

# The Recycler

Winter 2016



## Food Scrap Collection Year End Update

We are pleased to report that approximately 8000 tons of food scraps and yard trimmings were processed in our Anaerobic Digestion Facility since operations began in January 2015. As commercial customers continue to sign up for food scraps collection, and as more residential customers put their food scraps in the green cart, we will be on track to reach our goal of over 11,000 tons in



2016. We have very much appreciated all of your calls and emails this past year with great questions, comments and suggestions about food scraps collection, recycling, household hazardous waste and other waste. Your calls and emails help us in our efforts to provide you with updated and relevant information in our newsletters, recycling guides, and on our **new improved website**.

## What is Household Hazardous Waste?

**M**any unwanted household chemicals are household hazardous waste (HHW). Just because you bought a product at a store does not mean it is risk-free for you, your family, or the environment. *It is unsafe and illegal to throw these wastes in the garbage, down the drain, or in the storm drain.*

If you walk around your garage, kitchen, bathroom, or workshop, you will find hazardous products that you use every day. To reduce the amount of HHW in your home, look for less-toxic alternatives and buy only what you need. Give away what you cannot use, or bring it to a FREE County HHW collection site.

Event schedules, recycling and drop-off locations (by appointment only), and non-toxic alternatives can all be found at [www.smchealth.org/hhw](http://www.smchealth.org/hhw) or you can call 650.372.6200 for advice on proper disposal, and 650.363.4718 to make a drop off appointment.



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### BACK YARD COMPOSTING

## Announcing 16th Annual Backyard Composting Workshop

*Sponsored by  
South San Francisco Scavenger Co.*

*and San Mateo County  
RecycleWorks Program*

**C**omposting fruit and vegetable scraps, leaves and plants, and grass cuttings is the best way to enrich your garden soil, improve water retention, and reduce the need for pesticides. Come and learn about backyard composting and vermiculture (worm bin) from a master composter. Workshop attendees will be eligible for a drawing to win a compost bin and a worm bin!



*Please call 650.589.4020 x 105  
and reserve a space now.*

**Free Compost Workshop**

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016**

**10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**South San Francisco Scavenger Co.**

**500 East Jamie Court**

*(East Grand/Haskins Way)*

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# What is Household Hazardous Waste? *Continued*

## Household Hazardous Waste Products

### ■ Fluorescent bulbs, tubes\*

All sizes and types.



### ■ Household Batteries\*\*

AAA to 9 volt, buttons from hearing aids and watches, and any other types.



### ■ Painting Supplies And Home Improvement

Latex paint or oil-based paint\*, spray paint, stains, thinners, varnish, epoxy.

### ■ Garden Fertilizers

Pesticides and Herbicides.

### ■ Household Cleaning Chemicals

Bleach, stain removers, oven cleaner, all-purpose cleaners, etc.



### ■ Propane Tanks and Outdoor Cooking Fluids

Lighter fluid, camp stove fuel, tanks for gas and grills.

### ■ Poisons

Powders, sprays, baits, or any other product for killing pests (ants, fleas, ticks, cockroaches, etc.) inside your home or on your pet.



### ■ Automotive Supplies

Antifreeze, motor oil, oil filters, car batteries.\*

Diesel, fuel additives, fluids, chrome polish, many cleaners and waxes.



### ■ Hobbie Supplies

Photo chemicals, many glues, etc.



### ■ Pools or Spas Supplies

Water treatment chemicals.

\*Fluorescent tubes and bulbs can be taken to Blue Line Transfer, Inc. Fees range from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per bulb/tube. Home Depot stores take back fluorescent bulbs only at no charge.

Latex paint and oil base paint in original containers with labels up to 10 gallons can be dropped off at Blue Line Transfer, Inc. at no charge and at some paint stores participating in the Paint Care program.

Antifreeze, motor oil and car batteries can be dropped off at Blue line Transfer, Inc. at no charge to residential customers.

\*\*SSF Scavenger Co. provides curb side pick-up for **household batteries, motor oil, oil filters** on your normal collection day. Motor oil must be in a sturdy container with a secure screw-on lid and placed on the curb beside your collection carts. Household batteries in sealed clear plastic bags and oil filters in sealed clear plastic bags can go in your blue recycle cart with the cans and bottles.

Source: San Mateo County Environmental Health, Household Hazardous Waste Program, Too Toxic to Trash brochure



City of Millbrae

## Sustainable Millbrae Workshops

The workshops are held from  
7:00-9:00 p.m. at the  
Millbrae Library, 1 Library Avenue

RSVP: 650.349.3000;  
[www.bawsc.org](http://www.bawsc.org)

**FREE Admission -  
Everyone is welcome to attend!**

### Rainwater Harvesting & Graywater Reuse: February 3

Learn methods for harvesting rainwater and capturing household graywater for using in your garden and landscape.

### Water-Wise Edible Organic Gardening Workshop: May 11

Learn how to reduce water needs for seasonal vegetable gardening and how to incorporate compost and cover crops. The workshop will include a planting project to take home to help you start your garden!

*Please check our website for other  
upcoming workshops and events:  
[www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/sustainablemillbrae](http://www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/sustainablemillbrae)*

## Resource Information

### South San Francisco Scavenger Co.

- ◆ **Debris and mini debris box service**
- ◆ **On Call Clean-Ups**  
Take advantage of your two annual On Call Clean-Ups for extra trash and bulky items.
- ◆ **Online Bill Pay and Paperless Billing are now available.**

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### Blue Line Transfer, Inc.

Public Disposal and Recycling Facility

- ◆ **Drop off for San Mateo County Residents**
  - Car batteries
  - Household batteries (\$)
  - Sharps Containers
  - Cooking oil (\$)
  - Fluorescent tubes & bulbs (\$)
  - Used motor oil & filters
  - Latex paint
  - Antifreeze
  - Electronics (\$)

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