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# ZERO WASTE

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**AB 827 (New)** - The existing law AB 341 requires a business that generates 4 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste or 8 cubic yards or more of organic waste per week to arrange for recycling services, as specified.

Effective July 1, 2020, AB 827 will require a business subject to either of those requirements, and that provides customers access to the business, to provide customers with a recycling bin or container for the waste stream that is visible, easily accessible, adjacent to each bin or container for trash other than that recyclable waste stream, except in restrooms, and clearly marked with educational signage, as specified. The bill exempts full-service restaurants from its requirements.

The bill also requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (Calrecycle) to, on or before July 1, 2020, develop model signage that commercial and organic waste generators may utilize to mark the recycling bins provided to customers.

**AB 1826 (Continued)** - As of January 1, 2019, a business that generates four cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week, as defined in Section 42649.1, must arrange for organics (food, yard and wood) waste collection. On or before January 1, 2020, if the State determines that statewide disposal of organic waste has not been reduced to 50% of the level of disposal during 2014, a business that generated two yards or more yards of commercial solid waste shall arrange for organics collection.

Please call GreenWaste at (831) 426-2711 to adjust your service as needed. You may also request training for you and your team on the new Yellow Cart or Bin at (831) 454-2160 and ask for the Program Coordinator.

***Please do not contaminate food waste stream with nonfood items such as plastic bags, plastic or metal containers, rubber bands, or twist ties.***

## STEPS TO A ZERO WASTE LIFESTYLE



Make a resolution toward achieving a zero waste lifestyle for a year with less waste. A better planet doesn't start with a few people doing zero waste perfectly; it starts with millions of people doing zero waste imperfectly. Start small and be part of the movement!

**Awareness:** Be aware of the global and local trash issues. Stay informed through reading our County of Santa Cruz Public Works Blog.

[www.dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Home/RecyclingTrash.aspx](http://www.dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Home/RecyclingTrash.aspx)

**Phase out:** Get rid of things that don't serve a purpose in your life. Work on slowly phasing out wasteful products you already own. Don't toss perfectly good items, make sure that you use them up before switching to less wasteful alternatives.

**Simple swaps:** Start with these four items: Bring your reusable bags, reusable water bottle, reusable coffee/tea mug, and say no to straws.

**Patience:** Going zero waste doesn't happen in a week. It takes time to find creative solutions to wasteful problems. Start in the kitchen and bathroom.

**Better Solutions:** Look at your own waste/trash and examine what you are still throwing away. Try to find solutions to the problems or ask for help.

**Education and Community:** Going zero waste is a process. Always keep growing and learning by sharing what you've learned with others.





# CRV REDEMPTION AT RETAILERS – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Store owners who sell beverages have a responsibility under the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act.



## Beverages included in the California Redemption Value (CRV) program

- Beer and other malt beverages
- Wine coolers or distilled spirit coolers (both 7% or less alcohol by volume)
- Carbonated water, including soda and carbonated mineral water
- Noncarbonated water, including noncarbonated mineral water
- Carbonated soft drinks
- Noncarbonated soft drinks and “sport” drinks
- Noncarbonated fruit drinks that contain any percentage of fruit juice
- Coffee and tea drinks
- Carbonated fruit drinks
- Vegetable juice in beverage containers of 16 ounces or less
- 100% fruit juice in containers less than 46 ounces



### Redeemable containers are labeled:

- CA REDEMPTION VALUE
- CALIFORNIA REDEMPTION VALUE
- CA CASH REFUND
- CALIFORNIA CASH REFUND, OR
- CA CRV

When you charge CRV on eligible beverages, you are encouraged to show the CRV payment as a separate item on your cash register receipts. The CRV portion is subject to sales tax only if the sale of the beverage is subject to sales tax.

## Sign requirements for stores that sell CRV containers

You must post a sign that tells customers where they can redeem CRV bottles and cans.

If you have questions or would like a complimentary sign, call 1-800-RECYCLE or (916) 322-0195 or send an e-mail to [dealersigns@CalRecycle.ca.gov](mailto:dealersigns@CalRecycle.ca.gov).

- The sign must be at least 10”x15” and must be placed in a clear and conspicuous location at all public entrances to your store.
- The sign must include the name and address of the closest state-certified recycling center that redeems all types of empty beverage containers.



## Requirements for stores located in convenience zones without a certified recycling center

A convenience zone is the one-half mile radius around a supermarket with annual sales of \$2 million or more.

All stores in a convenience zone without a certified recycling center will receive a "First Notice" that they have 60 days to start redeeming CRV bottles and cans or pay a daily fee.

If a certified recycling center is not established in the convenience zone on or before the end of the 60-day period, California law requires stores to do either:

**Option A:** Pay CRV on all eligible empty beverage containers brought to your store during regular business hours. This would involve storing containers until they can be taken to a certified recycling center or processor.

**Option B:** Pay \$100 per day to CalRecycle. By paying this fee, you are relieved of your legal obligation to redeem empty beverage containers in-store. However, you are still required to post a sign indicating the name and address of the closest state-certified recycling center.

