

# REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE GUIDE

## FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY



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## 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](http://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 organic material for your garden!

### 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!

### MASTER COMPOST AND SOLID WASTE COURSE

This is an eight-week intensive course that is held once per year. Learn in-depth knowledge of composting and vermicomposting, an understanding of soil biodiversity and all the benefits of adding compost to your soil, and an overview of waste reduction practices. The course is instructed in a hands-on style that teaches participants concrete skills, as well as the theory behind those skills.

### MASTER RESOURCE CONSERVATION COURSE

This is an eight-week intensive course that is held once per year. Learn in-depth knowledge of topics including climate change, sea level rise, water and energy conservation, solid waste management, and transportation. Participants have the opportunity to make new connections to people with a common interest, learn cutting-edge resource conservation techniques and theory from local experts, and give back to their communities.

Visit [www.smcsustainability.org/academy](http://www.smcsustainability.org/academy)  
or call us at 888-442-2666 to learn about the next workshop or course coming up!

See pages 3-7 for reuse information.

See pages 8-12 for recycling information.

Organization	Appliances	Baby Supplies	Books	Cars, Boats, and RVs	Clothing	Electronics	Food	Furniture	Household Items	Mattresses/Box Springs	Toys	Other	Notes X* indicates "See Notes column."	Pick Up
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of the Peninsula</b> 401 Pierce Road Menlo Park 650-646-6127 www.bgcp.org			X	X		X*						Art and school supplies, video games, sports equipment*	<b>Electronics:</b> laptops and computers (Windows 10 or above). <b>Sports Equipment:</b> footballs, basketballs and soccerballs.	X
<b>CALL Primrose Center</b> 139 Primrose Road Burlingame 650-342-2255 www.callprimrose.org			X*				X*				X	Toiletries	<b>Books:</b> children's only. <b>Food:</b> home-grown produce, canned and packaged food.	
<b>Coastside Hope</b> 99 Avenue Alhambra #1089 El Granada 650-726-9071 coastsidehope.org							X*						<b>Food:</b> nonperishable, produce, refrigerated and frozen proteins. <b>Pick up:</b> large quantities; please call before donating.	X*
<b>Ecumenical Hunger Program</b> 2411 Pulgas Avenue East Palo Alto 650-323-7781 www.ehpcare.org	X*	X*		X*	X	X*	X*	X*	X	X	X*		<b>Appliances:</b> small and large; large ones less than 8 years old. <b>Baby Supplies:</b> no expired car seats. <b>Cars, Boats and RVs:</b> working only. <b>Electronics:</b> no computer equipment. <b>Food:</b> catered and nonperishable. <b>Furniture:</b> no particle board, smoking, animal hair, tears, scratches or stains. <b>Pick Up:</b> from Sunnyvale to San Mateo. <b>Toys:</b> new and sealed.	X*
<b>Family Connections</b> Redwood City, Menlo Park and East Palo Alto locations 650-556-9503 www.familyconnections.org	X*		X*								X*		<b>Appliances:</b> no large. <b>Books and Toys:</b> preschool childrens books and toys.	X
<b>Goodwill Industries of San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Counties</b> Multiple locations. 415-575-2137 www.sfgoodwill.org	X*		X*	X	X	X*		X	X*		X	Textbooks, bicycles, surfboards, snowboards, wetsuits, skateboards	<b>Appliances:</b> no large. <b>Books:</b> no encyclopedias or magazines. <b>Electronics:</b> computer and stereo equipment, TVs, etc. <b>Household Items:</b> CDs, DVDs, records, phones and cell phones.	
<b>Home &amp; Hope</b> Call first to arrange donations. Burlingame 650-652-1103 www.homeandhope.net		X*	X		X	X*	X*		X			Toiletries, baby wipes, laundry soap, soap and shampoo.	<b>Baby Supplies:</b> car seats that are not expired. <b>Electronics:</b> computer equipment must be 5 years old or less and working; call first. <b>Food:</b> catered and produce.	

