



Santa Margarita Beautiful

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Reduce
Reuse
Recycle

The three R's - reduce, reuse and recycle - all help to cut down on the amount of waste we throw away. They conserve natural resources, landfill space and energy.

Plus, the three R's save land and money communities must use to dispose of waste in landfills.

Everyone can help meet this goal and save natural resources, energy, and money by following the three R's.

Reduce - The best way to manage waste is to not produce it. This can be done by shopping carefully and being aware of a few guidelines:

- Buy products in bulk. Larger, economy-size products or ones in concentrated form use less packaging and usually cost less per ounce.
- Avoid over-packaged goods, especially ones packed with several materials such as foil, paper, and plastic. They are difficult to recycle, plus you pay more for the package.
- Avoid disposable goods, such as paper plates, cups, napkins, razors, and lighters. Throwaways contribute to the problem, and cost more because they must be replaced again and again.
- Buy durable goods - ones that are well-built or that carry good warranties. They will last longer, save money in the long run and save landfill space.
- At work, make two-sided copies whenever possible.
- Maintain central files rather than using several files for individuals.
- Use electronic mail or main bulletin board.
- Use cloth napkins instead of paper napkins.
- Use a dish cloth instead of paper towels.

Reuse - It makes economic and environmental sense to reuse products. Sometimes it takes creativity:

- Reuse products for the same purpose. Save paper and plastic bags, and repair broken appliances, furniture and toys.
- Reuse products in different ways. Use a coffee can to pack a lunch; use plastic microwave dinner trays as picnic dishes.
- Sell old clothes, appliances, toys, and furniture in garage sales or ads, or donate them to charities.
- Use resealable containers rather than plastic wrap.
- Use a ceramic coffee mug instead of paper cups.
- Reuse grocery bags or bring your own cloth bags to the store. Do not take a bag from the store unless you need one.

Recycle - Recycling is a series of steps that takes a used material and processes, remanufactures, and sells it as a new product. Begin recycling at home and at work:

- Buy products made from recycled material. Look for the recycling symbol or ask store managers or salesmen. The recycling symbol means one of two things - either the product is made of recycled material, or the item can be recycled. For instance, many plastic containers have a recycling symbol with a numbered code that identifies what type of plastic resin it is made from. However, just because the container has this code does not mean it can be easily recycled locally.
- Check collection centers and curbside pickup services to see what they accept, and begin collecting those materials. These can include metal cans, newspapers, paper products, glass, plastics and oil. **See list on back**
- At work purchase items made with recycled content, such as file folders, printer paper, desk accessories, office equipment, etc.
- Speak to store managers and ask for products and packaging that help cut down on waste, such as recycled products and products that are not over packaged.
- Buy products made from material that is collected for recycling in your community.
- Use recycled paper for letterhead, copier paper and newsletters.

Review the list of Local Alternative Disposal Options on back.

Keep this information, help us save land, energy, natural resources and money.

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LIST OF LOCAL ALTERNATIVE DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Business	Recycles	Pick Up	Drop Off
Heilmann's Salvage 6450 Rocky Canyon Rd. Atascadero, CA 93422 805-466-4693	Electronics Metal Scraps Appliances Lead Acid Batteries	Willing to work with us Picking up large quantities	No fee
Santa Marg. Mercantile Santa Marg. Liquor SML mini mart "SLO take back" Program	household batteries flourescents cell phone batteries	All retailers in SLO county that sell these items take them back.	No fee
Chicago Grade Landfill 2290 Homestead Rd. Templeton, CA 93465 805-466-2985 Sat. 11-3pm subject to change/ call to confirm	Hazardous Wastes Paint products automotive products household cleaners wood preservatives glue, pool chemicals yard pesticides also, all electronics	Sat. 11-3pm	No fee on Sat 15 gallons 125 lbs.
Sheriff's Dept. 805-781-4540	explosives old ammunitions WWII, dynamite bike and bike parts	drop off at any substations	no fee
Goodwill Industries 8310 El Camino 1-800-549-5920 805-544-0542	All kinds of items NO baby toys or furniture, fridgerators or mattresses	Free pick up call a week in advance	No fee
Grass roots II Inc. 3220 South Higuera St. Suite 222 San Luis Obispo, CA 805- 544-2333	Mattresses good shape	helps low income people providing free household items, including clothing	No fee
Midstate Solid Waste 3360 La Cruz Way Templeton, CA 93465 805-434-9112	car oil Mattresses, appliances Fridges, big bulky items	will deliver a container/call ahead pick up on regular trash day must call in advance/will pick up	no fee call ahead \$24-\$32
Pintors Tire and Wheel 2301 El Camino Real Santa Margarita, CA 93453 805-438-5580	tires		\$3 a tire
Santa Margarita Fire Dept. 22375 El Camino Real Santa Margarita 805-438-3185	fireworks		no fee
North County Achievement House 950 Orcutt Rd, San Luis Obispo 805-541-5865 / M-F 8-4 8681 El Camino, Atascadero 805-462-0500 / M-Sat 9-4:30	computers, monitors, TVs VCR/DVD, CPUs, fax printers, scanners, mice keyboard, cell phones radios, alarm, hair dryers	call about pick up service NO white good-fridge, stove, etc	no fee
Habitat for Humanity ReStore 187 Tank Farm #130, San Luis Obispo 805-546-8699 / M-F 8-2 3250 La Cruz Way, Templeton 805-434-0486/ Thur, Fri, Sat 9-4	Call for more specifics bathtubs, babinets, doors faucets, lumber, roofing, sinks, toilets, flooring, good construction materials	Building Materials thrift store good condition, usable and clean NO white good, clothing, electronics	no fee

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