



# THE CONNECTION

Keeping Us Connected to the Communities We Serve



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.



**(Left to right) Alicia Villareal of Joe's Barber Shop, Miguel Tolentino of Tolentino's Meat Market, Helen Nguyen of Styles Hair Salon, Lizette Rodriguez of Nutricion y Energia, and René Santos of La Soledad Bakery and La Soledad Mexican Restaurant. Oakglen Plaza businesses not pictured: J&R Signs & Fashion, ZM Construction, Campos Custom Builders, and Sunlight Laundromat.**

**O**akglen Plaza, built in 1997 at the corner of Monterey Road and Wright Avenue, is home to 10 businesses offering customers a variety of services. And now, thanks to Plaza owners Raj and Neena Khanna, the commercial center's tenants

participate in recycling and composting programs.

The Khannas contacted Recology after learning about state law SB 1383, which requires food scraps, uncoated food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings to be

composted. They wanted to ensure the center complied.

René Santos, owner of La Soledad Bakery and La Soledad Mexican Restaurant, worked with Recology Waste Zero Specialist Julie Alter to learn about the composting program. Then, they met with the other Oakglen Plaza tenants to educate them about best practices, such as sorting and signage. Santos also helps manage the center's recycling, organics, and garbage containers.

Ten businesses working together to separate their discards — now that's teamwork!

*If you own or work at a business in Morgan Hill not yet participating in the organics program, call Recology at **408.842.3358** to get started.*

## National River Cleanup Day 2025

**J**oin the fun and be the solution to water pollution by participating locally in this year's National River Cleanup Day. This is a nationwide effort to protect rivers, watersheds, and wildlife from trash and debris.

Since its inception in 1991, more than 1.3 million volunteers have participated in thousands of cleanups across the country, covering more than 261,000 miles of waterways and removing more than 32.5 million pounds of litter and debris.



**WHEN:** Saturday, May 17, 9 AM – 12 PM

**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](http://hhw.org)  
[whatbin.com](http://whatbin.com)  
[reducewaste.org](http://reducewaste.org)



- WHEN:** Saturday, May 10, 8 AM – 12 PM (while supplies last)
- WHERE:** 100 Edes Court
- WHAT:** Get the equivalent of one 32-gallon can of compost.
- 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.

## PAINT RECYCLING IS EASY IN MORGAN HILL

The PaintCare program lets you take unwanted paint to local paint stores for recycling. Before dropping off your paint:

- Make sure that your cans are smaller than 5 gallons, have lids, original labeling, and do not leak.
- Limit is 20 gallons.
- Call the store to ensure the amount of paint you want to recycle is accepted.



For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable products, visit [PaintCare.org](http://PaintCare.org).

Morgan Hill has two drop-off locations:

**Sherwin-Williams**  
257 Vineyard Town Center  
**408.779.2918**

**Benjamin Moore**  
The Paint and Décor Center  
122 Cochrane Plaza  
**408.612.8617**

## IT'S EASY BEING BATTERY SAFE

- Tape contact points with clear tape.
- Keep them in a cool, dry place.
- Seal in a plastic bag and place on top of your recycling cart on collection day.
- Learn more safe disposal tips at [recology.com/batterysafety](http://recology.com/batterysafety).

### 1 IDENTIFY AND PREPARE LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES



### 2 PROPERLY DISPOSE OF LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES



\*Recycling cart may be brown or blue.



**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