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<b>Human Services Agency of San Mateo County Children's Fund</b> Belmont and San Carlos locations 650-802-5152 childrensfund.smcgov.org		X*			X*	X*						Bicycles and costumes	<b>Baby Supplies and Clothing:</b> clothing newborn to 6T only and diapers. <b>Electronics:</b> computer equipment 5 years old or less and working.	
<b>Latino Commission/ Entre Familia</b> Call first for drop off. South San Francisco 650-244-1444 www.thelatinocommission.org								X*		X*		Twin size bedding	<b>Furniture:</b> couches, dressers, small pieces; no large pieces. <b>Mattresses:</b> twin size only.	X
<b>LifeMoves</b> Menlo Park, Redwood City and San Mateo locations 650-685-5880 lifemoves.org	X*				X*	X*	X*	X	X	X*	X	Art materials for day care program, school supplies, basketballs, footballs, office supplies, linens, bedding, towels, diapers and cleaning supplies	<b>Appliances:</b> no large. <b>Clothing:</b> underwear, socks and pajamas need to be new. <b>Electronics:</b> computers must be working and compatible with current technology and 2 years old or less; please call ahead; TVs 24"-32" must be less than 5 years old and in good, working condition. <b>Food:</b> nonperishable, produce and frozen food. <b>Mattresses:</b> twin, full or double. <b>Pick up:</b> large furniture and mattresses only.	X*
<b>Palm Avenue Detox</b> 2251 Palm Ave. San Mateo 650-513-6500 horizonservices.org					X		X					Sheets, blankets, towels, socks and non-alcoholic based hygienic products		
<b>Parca</b> See Savers for drop off location. Burlingame 877-997-2722 www.parca.org	X*	X	X*	X	X	X*			X		X	Bicycles, sporting goods and garden tools	<b>Appliances:</b> table top microwaves, no large. <b>Books:</b> no reference or textbooks. <b>Electronics:</b> DVD and VCR players, stereo equipment, cathode ray tube TVs 29" and smaller and flat screen TVs 42" and smaller.	X
<b>Peninsula Humane Society and SPCA</b> 12 Airport Boulevard San Mateo 650-340-7022 x 389 www.peninsulahumane.society.org							X*					Pet supplies and items for animal care*	<b>Food:</b> pet food, apples, berries, corn, hotdogs and creamy, unopened peanut butter. <b>Pet Supplies:</b> newspapers, heating pads (nonautomatic shut off), blankets and towels are accepted for pet care.	

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<b>Pick of the Litter</b> 1127 Chula Vista Avenue Burlingame 650-344-1662 www.peninsulahumane society.org			X	X	X	X*		X*	X		X*	Holiday decorations	<b>Electronics:</b> call for approval. <b>Furniture:</b> call for approval. <b>Pick Up:</b> for large donations. <b>Toys:</b> puzzles and board games only.	X*
<b>Project 90</b> Pick up only. San Mateo 650-579-7881 www.projectninetynety.org	X*			X*		X*		X*					<b>Appliances:</b> 5 years old or less. <b>Cars, Boats and RVs:</b> working cars only. <b>Electronics:</b> TVs 5 years old or less. <b>Furniture:</b> sofas, no sleeper sofas, tears, stains or soil.	X
<b>Puente de la Costa Sur</b> Call first to arrange donations. Pescadero 650-879-1691 mypuente.org	X*	X*	X		X	X		X*	X	X		Bicycles and blankets	<b>Appliances:</b> no large; small TVs and microwaves only. <b>Baby Supplies:</b> diapers and wipes; no car seats. <b>Furniture:</b> small tables; please call before donating or delivering.	
<b>St. Francis Center</b> 151 Buckingham Avenue Redwood City 650-365-7829 www.stfranciscrwc.org	X*	X*	X*		X*	X*	X*	X*	X			Blankets, sheets, towels, child car seats in good condition	<b>Appliances:</b> no large. <b>Baby Supplies:</b> car seats in good condition. <b>Books:</b> childrens only. <b>Clothing:</b> casual and barely used baby and children's. <b>Electronics:</b> computers 5 years old or less. <b>Food:</b> nonperishable food within the expiration date and fresh produce. <b>Furniture:</b> small pieces.	
<b>St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room</b> 3500 Middlefield Road Menlo Park 650-365-9664 paduadiningroom.com					X		X*					Blankets and new sleeping bags	<b>Food:</b> cranberry, pasta, tomato sauces, juice, olives, beans, rice, pasta, instant potatoes, flour, cornstarch, dressing, butter, sugar, coffee, pepper, whole frozen meats.	
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Society</b> Daly City, South San Francisco, San Mateo and Redwood City locations. 650-373-0622 svdpsm.org			X	X*	X			X*	X			Sleeping bags, holiday items, bicycles and medical supplies*	<b>Cars, Boats and RVs:</b> cars, trucks, motorcycles, RVs and boats. <b>Furniture:</b> no tears, stains, particle board, desks over 4 feet long or items needing repairs. <b>Medical Supplies:</b> wheelchairs, walkers and canes	

