



Winter 2009

THE CONNECTION

Keeping Us Connected To The Communities We Serve



We've Changed Our Name!

In keeping with our company's long history of dedication to the environment, we are changing our name to Recology San Benito County.

Recology, with clear roots in words like recycling, renewal, reuse, and reduction, signals that our company will be leading the evolution of the waste industry.

This is a name change only and does not affect our organizational structure or our ownership—we are still 100% employee owned.



People • Service • Environment
NORCAL WASTE SYSTEMS OF SAN BENITO COUNTY
Proud to be Employee Owned


The new logo and name will appear on trucks, invoices, newsletters, and other literature sent to our customers.



Holiday Collection Information

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day are the only days of the year we do not collect your garbage and recycling. This year, if your collection day is on Thursday or Friday, your collection during the week of **Thanksgiving, Christmas** and **New Year's Day** will be moved forward one day.

Thursday's collection will be on Friday and Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

All other holidays follow the normal collection schedule.

NOVEMBER 2009					
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
23	24	25	26	27	28
Normal Service	Normal Service	Normal Service	 Thanksgiving No Pick Up	Service for Thursday Customers	Service for Friday Customers

DECEMBER 2009 & JANUARY 2010					
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
21	22	23	24	25	26
Normal Service	Normal Service	Normal Service	Normal Service	 Christmas No Pick Up	Service for Friday Customers
28	29	30	31	1	2
Normal Service	Normal Service	Normal Service	Normal Service	 New Years No Pick Up	Service for Friday Customers

Christmas Tree Recycling

There are two ways residents can recycle Christmas trees at the curb.

Before setting your tree out curbside for recycling pick up, you must do the following:

- Cut trees into three-foot by three-foot sections
- Remove all decorations, tinsel, and stands.
- Flocked trees are acceptable.

1 The local Boy Scouts will be collecting and recycling Christmas trees again in Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and surrounding neighborhoods on the following dates:

- **Sunday, December 27**
- **Saturday, January 2nd**
- **Sunday, January 3rd**

Trees need to be at the curb by 9AM on those dates. Donations of \$7 are appreciated and support local Boy Scout activities and the Gerry Rawn Endowment Fund. For more information call (831) 638-9646.

2 Recology San Benito County will pick up your Christmas tree for recycling on your garbage and recycling collection days between January 4th and January 22nd.

Spanish Translation

Para recibir información en Español llame a este número 831-636-7500.



Coming Soon!

Reduce Your Waste During the Holidays!

Here are some ideas that can help reduce the amount of garbage created and maybe even reduce the amount of money you spend this season:

- **Homemade gifts, such as baked treats, are always appreciated**
- **Give a donation in someone's name**
- **Give a "coupon" for helpful tasks: walking the dog, cooking meals, housework, etc.**

For the waste you do create, remember to recycle!

- **Tissue wrapping paper is acceptable**
- **Foil wrapping paper is NOT recyclable**
- **Ribbons and bows are not recyclable, but they are reusable**



Compost Class

Although Winter is right around the corner, plan ahead for **SPRING** and learn how to compost **leaves, fruit, vegetable and yard trimmings** into a rich soil supplement for your garden.

We will once again be offering free Compost Classes beginning in March 2010.

Participants will receive a free compost bin.

Watch for our article in the Pinnacle Newspaper. Call (831) 636-4110 to sign up. Limited space available.



Bulky Item Drop Off Events

There are four opportunities each year for residents (not businesses) to drop off specific items at the John Smith Road Landfill at no additional charge.

The 2010 drop-off events are from 9am to 3pm and are scheduled for:

- **March 27 & 28**
- **June 26 & 27**
- **September 25 & 26**
- **December 11 & 12**

Please call (831) 636-4110 to confirm drop-off event dates, as they are subject to change. The following is a partial list of items you can bring (limit two bulky items per event):

- **Furniture, appliances, mattress, box spring**
- **Tires (four tires are considered one bulky item)**
- **Concrete, asphalt, green waste, unpainted wood (one cubic yard for each item is considered one bulky item)**

For more information and a complete list of items, please call the San Benito County Integrated Waste Management Department at (831) 636-4110 or visit

<http://www.san-benito.ca.us/departments/iwm/RESIDENTIALQUARTERLYBULKYITEMRECYCLEDAYS.htm>

Urban Runoff

Pollution Prevention Program

The storm drain on your street is probably stenciled with the message "**No Dumping! Flows to River**" and is there to remind people that only rain should go down the drain.



Water flowing through these storm drains is untreated and can carry pollutants to our rivers and creeks. This water becomes our drinking water and eventually flows to the Monterey Bay.

Don't pour, blow, or place any substance into the street or storm drain. Dispose of wastewater from cleaning into a sink, toilet, or sanitary sewer, not the storm drain, driveway or street. Try using non-toxic alternatives in home and gardening activities. For more information, call (831) 636-4110.



Need more information?
Contact us! (831) 636-7500
We value your opinion, questions, or comments.
www.norcalwastesystemsofsanbenito.com

Other Important Resources
County of San Benito
Integrated Waste Management Department
(831) 636-4110