**REduce Waste**

Easy tips to reduce waste:
- Purchase items in bulk to reduce packaging.
- Purchase items that are produced and grown close to home.
- Rent or borrow items instead of buying new ones.
- Use reusable items such as shopping bags, water bottles, travel mugs, food ware (plates, cups, straws, and utensils), cloth napkins, pens, pencils, razors, and rechargeable batteries.
- Visit www.stopjunkmail.org to learn how to reduce unwanted mail.
- Pack waste-free lunches for school and work.
- Reuse one-sided paper for printing or creating note pads.
- Repair items such as clothes, shoes, electronics, and furniture. Do it yourself or use local seamstresses, shoe cobblers, repair shops, and furniture restoration shops.

**Sustainability Academy Offerings**

**Composting Workshops**
These two-hour workshops are offered throughout the year. Learn how easy and fun it is to recycle your fruit and vegetable scraps, leaves, and plant cuttings into compost! Compost provides valuable nutrients for your garden soil, helps retain moisture which saves water, suppresses weeds, prevents soil erosion, and loosens clay and compacted soils for better drainage and water retention. It is rewarding to know you are turning what some consider waste into a nutrient rich and water retention. It is rewarding to know you are turning what some consider waste into a nutrient rich organic material for your garden!

Visit www.smsustainability.org/composting and www.smsustainability.org/fixit-clinics or call us at 888-442-2666 to learn about the next workshop or clinic coming up!

**FixIt Clinics**
These three-hour workshops are offered throughout the year. FixIt Clinics are fun community-based workshops where neighbors, friends, and families work collectively to learn how to repair broken items. We will provide a workspace, specialty tools, and volunteer FixIt coaches to help you troubleshoot and provide routine maintenance to your household items and appliances!

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**Notes:** Reuse all donated items need to be in good condition. Visit www.recyclestuff.org for other locations.
### REUSE

**Savers** 875 Main Street Redwood City 650-365-9643 www.savers.com

**South Coast Children’s Services** Pescadero Thrift Shop 2041 Pescadero Creek Road Pescadero 650-876-9613 www.southcoastchildrens.org

**Spring Street Shelter** 2468 Spring Street Redwood City 650-365-5772 x 2 www.sgsrm.org

**The Salvation Army** Redwood City, South San Francisco and San Bruno locations. 800-728-7825 https://salvationarmy.org

**The Shop: A Junior League of Palo Alto-Mid Peninsula** Fund Raiser 756 Santa Cruz Avenue Menlo Park 650-328-7467 www.thejuniorsleague.org

### Turnstyle Thrift Store

- **North 60th Street** San Mateo 650-324-2967 www.assistanceleague.org/san-mateo-county/thrift-shop

- **United Cerebral Palsy Association** of Silicon Valley 650-593-1811 http://utcup.org/support-ucp/thrift-store-donations

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- **Books:** no textbooks or outdated computer manuals.
- **Clothing:** mens and womens only. Electronics: computer equipment 5 years old or less please call before donating.
- **Building Materials:** no large. Baby Supplies: car seats 5 years old or less, no drop down side, striners, or high chairs. Books: no encylopedias or text. Electronics: computers, no TVs over 32.
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### Bicycles

The following locations fix up old bicycles for resale or donation.

- **Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange** 2556 Leigh Street, Mountain View 650-651-5989 https://bikev.org
- **Woodside Bike Shop** 1527 Woodside Road, Redwood City 650-299-1071 www.woodsidebike.com

### Cell Phones and Eyeglasses

- **Local Lions Clubs** take cell phones and Sponsor an eyeglass reuse collection program. Many optometry stores contain collection boxes for eyeglasses. www.Issleysluc.org

### Clothing

- **Turnstyle Thrift Store** 60th North Street San Mateo 650-273-7530 www.placemakersons.com
- **PlaceMakers, Inc.** 1062 Center Street San Carlos 650-273-7530 www.placemakersons.com

### Food

- **MedShare** 2937 Alvarado St., San Leandro 510-567-7070 www.medshare.org
  - Accepts cruftches, wheelchairs, etc.
- **ReCares** Dorland Street (Alleyway of 63 Dorland) San Francisco 510-251-2273 www.recare.org/sf-for-donors
  - Accepts appliance machines, bedskirts, blood pressure monitors, commodes, diabetes, monitors and strips, hearing aids, etc.
- **Vid-USA** 1595 63rd Street, Emeryville 510-655-8432 www.vidusa.org
  - Accepts beds, etc.