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<b>Samaritan House</b> 4031 Pacifica Boulevard San Mateo 650-341-4081 samaritanhousesanmateo.org		X*	X		X*	X*	X*				X*	Toiletries and bicycles	<b>Baby Supplies:</b> no car seats. <b>Clothing:</b> infants-teens gently used. <b>Electronics:</b> current cell phones, laptops, computers (Windows 10 or above), tablets, video game consoles and flat screen TVs. <b>Food:</b> nonperishable food. <b>Toys:</b> new from Oct.-Dec. only.	
<b>Savers</b> 875 Main Street Redwood City 650-364-5545 www.savers.com	X*	X*	X		X	X		X	X		X	Sporting goods, bicycles and medical supplies*	<b>Appliances:</b> no large. <b>Baby Supplies:</b> clothes only. <b>Medical Supplies:</b> walkers, crutches, canes and wheelchairs.	
<b>South Coast Children's Services</b> Pescadero Thrift Shop 2041 Pescadero Creek Road Pescadero 650-879-9613 southcoastchildrensservices.org	X*		X*		X				X			Jewelry, CDs, records, utensils, tools, rugs, bicycles and collectibles	<b>Appliances:</b> no large. <b>Books:</b> no textbooks or outdated computer manuals.	
<b>Spring Street Shelter</b> 2686 Spring Street Redwood City 650-365-5772 x 2 www.mhasmc.org			X		X*	X*	X		X		X	Toiletries	<b>Clothing:</b> mens and womens only. <b>Electronics:</b> computer equipment 5 years old or less; please call before donating.	
<b>The Salvation Army</b> Redwood City, South San Francisco and San Bruno locations. 800-728-7825 satruck.com	X*		X	X	X*	X		X	X	X	X	Bicycles, medical supplies*	<b>Appliances:</b> no built-in. <b>Clothing:</b> must have 10 or more bags for pick up. <b>Medical Supplies:</b> walkers, canes, wheel chairs, electric scooters and power wheelchairs	X
<b>The Shop: A Junior League of Palo Alto-Mid Peninsula Fund Raiser</b> 785 Santa Cruz Avenue Menlo Park 650-328-7467 www.thejuniorleague.org			X*		X			X*	X		X	CDs, DVDs, baskets, vases and holiday items	<b>Books:</b> current best sellers and cookbooks. <b>Furniture:</b> please call for authorization; no office or melamine furniture.	
<b>United Cerebral Palsy Association</b> 1060 El Camino Real San Carlos 650-593-1811 ucpgg.org/support-ucp/thrift-store-donations	X*	X*	X*	X	X	X*		X	X		X	Bicycles, art supplies, sporting equipment and office supplies	<b>Appliances:</b> no large. <b>Baby Supplies:</b> car seats 5 years old or less, no drop down side cribs, strollers or high chairs. <b>Books:</b> no encyclopedias or text. <b>Electronics:</b> computers, no TVs over 32".	X

