



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 sbcium@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 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 2025.

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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RECYCLE RIGHT

Being green is local salon's winning style

Twice a year, Recology San Benito County recognizes a business or organization doing an excellent job reducing waste. This season's Recycle Right winner is **Attitudes and Images Salon** in Hollister.

Owner Cathleen Scott, who has been a stylist since 2020 and works alongside four family members who are independent contractors, set up her business to participate in the Recology organics program in 2023. They compost food scraps, napkins, and paper plates. Recology's Waste Zero team delivered free inside containers, making sorting recyclable and compostable materials easier.



Cathleen Scott, owner of Attitudes and Images, holds a refillable shampoo bottle available in her salon.

Attitudes and Images received a Green Business certification that year for going beyond the basics to be an environmentally conscientious business. In partnership with the Davines beauty brand, the salon has a drop-off box on the premises to ensure its

product containers are recycled. It also offers Davines refillable shampoo and conditioner containers.

"I want to give back to the planet by being as sustainable a business as I can," said Cathleen. Her salon's web page fittingly touts the slogan: We change the world one style at a time. She said recycling and composting is a "win-win" for the planet and her business, noting that generating less waste going to landfills has saved her money.



Customers can recycle Davines product containers.

Lookin' good Attitudes and Images!

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

Recology Waste Zero Specialists provide free assistance 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.