### Other Reusable Items

- **Propane Containers**
  -accepts residential items.
- **SCRAP**
  -accepts medical supplies.

### Packaging

- **Pack and Mail Express** 2031 El Camino Real (Stationary Shop) Redwood City 650-365-2892 Call before dropping off materials.
- **The UPS Store**
  -accepts residential items.

### Medical Supplies

- **Second Harvest Food Bank** 1021 Bid Hill Street, San Carlos 650-610-6880 www.shfb.org
  -Accepts nonperishable, bags, produce and frozen.
- **St. Anthony’s Padua Dining Room** 3500 Midwinter Road, Menlo Park 650-365-5664 www.paduadiningroom.com
  -Accepts nonperishable, and produce.

### Tools and Equipment

- **MedShare**
  -accepts medical supplies.
- **ReCares**
  -accepts medical supplies.
- **MedShare**
  -accepts nonperishable, bags, produce and frozen.

### Reuse

- **The Shop: A Junior League of Palo Alto-Mid Peninsula**
  -accepts medical supplies.

### Home Improvement

- **Whole House Building Supply** San Mateo, 650-318-6196 www.wholehousebuilding.com
  -accepts nonperishable, eggs, produce and frozen.
- **Pacifica Resource Center**
  -accepts nonperishable, eggs, produce and frozen.
- **Second Harvest Food Bank**
  -accepts nonperishable, bags, produce and frozen.
- **San Francisco and San Bruno locations.**
  -accepts nonperishable, eggs, produce and frozen.
- **Pacifica Resource Center**
  -accepts nonperishable, eggs, produce and frozen.
- **Half Moon Bay Nursery**
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**Recycling helps to reduce global warming**

Manufacturing goods from recycled materials typically requires less energy and water than producing goods from virgin materials. When energy demands are decreased, fewer fossil fuels are burned, and less carbon dioxide is emitted into the atmosphere.

— U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Climate Change and Waste

**San Mateo County Household Hazardous Waste Program**

Collection events are alternatives to using the locations listed above. Any County resident may participate in any collection event for free. For more information or to make an appointment, visit www.smchealth.org/hhw or call 650-363-4718.

Events rotate on Saturdays in Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, La Honda, Menlo Park, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City and South San Francisco, and are also held on Thursdays through Saturdays in San Mateo.
Recycling cans, bottles, paper, and other materials is the first step in the recycling process. Take the next step by shopping for products made from recycled materials. When you buy recycled products, you close the loop by incentivizing manufacturers to use recycled materials to create their goods.

Buying products made from recycled materials is a simple way to help the environment and ensure the long-term success of curbside recycling programs. There are a variety of products made from recyclables, such as many types of paper, cereal and tissue boxes, toilet paper, plastic lumber and much more. One ton or 40 cases of recycled paper saves: 17 trees, 7000 gallons of water, and 4100 cubic yards of landfill space. Recycling can be an effective tool for decreasing pollution, reducing waste, and conserving natural resources.

When shopping, look for products containing the highest percentage of post-consumer recycled material you can find. Post-consumer recycled products are made from the materials you set out at the curbside.

Look for the recycling symbol and a statement that the product is made from post-consumer recycled material. If post-consumer recycled content products are not available at the stores where you shop, ask the store manager to begin stocking these products. Shopping online for items with recycled content is another option. Write to manufacturers and ask if they can begin producing products with recycled content. Encourage others in your neighborhood, office and community to buy recycled products.