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# OTHER REUSABLE ITEMS

## Bicycles

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

### Cardinal Vintage Bike Shop

1955 El Camino Real, Palo Alto  
650-328-8900  
[www.cardinalbikes.com](http://www.cardinalbikes.com)

### Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange

2566 Leghorn Street, Mountain View  
650-691-5989  
[bikex.org](http://bikex.org)

### Woodside Bike Shop

1523 Woodside Road, Redwood City  
650-299-1071  
[www.woodsidebikeshop.com](http://www.woodsidebikeshop.com)

See pages 3-6 for more locations that accept working bicycles only.

## Cell Phones and Eye Glasses

Local Lions Clubs take cell phones and sponsor an eyeglass reuse collection program. Many optometry stores contain collection boxes for the eyeglasses.  
[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

## Food

### Pacifica Resource Center

1809 Palmetto Avenue, Pacifica  
650-738-7470  
[pacresourcecenter.org](http://pacresourcecenter.org)  
Accepts nonperishable, eggs, produce and frozen.

### Second Harvest Food Bank

1051 Bing Street, San Carlos  
650-610-0800  
[www.shfb.org](http://www.shfb.org)  
Accepts nonperishable and produce.

### Village Harvest

San Jose  
888-378-4841  
[www.villageharvest.org](http://www.villageharvest.org)  
If you have a large amount of fruit or are physically unable to harvest it because of age or disability, they organize teams of volunteers to harvest and share with community organizations.

See pages 3-6 for more locations that accept food.

## Medical Supplies

Call or visit their website for the full list.

### Breathe California of the Bay Area

1469 Park Ave., San Jose  
408-998-5865  
[www.lungsrus.org](http://www.lungsrus.org)  
Accepts equipment related to lung disease such as Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) machines, nebulizers and humidifiers.

### Center for the Independence of the Disabled

2001 Winward Way, Suite 103  
San Mateo  
650-645-1780  
[www.cidsanmateo.org](http://www.cidsanmateo.org)  
Accepts stair lifts, stair chairs, indoor elevators and porch lifts; no crutches or canes.

### MedShare

2937 Alvarado St., San Leandro  
510-567-7070  
[www.medshare.org](http://www.medshare.org)  
Accepts crutches, wheelchairs, etc.

### ReCares

Dorland Street (Alleyway of 63 Dorland)  
San Francisco  
510-251-2273  
[www.homecares.org/faq-for-donors](http://www.homecares.org/faq-for-donors)  
Accepts apnea machines, bedrails, blood pressure monitors, commodes, diabetes monitors and strips, hearing aids, etc.

### Vida-USA

1519 63rd Street, Emeryville  
510-655-8432  
[www.vidausa.org](http://www.vidausa.org)  
Accepts beds, etc.

## Supplies for Art Projects

The following locations accept arts, crafts and unusual items for school projects. Call before donating.

### RAFT

1160 Kern Avenue, Sunnyvale  
408-451-1420  
[www.raftbayarea.org](http://www.raftbayarea.org)  
Does not accept residential items.

### SCRAP

801 Toland at Newcomb, San Francisco  
415-647-1746  
[www.scrap-sf.org](http://www.scrap-sf.org)

## Nursery Pots

The following is a partial listing of nurseries that take back rigid black plastic pots and reuse them. Please call your nursery if it is not on this list. Please call first.

### Bongard's Treescape Nursery

12460 San Mateo Road (HWY 92), Half Moon Bay  
650-726-4568  
All sizes

### Golden Nursery

1122 2nd Avenue, San Mateo  
650-348-5525  
All containers from Golden Nursery

### Half Moon Bay Nursery

11691 San Mateo Road (HWY 92)  
Half Moon Bay  
650-726-5392  
1 gallon and above

### M&M Nursery

332 Woodside Road, Redwood City  
650-366-4429  
1 to 15 gallons

### Wegman's Nursery

492 Woodside Road, Redwood City  
650-368-5908  
1 gallon and larger; black only; call first

### Yerba Buena Nursery

12511 San Mateo Road (HWY 92)  
Half Moon Bay  
650-851-1668  
1 gallon; black only

## Packaging

### (Peanuts and Bubble Wrap)

Ask your packaging or shipping store if they will accept packaging for reuse.

