



# 2024 Zero Waste Guide

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## Recycling Drop-Off Facilities

Contact the recycling facility  
 for rates, accepted materials  
 and other details.



## FOR RESIDENTS

# Recycle Guide

Recology San Benito County is proud to work with residents in the Cities of Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and Unincorporated San Benito County to help meet state-mandated program requirements. Recycling is easier and more convenient than ever before!



## RESIDENTIAL SERVICES INCLUDE

### Organics Collection

A green cart for food scraps and yard trimmings.

### Bulky Item Collection

Twice yearly, residents can arrange for curbside collection of bulky items and reusable materials **at no additional cost.**

### Environmental Days

Six times per year, residents are invited to **drop off electronic waste for safe recycling, securely shred paper on-site, and pick up free compost** during this event in Hollister and San Juan Bautista.

### Neighborhood Cleanup

Residents can request large bins for garbage, recyclables, and litter cleanup.

## CURBSIDE SET-OUT

Please have your carts set out by 6am on your service day.

*Lids are to remain closed at all times. Don't overfill.*



## KEEP IT EMPTY, CLEAN, AND DRY!



GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS



PLASTICS #1-7

Bag shredded paper, or compost it loosely



CLEAN PAPER, SHREDED PAPER AND ASEPTIC BOXES (E.G. MILK, JUICE)



METALS

Place small batteries in a clear zipped plastic bag on top of lid.



### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Food
- Garbage
- Film plastics
- Plastic bags
- Polystyrene
- Diapers
- Ceramics, toys
- E-Waste
- Automotive parts
- Metal chains
- Hazardous waste

## FOOD RECYCLING MADE EASY!

1. Collect food in newspaper, paper bags, or approved compostable bags. List available at [www.bpiworld.org](http://www.bpiworld.org).
2. Take food collected to your cart or bin daily.
3. Use newspaper, shredded paper, or soiled napkins in between layers to absorb liquids, control pests, and reduce odor.
4. Keep lids closed at all times to minimize pests.



FOOD SCRAPS



Unpainted & Untreated Only

6 inches max

YARD TRIMMINGS



UNCOATED FOOD-SOILED PAPER PRODUCTS



Look for this symbol!

BPI CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS



### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Plastic
- Garbage
- Animal waste
- Sod, dirt, rock
- Palm fronds, poison oak
- Hazardous waste



PLASTIC BAGS, FILM AND PLASTIC COATED CUPS



BROKEN CERAMICS, MIRRORS, WINDOW GLASS



BAGGED ANIMAL WASTE AND DIAPERS



SNACK BAGS, WRAPPERS, DRINK POUCHES



POLYSTYRENE FOAM: PACKAGING, FOOD CONTAINERS, PACKING PEANUTS



POISON OAK, PALM FRONDS



### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Electronics
- Medications, sharps
- Fluorescent bulbs, tubes
- Hazardous waste
- Household batteries
- Concrete, dirt, rocks

Learn more about what goes where at [WhatBin.com](http://WhatBin.com)

## County Programs

### HOUSEHOLD BATTERY RECYCLING

Place household batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, button type, cell phone, laptop) in a clear zippered plastic bag on top of the recyclables cart.



No automotive batteries! Those are typically accepted at auto parts stores.

### USED MOTOR OIL AND FILTER RECYCLING

Contact Recology for one gallon containers and oil filter bags. One filter bag and either two 1-gallon used oil jugs or one 2.5-gallon used oil jug accepted at a time. Place next to your recyclables cart on your service day.



### ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING

Drop off unwanted electronics for proper disposal at John Smith Road Landfill, see map.



Visit [www.cosb.us/county-departments/iwm](http://www.cosb.us/county-departments/iwm) or call 831.636.4110 to learn more.

### HOUSE HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) DISPOSAL

Residents can dispose of unwanted HHW for free using the San Benito County Household Hazardous Waste Program, every 3rd Saturday from 9am to 12pm at John Smith Road Landfill. Visit [cosb.us/county-departments/iwm](http://cosb.us/county-departments/iwm) or call 831.636.4110 to learn more.

### TREE RECYCLING

Residents can set out unflocked and undecorated trees the first three weeks in January. Trees must be cut into sections no greater than six feet.