1. **Get cash back for aluminum cans, glass or plastic bottles.** (Exceptions apply.)
   - Visit [www.smcsustainability.org/crv](http://www.smcsustainability.org/crv) for hours.

2. **Recycling centers:**
   - **J & D Recycling**
     - Strawberry Shopping Center
     - 50 East Jamie Court
     - South San Francisco, 94080
     - 650-589-4020
     - www.sfschwagmüller.com
   - **CASH FOR CRV BEVERAGE CONTAINERS**
     - www.californiaredemptionvalue.com
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3. **Recycling companies:**
   - **Recology San Mateo County**
     - 225 Shrewsbury Road, San Carlos
     - 650-595-3900
     - www.recycle.com/recology-san-mateo-county
   - **Recology Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, the West Bay Sanitary District, Ladera, and Unincorporated County Areas within the Redwood Waste Service Areas (Baywood Park, Burlingame Hills, Devonshire Canyon, Emerald Lake Hills, Harbor Industrial, Kensington Square, North Fair Oaks, Oak Knoll, Peninsula Golf Club, Palomar Park, San Mateo Highlands, Sequoia Tract, and Quarterly Ranches).**
   - **Republic Services of Half Moon Bay**
     - 1480 Edgewood Avenue, Daly City
     - 650-592-2411
     - www.republicservices.com/municipality/half-moon-bay-ca
   - **Republic Services of Daly City and Colma**
     - 1480 Edgewood Avenue, Daly City
     - 650-756-1130
     - www.republicservices.com/municipality/daly-city-ca
   - **South San Francisco Scavenger Company, Inc.**
     - 500 East Jamie Court, South San Francisco
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   - **Recology Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, the West Bay Sanitary District, Ladera, and Unincorporated County Areas within the Redwood Waste Service Areas (Baywood Park, Burlingame Hills, Devonshire Canyon, Emerald Lake Hills, Harbor Industrial, Kensington Square, North Fair Oaks, Oak Knoll, Peninsula Golf Club, Palomar Park, San Mateo Highlands, Sequoia Tract, and Quarterly Ranches).**
   - **Republic Services of Half Moon Bay**
     - 1480 Edgewood Avenue, Daly City
     - 650-592-2411
     - www.republicservices.com/municipality/half-moon-bay-ca
   - **Republic Services of Daly City and Colma**
     - 1480 Edgewood Avenue, Daly City
     - 650-756-1130
     - www.republicservices.com/municipality/daly-city-ca
   - **South San Francisco Scavenger Company, Inc.**
     - 500 East Jamie Court, South San Francisco
     - 650-589-4020
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5. **Closet the loop and buy recycled products:**
   - **Recycling cans, bottles, paper, and other materials is the first step in the recycling process. Take the next step by shopping for products made from recycled materials. When you buy recycled products, you close the loop by incentivizing manufacturers to use recycled materials to create their goods.**
   - **Buying products made from recycled materials is a simple way to help the environment and ensure the long-term success of curbside recycling programs.**
   - **There are a variety of products made from recyclables, such as many types of paper, cereal and tissue boxes, toilet paper, plastic lumber and much more. One ton or 40 cases of recycled paper saves: 17 trees, 7000 gallons of water, and 4100 kwh of energy, enough to power the average home for 6 months, 60 pounds of air pollution and 2.5 cubic yards of landfill space.**
   - **When shopping, look for products containing the highest percentage of post-consumer recycled material you can find. Post-consumer recycled products are made from the materials you set out at the curbside. Look for the recycling symbol and a statement that the product is made from post-consumer recycled material. If post-consumer recycled content products are not available at the stores where you shop, ask the store manager to begin stocking these products. Shopping online for items with recycled content is another option. Write to manufacturers and ask if they can begin producing products with recycled content. Encourage others in your neighborhood, office and community to buy recycled products.**
### OTHER RESOURCES

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### STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Call **888-442-2666** or visit [www.smcsustainability.org](http://www.smcsustainability.org) for more information. Visit [www.recyclestuff.org](http://www.recyclestuff.org) for more locations that will reuse or recycle your items.