSE!

When putting recyclables in your blue bin, keep them loose. When recyclables are bagged, they can be mistaken as garbage and may end up in the landfill.



NEVER PLACE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR GARBAGE CAN

- Sharps and Medication
CVS Pharmacy, 408.842.0373
- Fluorescent Lamps
Ace Hardware of Gilroy, 408.847.5890
- Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste
Call 408.299.7300