



Waste Zero News

GROWING TOWARD ZERO WASTE TOGETHER



RESOURCE FOR SAFE HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL



Putting hazardous waste in your Recology containers is illegal, but San Benito County makes disposal easy and safe.

San Benito County’s Integrated Waste Management Regional Agency offers a Small Quantity Generator Program for local businesses to dispose of their hazardous business waste.

Your business qualifies if it generates 220 pounds or less per month of hazardous materials, such as paints, solvents, and photo chemicals. The program assists businesses in following state law regarding safe disposal of hazardous materials.

Qualifying businesses fill out an inventory form and email it to SBCIWM@cosb.us to obtain a quote and schedule a drop-off. Appointments can be made every third Saturday of the month from 9 AM to noon.

Visit [COSB.US/HHW](https://www.cosb.us/hhw) and click on Small Quantity Generator Program for more information.

GETTING AHEAD



Is it time to update your enclosure?

If your current enclosure is only large enough for a garbage and recycling frontloader*, the answer may be “Yes”! That’s because state law SB 1383 requires all organic materials to be donated or composted rather than landfilled.

To do this best, you may need an enclosure that can accommodate three frontloaders: one for organics, garbage, and recycling. Now is the time to start drawing up the plans for your new enclosure so you can start building in 2024.

Email us at SBCWZ@Recology.com for complete three-stream enclosure specifications or to talk to our Waste Zero team.

Please contact your city—or the County if you live in an unincorporated area—for building permit requirements.

**A frontloader is a dumpster-type container serviced by our frontloader trucks. Regardless of cubic yard capacity, all of our frontloaders measure 6’10” in width.*

CONTACT OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE TEAM!

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SBC Businesses Recycle Right!

Twice a year, Recology San Benito County recognizes businesses and organizations doing a great job reducing waste. Our first-place winner this fall was **Jack in the Box**. The two runners-up were **Wizard's Café** and **Premiere Cinemas**.

Jack in the Box started organics collection in 2023, preventing tons of food scraps and other compostables from reaching the landfill. They've also avoided \$344 in monthly trash disposal costs—a total savings of \$4,135 annually!



Tina Burns,
Wizard's Café
Manager

After Wizard's Café added green-cart service in 2023, it diverted more than half a ton of materials each month from the trash. Manager Tina Burns devised a couple of great hacks to minimize contamination.

Our Waste Zero team delivered a container for the restroom with a sign reading "paper towels only." Paper towels will now go into the

café's organics stream to be composted. Burns hopes the company will further reduce its trash volume by composting wet paper towels and food-soiled paper.

Premiere Cinemas, which started organics collection in 2019, composts more than 2,000 pounds—or one ton—of material every month!

"Almost all the stuff in our green bin is popcorn," said Assistant Manager Matthew Silva. The theater will



Matthew Silva,
Premiere Assistant
Manager

soon pilot food-soiled paper, such as popcorn bags, as well.

"All of my employees go through training, and an important part of what they learn is about making sure all of the waste is properly sorted because it is the right thing to do," said Premiere's Manager Craig Tankersley.

If your business has not yet started organics collection, or you need help implementing any aspect of your three-stream sorting system, email

us at SBCWZ@Recology.com. Recology Waste Zero Specialists provide free posters, guides, training, and containers to help businesses Recycle Right.



PRESCHOOLS:

GET GREEN CERTIFIED!

Do you own or manage a preschool or daycare center? If so, you may be eligible to become a certified green business.

Being certified shows your community that you care about sustainability and are committed to taking action to conserve resources. That's a great message for kids to learn.

Contact Jakki Castorena-Davila, California Green Business Certification Program Manager for the San Benito area, at JCastorena@Environmentalin.com or **831-288-1415**.

Many rebates and incentives are available.