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## RECYCLER OF THE YEAR

Every year, Recology South Valley presents the **Morgan Hill 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 OAKWOOD SCHOOL!

Oakwood is a private school celebrating 25 years of teaching students from preschool through high school.

In 2019, a staff member contacted Recology Waste Zero Specialist Julie Alter about implementing an organics program at the school and improving its existing recycling program. The school wanted to comply with state law SB 1383, which requires food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings to be composted.

Recology provided signage and inside bins about separating recycling, compostables, and garbage. Oakwood Facilities Manager Skye Taylor became a driving force for the programs.

"We are very proud that students help keep Oakwood clean and beautiful while reducing our carbon footprint," said Lower School Head and Middle School Principal Christine Shales.

The organics program includes composting the paper towels used in the school's 16 bathrooms. That's a lot of paper towels turned into compost instead of ending up in the landfill. Breakrooms and lunch areas have containers to sort recyclables and compostables from garbage. That's A+ work by Oakwood School!

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

## FREE COMMUNITY COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

**WHEN:** Nov. 9, 10 AM – 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.

## MORGAN HILL CREEK CLEANUP SPRING 2024

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 18  
9 AM – Noon

**WHERE:** Corporation Yard, 100 Edes Court, City of Morgan Hill

**BRING:** A water bottle. Water, gloves, litter bags, and grabbers will be provided.

**REQUIRED:** All participants must bring a signed volunteer waiver. Participants younger than 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

To register or download a waiver, call **408.310.4169** or email [Environ@MorganHill.ca.gov](mailto:Environ@MorganHill.ca.gov).



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## OTHER RESOURCES

HHW.org  
[RecycleStuff.org](http://RecycleStuff.org)  
[ReduceWaste.org](http://ReduceWaste.org)

## COMPOST GIVEAWAY!



**WHEN:** Saturday, May 11 (while supplies last)  
8 AM – Noon

**WHERE:** Morgan Hill Corporation Yard, 100 Edes Court, City of Morgan Hill

**WHAT:** Get the equivalent of one 32-gallon can of compost.

**BRING:** Your own shovel, gloves, and containers.



**WHY:** Compost improves the fertility and health of your soil by helping it retain water and prevent runoff.

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY HOUSEHOLD

## HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) PROGRAM

Morgan Hill and Gilroy residents can make appointments to drop off hazardous materials and electronic items to the Santa Clara County HHW Program for free once a month.

Accepted items include batteries, fluorescent and LED light bulbs, auto fluids, household cleaners, paint, and electronics.



Make an appointment at [HHW.org](http://HHW.org) or call **408.299.7300**.

Last year, 1,291 Morgan Hill residents took part in this program. More than 2.5 million pounds of HHW was dropped off by participating residents throughout Santa Clara County.

## 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.

Learn more about what goes where at [WhatBin.com](http://WhatBin.com).



## PLACE CARTS TWO FEET FROM OBSTACLES

An automated truck collects recycling, organics, and garbage carts. On your service day, it is important to keep two feet of space between your carts and other obstacles, including basketball hoops.



## NEVER PLACE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR GARBAGE CAN

- Sharps and Medication  
Morgan Hill Police Department, 408.776.7300
- Fluorescent Lamps  
Johnson Lumber Ace Hardware, 408.778.1550
- Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste  
Call 408.299.7300