### Pack and Mail Express

1017 El Camino Real (Sequoia Station)  
Redwood City  
650-365-2892  
Call before dropping off materials.

### The UPS Store

Various locations. Peanuts only.  
800-742-5877  
[www.ups.com](http://www.ups.com)

## Building Materials

Donate building materials to salvage yards for reuse.

### Firewood Farms

551 San Mateo Road (HWY 92)  
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019  
650-726-3266  
[www.firewoodfarms.com](http://www.firewoodfarms.com)  
Deconstructs old barns and sells flooring and other salvaged wood products.

### PlaceMakers, Inc.

1062 Center Street  
San Carlos, CA 94070  
650-273-7530  
[www.placemakersinc.com](http://www.placemakersinc.com)  
Accepts and sells salvaged materials. Provides deconstruction service.

### Rebuilding Together Peninsula

Redwood City, 650-366-6597  
[www.rebuildingtogetherpeninsula.org](http://www.rebuildingtogetherpeninsula.org)  
Accepts carpeting, cabinets, electrical fixtures and appliances 3 years old or less in like-new condition. Call first.

### Whole House Building Supply

San Mateo, 650-218-8596  
[www.driftwoodsalvage.com](http://www.driftwoodsalvage.com)  
Deconstructs houses and holds sales all over the Peninsula. Also accepts redwood, doors, windows and other building materials. Call for details.

## Online Resources

These websites provide free classifieds for buying and selling used goods.

[www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org)

[www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com)

[www.facebook.com/marketplace/sanfrancisco](http://www.facebook.com/marketplace/sanfrancisco)

[www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)

[us.letgo.com](http://us.letgo.com)

[nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com)

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Drop-Off Locations	RECYCLING DROP-OFF								
	KEY: ✓ = Accepts CRV (California Redemption Value) – Get cash back for aluminum cans, glass or plastic bottles. (Except								
	Appliances	Cardboard	Electronics	Glass Jars and Bottles	Mattresses	Metal	Mixed Paper	Plastic Containers (#1 – #7)	Tires
<b>Blue Line Transfer, Inc.</b> 500 East Jamie Ct. South San Francisco 650-589-5511 www.ssfscavenger.com M-F 6:30-4:30 Sat 7:00-4:30	✓ <b>Fee</b>	✓	✓ Cell phones, computer monitors, TVs and laptops; <b>Fee</b> for other electronics	✓ CRV; See Drop-Off Notes	✓ Limit 4 per resident (call first)	✓ CRV; See Drop-Off Notes; <b>Fee</b> for scrap metal	✓	✓ CRV; See Drop-Off Notes	✓ <b>Fee</b>
<b>Ox Mountain Landfill</b> 12310 San Mateo Rd. Half Moon Bay 650-726-1819 M-Sat 8:00-4:30	✓ <b>Fee</b>	✓	✓ <b>Fee</b>	✓	✓ Limit 4 per resident	✓ <b>Fee</b> for scrap metal	✓	✓ (no black)	✓ <b>Fee</b>
<b>Pescadero Transfer Station</b> Bean Hollow Rd. & Artichoke Rd. Pescadero 650-592-2411 F 10:00-5:30, Sat-Sun 9:00-4:30	✓ <b>Fee</b>	✓ <b>Fee</b>		✓ <b>Fee</b>	✓ Limit 4 per resident	✓ <b>Fee</b> for scrap metal	✓ <b>Fee</b>	✓ <b>Fee</b> (no black)	✓ <b>Fee</b>
<b>Recology of the Coast Recycling Yard</b> 1046 Palmetto Ave. Pacifica 650-355-9000 www.recology.com T, Th 8:00-4:00 & Sat 8:00-1:00	✓ <b>Fee</b> for refrigerators, freezers	✓	✓ Cell phones, office and home equipment	✓	✓ Limit 2 sets per resident	✓	✓	✓	✓ <b>Fee</b>
<b>Recology San Bruno Transfer Station</b> 101 Tanforan Ave. San Bruno 650-583-8536 www.recology.com T, Th 10:00-noon									
<b>Shoreway Environmental Center-Recycling Drop-Off</b> 333 Shoreway Rd. San Carlos 650-802-8355 www.sbrecycling.net M-Sat 8:30-4:00	✓ <b>Fee</b> See Drop-Off Notes	✓	✓ Cell phones, office and home equipment; <b>Fee</b> for copy machines	✓	✓ Limit 5 per resident	✓ scrap metal (not painted)	✓	✓ (no black)	✓ <b>Fee</b> See Drop-Off Notes

