



THE CONNECTION

Keeping Us Connected to the Communities We Serve



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:



Mama Mia Manager Luis Aparicio (far right) and his Gilroy staff.

For more than 20 years, Mama Mia's Mediterranean and Italian Cuisine restaurants have served customers in Gilroy and Morgan Hill.

Last year, Manager Luis Aparicio learned about the organics law and knew the Gilroy restaurant needed to start composting.

MAMA MIA'S MEDITERRANEAN AND ITALIAN CUISINE!

He worked with the Recology Waste Zero team to create systems that comply with state law SB 1383, which requires food scraps and yard trimmings to be composted.

Luis trained his staff, put up sorting posters, and established setups for internal bins to ensure all materials are sorted correctly.

"I will check the containers and if something is wrong, I will let the staff know so items get placed in the right container," he said.

Teamwork is essential to ensure the First Street restaurant's recycling and organics programs succeed.

Luis and his team are not only serving great food to their community, they are helping improve it.

"I tell the staff that if we do it right, we help the environment since this is where we live, and it affects our future generations."

Recology South Valley extends a big "thank you!" to the Mama Mia's team for their dedication to recycling and composting.

Call Recology at **408.842.3358** to have a Waste Zero Specialist help your business with composting and recycling right.

TWO VALUABLE PROGRAMS FOR GILROY RESIDENTS

CALL FOR CURBSIDE BULKY ITEM COLLECTIONS

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. A mattress/box spring set counts as 1 item. Items must be less than 6 feet long, less than 200 pounds, and manageable by one person.

No sharp objects, glass, automotive parts, dirt, rock, stumps, large limbs, painted/treated wood, hazardous waste, or construction/demolition debris.

Call **408.842.3358** to schedule your collection.

Bulky Item Collection is available to apartment complexes. If you own or manage an apartment complex, contact Customer Service and learn how to take advantage of this FREE program.

MATTRESS DROP-OFF EVENTS

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



WHEN: April 26 and October 25, 9 AM – 12 PM

WHERE: Recology South Valley, 1351 Pacheco Pass Hwy, Gilroy 95020

BRING: 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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OTHER RESOURCES

hhw.org
whatbin.com
reducewaste.org

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 and taught by certified Master Composters.

2025 CLASS SCHEDULE

Gilroy: August 23, 10 AM – 12 PM at the Gilroy Senior Center, 7371 Hanna Street

Morgan Hill: May 3 and November 8, 10 AM – 12 PM at the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center, 17000 Monterey Road

Visit <https://bit.ly/3HJdhs3> or call **408.918.4640** for more details and registration. Participants must be 18 or older.



COMPOST GIVEAWAY

WHEN: Saturday, April 19, 8 AM – 12 PM (while supplies last)

WHERE: Christmas Hill Park Ranch Site

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 soil by helping it retain water and preventing run-off. Wood chips improve weed control and moisture retention.

PAINT RECYCLING IS EASY IN GILROY

The PaintCare program lets you take unwanted paint to local paint stores for recycling. Before dropping off your paint:

- Make sure that your cans are smaller than 5 gallons, have lids, original labeling, and do not leak.
- Limit is 20 gallons.
- Call the store to ensure the amount of paint you want to recycle is accepted.



For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable products, visit [PaintCare.org](https://www.paintcare.org).

Gilroy has two drop off locations:

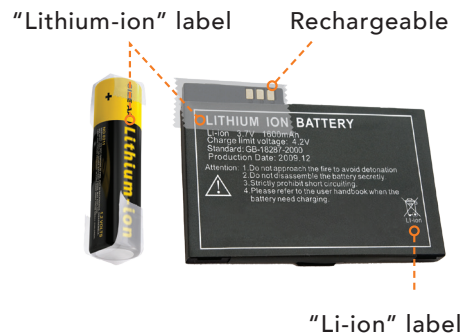
Sherwin-Williams
8589 Monterey Street
Gilroy
408.842.3688

Dunn-Edwards
8565 Monterey Street
Gilroy
669.327.0022

IT'S EASY BEING BATTERY SAFE

- Tape contact points with clear tape.
- Keep them in a cool, dry place.
- Seal in a plastic bag and place on top of your recycling cart on collection day.
- Learn more safe disposal tips at [recology.com/batterysafety](https://www.recology.com/batterysafety).

1 IDENTIFY AND PREPARE LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES



2 PROPERLY DISPOSE OF LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES



**NEVER PLACE THESE ITEMS
IN YOUR GARBAGE CAN**

Sharps and Medication
CVS Pharmacy
408.842.0373

Fluorescent Lamps
Ace Hardware of Gilroy
408.847.5890

Household Hazardous
Waste and Electronic
Waste, Call 408.299.7300