



THE CONNECTION

Keeping Us Connected to the Communities We Serve



Recycling Winners: (left to right)
Jorge Marquez of Dany's Restaurant;
Jun Xiao, L&L Hawaiian Barbecue;
Cynthia Garcia, Sunny Smiles Dentistry

Every year, Recology South Valley presents the **Gilroy Business Recycler of the Year Award** to a local business doing an exemplary job of recycling, composting, and preventing waste.

THIS YEAR'S WINNER IS PACHECO PASS CENTER!

The businesses at Pacheco Pass Center enthusiastically agreed to start an organics program after Recology Waste Zero Specialist Diana Ocampo contacted Athena Property Management last year.

They wanted to comply with California's new law, SB 1383, requiring cities to compost food scraps and yard trimmings. Recycling and composting help save resources and prevent additional greenhouse gas emissions from entering our atmosphere.

Recology South Valley extends a big "Thank you!" to Dany's Restaurant, AAA Insurance, L&L Hawaiian

Barbecue, Icicles, and Sunny Smiles Dentistry for participating in its recycling and organics programs.

“ We are happy that our restaurant is helping the environment by recycling and composting, which will benefit future generations.”

—Jorge Marquez, Dany's Restaurant manager

If you own or work at a business in Gilroy or Morgan Hill that is not yet participating in the organics program, call Recology South Valley at 408.842.3358 and we'll get you started.

TWO GREAT NEW PROGRAMS FOR GILROY RESIDENTS

Bulky Item Collection Program

Residential customers with cart service receive two **FREE** curbside bulky item collections per year. Choose one of the following:

Option 1 — Up to **12** 32-gallon garbage bags. All items must be bagged, boxed, or bundled; no loose items. This equals 2 cubic yards (3ft x 3ft x 6ft) of materials.

Option 2 — 2 items such as appliances, furniture, or electronics can be set out. A mattress/box spring set counts as one item.



For the safety of our employees: Items must be less than 6 feet long, less than 200 pounds, and manageable by one person. No large mirrors, large glass objects, automotive parts, motor vehicles, dirt, rock, stumps, large limbs, treated wood, hazardous waste, construction/demolition debris, liquids, or sludge.

Call 408.842.3358 to schedule your collection.

Mattress Drop-off Events

Residents have two opportunities to recycle mattresses and box springs for free. No appointment necessary.



DATES AND LOCATION

Event 1: Saturday, April 29, 9 AM – 1 PM

Event 2: Saturday, September 30, 9 AM – 1 PM

Location: Recology South Valley, 1351 Pacheco Pass Hwy, Gilroy

You must show a recent Recology bill and ID as proof of Gilroy residency. Only mattresses and box springs (any size) will be accepted during these events.

There will be a charge to recycle mattresses and box springs if they are taken to the San Martin Transfer Station.

CONTACT US!

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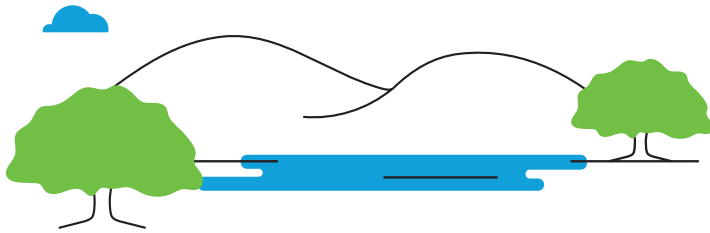
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OTHER RESOURCES

HHW.org
RecycleStuff.org
ReduceWaste.org

Composting Changes Everything

- Boosts Soil Health
- Improves Water Retention
- Helps Fight Climate Change



HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

Learn how to compost at home by attending a free Community Composting Workshop organized by the University of California Cooperative Extension and the County of Santa Clara.

County residents who are certified Master Composters lead the classes.

Dates: April 15 and October 21

Time: 10 AM – Noon

Location: Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center, 17000 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill

Visit bit.ly/3qVjNCF or call 408.918.4640 for more details and registration. Participants must be 18 or older.

DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE THE FOOD

Yard waste, such as leaves and grass clippings, is a common item to place in your green organics cart. However, don't forget to include the food!

Items such as food scraps, coffee grounds and filters, greasy pizza boxes, paper napkins, and uncoated paper plates can all be placed in your green organics cart.

To receive a free kitchen compost collection container, contact Recology South Valley at 408.842.3358. The collection container is dishwasher safe and has a lid to reduce odor.



WHERE DOES IT GO?

Ever wonder what happens to the materials you place in your green organics cart? Below is a quick overview:

Recology delivers material to the organics processing facility. The 90-day process begins. Material is ground up, watered, placed into long piles, tested, and screened.



The finished product — nutrient-rich compost!



COMPOST GIVEAWAY!



WHERE: Christmas Hill Park

WHEN: 8 AM – Noon, Saturday, April 22

WHAT: Get the equivalent of one 32-gallon can of compost and up to 2 cubic yards of wood chips.

BRING: Your own shovel, gloves, and containers.

WHY: Using compost improves the fertility and health of your soil by helping it retain water and preventing run-off. Wood chips improve weed control and moisture retention.



NEVER PLACE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR GARBAGE CAN

- Sharps and Medication
South Valley Pharmacy, 408.847.6160
- Fluorescent Lamps
Ace Hardware of Gilroy, 408.847.5890

- Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste
Call 408.299.7300