## 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

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

(Fees apply.)

For a full list of locations visit [www.recyclestuff.org](http://www.recyclestuff.org) or call 888-442-2666.

Wood (Clean loads)	Recycling Drop-Off Notes:	Antifreeze	Batteries (Car)	Batteries (Household)	Fluorescent Bulbs & Tubes	Motor Oil & Filters	Paint Products (Latex, oil based, stain & varnish)	HHW Notes:
✓ Fee	CRV buyback hours: M-F 7:00-2:00; Sat 7:00-noon	✓	✓	✓ Fee	✓ Fee 10 limit; Residents only	✓ 10 gallon limit	✓ 10 gallon limit; See HHW Notes	Paint must be in original container. Drop-off hours: M-Sat 7:00-4:00. Serves residents of San Mateo County only.
✓ Fee		✓ 10 gallon limit				✓ 5 gallon limit (no filters)		Also accepts transmission oil; 5 gallon limit.
✓ Fee		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ 20 gallon limit		
✓ Fee	Serves Pacifica through Miramar only	✓ See HHW Notes	✓	✓	✓	✓ See HHW Notes	✓ 5 gallon limit per household; See HHW Notes	Paint must be in original container. Serves residents from Pacifica to Miramar only.
		✓ 5 gallon limit; Residents only	✓ Residents only	✓ Residents only	✓ Limits may apply; Residents only	✓ 5 gallon limit; Residents only	✓ 5 gallon limit	Paint must be in original container. Drop-off hours: T, Th 10:00-noon. Serves residents of San Bruno only.
✓ Fee See Drop-Off Notes	Accepted at the transfer station, M-F 6:00-6:00; Sat-Sun 8:00-5:00	✓ 15 gallon limit	✓	✓	✓ 6 feet long, 6 tube limit; Residents only	✓ 10 gallon limit	✓ 10 gallon limit; Residents only	Paint must be in original container. Free drop-off for residents only.

Many service stations will accept tires, antifreeze, motor oil and oil filters. Fees may apply.

### 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](http://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.

## OTHER RECYCLABLE ITEMS

### Cooking Oil

#### Blue Line Transfer, Inc.

500 East Jamie Court  
South San Francisco  
650-589-5511  
www.ssfscavenger.com  
\$1.00 per gallon for cooking oil.

#### Daly City Dept. of Water & Wastewater Resources

153 Lake Merced Blvd.,  
Daly City  
650-991-8208  
www.dalycity.org  
For Daly City residents only.

#### Evergreen Environmental Services

650-952-5000  
www.gogreeneevergreen.com  
Call to find out the closest  
restaurants that will accept your oil.

#### Recology of the Coast

1046 Palmetto Avenue, Pacifica  
650-355-9000  
www.recology.com  
Open to residents from Pacifica  
to Miramar only.

#### Shoreway Environmental Center

333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos  
650-802-8355  
www.sbrecycling.net  
Limit 15 gallons per resident.

