



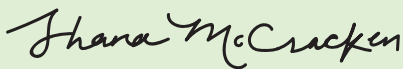
FROM THE EDITOR

Celebrate Earth Day by investing in our planet!

This spring, start growing your own food and using Recology compost in your garden. You will help improve our soil's health, and you'll save money at the same time! We can also invest every day in the environment and our community when we buy local and sustainable. Read more for specific ideas on how to do both.

And join me in welcoming our new General Manager, Mike Kelly, a long-time Recology employee-owner and Hollister resident. We are lucky to have Mike leading our team!

Zero Wastingly,



Shana McCracken
Editor and Waste Zero Manager

Growing Community One Heart at A Time

Though it sprouted only four years ago, Growing Hearts Garden Center has already grown to become a healthy 501©3 non-profit organization with multiple staff and a hillside bursting with vibrant plant life.

But Growing Hearts does more than promote community gardening. Another core part of their mission is serving adults with special needs. Founding member of Growing Hearts and local teacher Chris Evans explains:



Teacher Chris Evans planting zucchini with his student and one of Growing Hearts' Yard Maintenance Technicians, Mason Churchill.

“When I began working with Mason, I knew he would need a unique learning approach. The garden allows us to do project-based learning that gives Mason skills he can apply right away individually and in groups. A classroom couldn't do that for him.”

Find them on Vista Park Hill where their next big project is a “food forest” for food-insecure individuals and families in the Hollister area.

Spotlight on Reuse

Spring is prime garage sale season, and what better time to hold one than during Earth Month?

Celebrate by holding a sale, possibly with your neighbors! Here are some tips for how to make yours a big success.

- 1. Large signage:** Use the largest piece of paper or cardboard and the biggest marker you can find. Be sure to include the date and address.
- 2. Social media:** List things for sale on Facebook Marketplace and Craigslist!
- 3. Pricing:** Use a price sheet for similar items rather than trying to put tags on everything.
- 4. Pro:** Putting your smaller items up on tables will allow those passing by to see them better. Hang clothing from hangers rather than laying it out on the ground.



- 5. Donate leftover items:** Pack up things that didn't sell, and bring them to a local thrift store. Don't forget your tax receipt!

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