



An Employee Owned Company

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Gilroy

Recology South Valley
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If you have any questions about your services, contact a Customer Service Representative at **408-842-3358** or visit our website at recologysouthvalley.com

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OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

HHW.org
RecycleStuff.org
ReduceWaste.org

The Connection

Keeping us connected to the communities we serve

City of Gilroy R5K Fun Run & Recycling Event

Saturday, April 18, 2015

8:00 am to 11:00 am (rain or shine)

Christmas Hill Park, Ranch Site, 7049 Miller Avenue

The Gilroy Recreation Program and Environmental Services Program have teamed up to sponsor a 5K Fun Run with a theme of recycling in honor of Earth Day 2015. The event will include a small vendor fair highlighting environmental themes and will include the collection of electronic waste and other items for recycling.

The following items will be collected for recycling:

- Small televisions
- computer monitors
- computers
- laptops
- eye glasses
- microwaves
- clothes
- plastic bottles
- aluminum cans
- power supplies
- cell phones, and more...



For more details, visit www.cityofgilroy.org or call the Recreation Department at **408-846-0460**

Recycler of the Year Award

Every year Recology South Valley presents an award to a business that has done a good job at recycling. The award is Recology's way to highlight one Gilroy business and hopefully other businesses will be inspired to implement or improve their current program. The **Gilroy Business Recycler of the Year** award is going to **Old City Hall Restaurant**. Fran and Bobby Beudet have owned Old City Hall for 3 years and have over 43 years experience in the restaurant business. In Gilroy they previously owned Dutchmans Pizza, Krazy Koyote and Station 55 and recycled at all of those restaurants. Fran and Bobby implemented recycling programs to help them save money in garbage costs, but they also know recycling conserves our natural resources.

The employees of Old City Hall are all on board with the program, with what belongs in the recycling container and what belongs in the garbage. As recyclables are generated – glass bottles and jars, plastic containers, metal cans and cardboard boxes, they are taken out the back door to the recycle containers. They have large blue carts and a dumpster just for cardboard.

Old City Hall doesn't just recycle, they also save energy. They changed all of their lighting to a more efficient LED lighting. **Thank you Old City Hall!**



Pictured above (left to right) Veronica, Benny and Fran.

Household Hazardous Waste Program

Open your cupboards and closets and check the shelves in your garage or hobby area and count the number of products that have the words caustic, corrosive, danger, explosive, flammable, poison, toxic, or warning on them. These unwanted household products are household hazardous waste (HHW), and cannot go in your garbage or recycling container and needs to be disposed of properly.

Some examples are:

Oven cleaner
Paints and stains
Nail polish and polish remover
Antifreeze and other automotive fluids
Fluorescent light bulbs
And much more



The County of Santa Clara Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program has partnered with many retailers in the County that will accept various HHW from residents for FREE. The

HHW Program also offers FREE appointments for residents to properly dispose of this waste. To find out more about these programs or to schedule an appointment at the San Martin facility, go to HHW.org or call (408) 299-7300. Up to 15 gallons or 125 pounds is accepted per appointment.

Clean up Opportunity for Gilroy Residents

During the week of April 13-17, Gilroy residents can set out seven additional 32-gallon cans or bags of garbage on their regular collection day. (35-pound limit for each can or bag)

Residents may also drop off two bulky items free of charge at the San Martin Transfer Station at 14070 Llagas Avenue in San Martin.

Transfer station is open Monday-Saturday, 8am-4:30pm.

Examples of bulky items include:

Mattresses, appliances, furniture, etc. There will be a \$25 fee for appliances containing Freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, etc.

Please bring your original April billing statement (not a copy) when dropping off bulky items to show you are a Gilroy customer. (The scale person at the transfer station will take the bill)

This special bulky item drop off event will last through July 31, 2015. (only one trip is allowed)

Examples of unacceptable materials:

Concrete, dirt, rock, tree stumps and hazardous waste



Free Compost and Wood Chips Saturday, April 11th

On Saturday, April 11th Recology South Valley will be giving away compost and the City of Gilroy will be giving away wood chips at Christmas Hill Park.

You may take up to two 32-gallon cans of compost and up to two cubic yards of wood chips.

Using compost improves the fertility and health of your soil, helps with water retention, and reduces water run-off. Wood chips help with weed control and moisture retention.

After picking up your Recology compost, mix the compost with regular soil/dirt so it does not "burn" your plants. You must mix it 1:2 ratio-One part compost and two parts soil.

Look for signs that direct you to the give-away location near the dead-end of the Ranch site.

Remember to bring your own shovel and container with you.



Home Composting Workshops in Morgan Hill

Discover the benefits of gardening using your own compost! You can learn basic backyard composting techniques in a fun and simple to understand lecture format. Join us for a FREE 2 hour workshop taught by a Santa Clara County Master Composter on either Saturday, May 2nd or Saturday September 26th from 10am-12pm at the Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center, Multi-Purpose Room North. A free compost bin will be given to one lucky participant! Pre-registration is required. Please call (408) 918-4640 to or visit www.reducewaste.org to register.