### Clothes and Textiles

Worn out clothes and textiles can be recycled at the following locations.

#### Bay Rag

201 San Jose Avenue, San Jose  
800-245-RAGS  
www.bayrag.com  
Clean textiles made with at least 50% cotton. No underwear. Commercial pick up only. Residential drop-off only.

#### USAgain

800-604-9533  
www.usagain.com  
Visit their website to find a location.

### Electronics

Nonworking computer equipment, TVs, and other items can be recycled at these locations, and cannot be disposed of in the garbage.

#### Crown Computer Recycling

520 Bragato Road, San Carlos  
650-591-0600  
www.crowncomputerrecycling.com  
Accepts anything electronic, CDs and DVDs (no cases), wiring, cables, remotes, etc. for no charge.

#### Green Citizen, Inc.

1831 Bayshore Hwy. Suite 2  
Burlingame  
650-493-8700 x 103

www.greencitizen.com

Accepts computer equipment, TVs, wiring and cables for no charge. Accepts other electronic items for a small fee. Call for details.

#### Strawflower Electronics

160 San Mateo Road (HWY 92)  
Suite E, Half Moon Bay  
650-726-8181  
www.strawflowerelectronics.com  
Accepts computer equipment, TVs, wiring and cables for no charge. Accepts other electronic items for a small fee. Call for details.

#### ZARC

26 South Linden Avenue  
South San Francisco  
650-871-7327  
www.zarcrecycling.com  
Accepts electronic items for a small fee. Call for details.

See pages 8-9 for more locations.

### Plastic Packaging

#### Film & Wrapping:

Visit www.plasticfilmrecycling.org for locations. Accepts clean/dry bags (bread, dry cleaning, produce, Ziploc®), packaging (toilet paper, paper towel, diaper, napkin), wrapping (water, snack, furniture and electronic), Tyvek® envelopes and air pillows.

### Polystyrene Blocks:

#### Green Citizen, Inc.

1831 Bayshore Hwy. Suite 2, Burlingame  
650-493-8700 x 103  
www.greencitizen.com  
\$5.00 per 30 gallon bag. Must be clean.

#### ZARC

26 South Linden Avenue  
South San Francisco  
650-871-7327  
www.zarcrecycling.com  
\$3.00 per pound. Must be clean.

### Shoes

Worn out athletic shoes can be recycled at the following locations.

#### Fleet Feet Sports

859 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park  
650-325-9432  
www.fleetfeetmenlopark.com

#### Road Runner Sports

1125 Industrial Road, San Carlos  
650-654-2603  
www.roadrunnersports.com

### Miscellaneous

#### Terracycle

866-967-6766  
www.terracycle.com  
TerraCycle offers recycling programs to help you collect and recycle your hard-to-recycle wastes.

## RECYCLING PAYMENT CENTERS

### CASH FOR CRV BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

CRV = California Redemption Value

Get cash back for aluminum cans, glass or plastic bottles. (Exceptions apply.)

#### Blue Line Transfer, Inc.

500 East Jamie Court  
South San Francisco  
650-589-4020  
www.ssfscavenger.com

#### J & D Recycling

1015 N. Amphlette Blvd.  
San Mateo  
650-685-1901  
janddrecycling.com

#### Sims Metal

699 Seaport Blvd.  
Redwood City  
650-369-4161  
www.simsmm.com

#### ZARC

26 South Linden Avenue  
South San Francisco  
650-871-7327  
www.zarcrecycling.com

### CASH FOR METAL

#### J & D Recycling

1015 N. Amphlette Blvd.  
San Mateo  
650-685-1901  
janddrecycling.com

#### Sims Metal

699 Seaport Blvd.  
Redwood City  
650-369-4161  
www.simsmm.com

#### ZARC

26 South Linden Avenue  
South San Francisco  
650-871-7327  
www.zarcrecycling.com

### PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY (PCE) REFRIGERATOR RECYCLING PROGRAM

PCE will pick up an old refrigerator or freezer hogging energy in your home for free and mail you a \$35 check.

