



FROM THE EDITOR

It's spring! The flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, and...well, winter's trash is piling up.

What to do? Spring cleaning, of course. And not just inside your house but in your garage too!

Recology and San Benito County offer free programs—from Household Hazardous Waste drop-off events to Bulky Item Curbside Collections—that make cleanup easy.

Check out this issue of *Journeys* for more information and ideas.

Zero Wastingly,



Recology Waste Zero Team
Brian, Gabbie, Shana, and Lisa

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: FREE FOOD-SCRAP PAILS

Did you know Californians are no longer allowed to put food scraps in the garbage? Instead, all food scraps and food-soiled paper must go in your green organics cart.

For easier handling and storage of food scraps in the kitchen, you can get a free pail, designed specifically for this purpose.

Collect yours by stopping by the San Benito County Integrated Waste Management booth at the County's Earth Day Celebration in downtown Hollister on April 22 between 11 AM and 2 PM.

You can also send an email to **SBCIWM@cosb.us** or call **831.636.4110** to schedule a time when you can pick up a pail at the office.



APRIL EVENTS!

ENVIRONMENTAL DAYS

San Benito County's Earth Day Celebration
Saturday, April 22, 11 AM – 2 PM
Downtown Hollister

Recology Environmental Days
Hollister
Saturday, April 8, 9 AM – 1 PM
New Location: Brigantino Park,
2037 San Juan Road

San Juan Bautista
Saturday, April 15, 9 AM – 1 PM
San Juan School, 100 Nyland Dr.



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Messages left after hours will be returned the next business day.

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WHAT DO I DO WITH...?

DONATIONS

High-quality, reusable items can find new homes if you donate them to any of the following local organizations. Call ahead to be sure they are currently accepting donations.

- Hazel's Thrift Shop: 898 San Benito St., Hollister, 831.638.0526
- Goodwill Silicon Valley: 1703 Airline Hwy., Hollister, 831.630.5780
- Worth Saving Mercantile & Thrift Store, 101 5th St., Hollister, 831.265.7241

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)



Anything labeled hazardous, dangerous, flammable, etc. requires special handling and should not go into any of your curbside carts.

Take items such as motor oil, paint, batteries, and leftover household cleaning products to an HHW event at John Smith Road Landfill (2650 John Smith Road). Events are held on the third Saturday of every month. More info is available at cosb.us/HHW.

BULKY & RECYCLABLE ITEMS

County Events

San Benito County hosts free quarterly Bulky Item Drop-off events throughout the year for local residents.

This year these weekend-long events, held at John Smith Road Landfill (2650 John Smith Road), will be March 25–26, June 24–25, Sept. 23–24, and Dec. 9–10.

Get more information at <https://bit.ly/3YmslCL>.

Recology Curbside Collections

Residential customers get two Bulky Item Curbside Collections each year at no additional charge.

It's a convenient way to get rid of large broken or worn-out household items that don't fit in curbside bins. Residents can put out up to 2 cubic yards of materials, up to 5 pieces of electronic waste, and up to 2 appliances or furniture items.

To schedule your bulky item pickup or for more information, call 831.636.7500 or visit <https://bit.ly/40ITX6B>.



CONTAMINATION REDUCTION: BATTERIES

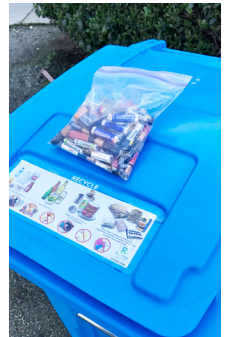
Old batteries can be very dangerous. They can leak heavy metals and even catch on fire!

Never put batteries in your recycling or garbage carts.

Instead, place household batteries in a sealed, clear plastic bag and put it on top of your blue recycling cart. Be sure to tape the ends of lithium batteries with

clear plastic tape. Your recycling driver will collect the bagged batteries safely.

Another option is to bring batteries to one of the County's monthly Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events, held every third Saturday, at the John Smith Road Landfill, 2650 John Smith Road. Find details at cosb.us/HHW.



Kids' Corner!

Admire the creative works of all the young artists who participated in our Recology Art Poster Contest when you come to the 2023 Earth Day Celebration in downtown Hollister on Saturday, April 22, 11 AM – 2 PM.

Walk through the art gallery showcasing all contest entries, participate in arts and crafts activities, and enjoy live performances. We hope you'll join us for the fun!

Follow @RecologySanBenitoCounty and @SBCIWM on Instagram to stay informed about this event.

Daniel Canales was one of last year's 15 proud winners.