- Must be in working/cooling condition, empty, clean and plugged in at the time of pickup
- Must be regular household size (10-30 cubic feet)
- Must be at least 10 years old
- Must own the unit(s) being recycled
- Two units maximum per household per calendar year

Visit [www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/fridge](http://www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/fridge) to apply, or for questions call 888-646-2196.

## CURBSIDE COLLECTION COMPANIES

**GreenWaste Recovery, Inc.**

1500 Berger Road, San Jose

650-568-9900

[www.greenwaste.com](http://www.greenwaste.com)

Serves Portola Valley, Woodside and the Unincorporated Unfranchised Area of San Mateo County (Los Trancos Woods, Vista Verde, Sky Londa, Kings Mountain and Woodside).

**Kunz Valley Trash and Recycling**

17355 Bear Creek Road, Boulder Creek

831-338-9050

[www.kunzvalleytrash.com](http://www.kunzvalleytrash.com)

Serves the Unincorporated Unfranchised Area of San Mateo County (La Honda, Sky Londa, Loma Mar, Pescadero, San Gregorio and Woodside).

**Recology of the Coast**

2305 Palmetto Avenue, Pacifica

650-355-9000

[www.recology.com](http://www.recology.com)

Serves Pacifica, El Granada, Pillar Point, Princeton, Miramar, Montara and Moss Beach.

**Recology San Bruno**

101 Tanforan Avenue, San Bruno

650-583-8536

[www.recology.com](http://www.recology.com)

Serves San Bruno.

**Recology San Mateo County**

225 Shoreway Road, San Carlos

650-595-3900

[www.recology.com](http://www.recology.com)

Serves Atherton, 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 Rethink Waste Service Area (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 Trailer Ranchero).

**Republic Services of Half Moon Bay**

1680 Edgeworth Avenue, Daly City

650-592-2411

[www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com)

Serves Half Moon Bay, and the Unincorporated Unfranchised Area of San Mateo County (La Honda, Sky Londa, Loma Mar, Pescadero, San Gregorio and Woodside).

**Republic Services of Daly City and Colma**

1680 Edgeworth Avenue, Daly City

650-756-1130

[www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com)

Serves Broadmoor, Colma and Daly City.

**South San Francisco Scavenger Company, Inc.**

500 East Jamie Court, South San Francisco

650-589-4020

[www.ssfscavenger.com](http://www.ssfscavenger.com)

Serves Brisbane, Millbrae and South San Francisco.

Visit [www.smcsustainability.org/haulermap](http://www.smcsustainability.org/haulermap) to find your curbside collection company.

## CLOSE 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 incentivising 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 that they begin producing products with recycled content. Encourage others in your neighborhood, office and community to buy recycled products.

## OTHER RESOURCES

Organization	Website
Bay Area Recycling Outreach Coalition	<a href="http://www.bayarearecycling.org">www.bayarearecycling.org</a>
CalRecycle	<a href="http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov">www.calrecycle.ca.gov</a>
U.S Environmental Protection Agency	<a href="http://www.epa.gov">www.epa.gov</a>

## COUNTY RECYCLING HOTLINES AND WEBSITES

County	Recycling	Household Hazardous Waste	Website
Alameda	877-STOPWASTE	800-606-6606	<a href="http://www.stopwaste.org">www.stopwaste.org</a>
Contra Costa	800-750-4096	800-750-4096	<a href="http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/cd/recycle">www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/cd/recycle</a>
Marin	415-499-6647	415-485-6806	<a href="http://www.zerowastemarin.org">www.zerowastemarin.org</a>
San Francisco	415-355-3700	415-330-1405	<a href="http://www.sfenvironment.org">www.sfenvironment.org</a>
Santa Clara	408-282-3180	408-299-7300	<a href="http://www.reducewaste.org">www.reducewaste.org</a>
Santa Cruz	831-454-2160	831-454-2606	<a href="http://www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org">www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org</a>

## 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.



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