**CRV is 5¢ for each beverage container less than 24 ounces, and 10¢ for each container 24 ounces or more.**

If you have questions about dealer requirements, contact CalRecycle at **(916) 322-0195**, or call **1-800-RECYCLE** and your call will be directed to the appropriate staff.



## HOW CAN YOUR BUSINESS WORK TOWARDS TO ZERO WASTE?

By making sustainable resources and disposal choices, your business can cut costs on supplies and raw materials, enhance overall efficiency, lesson your impact on the environment, and convert waste into a valuable product.

- Shop for products at business closing auctions for reusable food service ware and other reusable items.
- Maximize your service with GreenWaste Recovery for recycling, organics (food, yard trimmings and wood waste), and trash. Call (831) 426-2711 for assistance.
- Set up bins/carts strategically. Place receptacles around your business for the public/staff with recycling next to the refuse and food scrap/composting cans. (AB 827)
- Use signage to inform and educate employees and customers. Contact Public Works at (831) 454-2160 for proper signage or make your own.
- Train employees. Take advantage of free service provided by Santa Cruz County Outreach Coordinators.
- Recycle more by properly sorting trash from recyclables. Continue to seek options for hard to recycle items and train employees.
- Reuse and purchase wisely. Purchase products that have the smallest carbon footprint and from companies that have considered end of life impacts for its products.
- Set the bar high and share your information, success and solutions with others!



# HOLIDAYS ARE OVER

## ...time to put away the new items!

What do you do with old items you have replaced with new? Keep them out of the landfill by donating or recycling them!



**Goodwill, Salvation Army,** and other local thrift shops and donation centers are great places to donate unwanted items that are still good. Items they typically take are: clothing, shoes, accessories, housewares, jewelry, books, wheelchairs, sports equipment, luggage & furniture (call to check on specific items). Working electronics, computers, and appliances may also be accepted. [www.cgoodwill.org](http://www.cgoodwill.org)

[www.santacruz.salvationarmy.org](http://www.santacruz.salvationarmy.org)

**Grey Bears** will also accept the above donations, and in addition (working or not) cell phones, TVs, monitors, VCR/DVD/CD players and other items that might be repaired by their team. Grey Bears supports food service for seniors and local charities by delivering 3,800 weekly healthy food brown bags. You can also make monetary donations, donations of recycling materials and vehicles. Volunteers are always welcome!

[www.greybears.org](http://www.greybears.org)

**Habitat for Humanity ReStore** accepts most of the items noted above, plus home building supplies and fixtures. Call (831) 824-4704 to check for pick-up or drop off times and days available.

[www.habitatmontereybay.com/restore](http://www.habitatmontereybay.com/restore)

**Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center** accepts volunteer time, monetary donations, vehicles and clothing for women and children. [www.wafwc.org](http://www.wafwc.org)

**Project Purr's Rescued Treasures** takes donations for resale to benefit feral cat advocacy.

[www.projectpurr.org](http://www.projectpurr.org)

**FabMo** is located at 970 Terra Bella Ave, Suite 5 in Mountain View. They divert over 70 tons of discontinued designer samples such as fabric, wallpaper tile, unused fabrics from the home, and carpet before they end up in the landfill. They sort the materials and ask for donations from anyone who wants to use their stock for home projects! Check out their calendar for creative meet ups mostly in Mountain View, satellite events are in Santa Cruz and elsewhere. [www.fabmo.org](http://www.fabmo.org)

Local consignment stores are also great ways to keep your goods out of the landfill by selling your items for you!

Give away items for free at [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) in the Santa Cruz or Watsonville postings; post something you would like to up-cycle to a new owner!

Or call GreenWaste to schedule a bulky item or extra garbage pickup at (831) 426-2711.

Whichever way you choose to rid yourself of old items, please don't illegally dump!



# SAVE THE DATE!

Celebrate Earth Day's  
50th anniversary at  
Earth Day Santa Cruz

on Saturday, April 18, 2020  
in San Lorenzo Park!

## County of Santa Cruz Public Works

701 Ocean Street, Room 410  
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# RECYCLING RESOURCES



**Recycle Information Line** ..... 831-454-2333

- What and where to recycle (recorded messages)

**Curbside Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection** ..... 800-665-2209

(operated by GreenWaste Recovery)  
[www.greenwaste.com/santa-cruz-county](http://www.greenwaste.com/santa-cruz-county)

- Begin new service
- Report missed recycling or trash service
- Request delivery or removal of carts
- Obtain oil recycling jugs



**County Public Works Dept.** ..... 831-454-2160

[www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org](http://www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org)

- Apartments and business recycling inquiries
- Complaints, compliments or suggestions
- Report roadside trash ..... 831-477-3999

**Household Hazardous Waste** ..... 831-454-2606

(recorded messages)

- Schedule for free disposal
- Non-hazardous alternatives

**Composting Resources**

[www.compostsantacruzcounty.org](http://www.compostsantacruzcounty.org)

**Questions?**

Call the County Outreach Team ..... 831-454-2160

**Buena Vista Landfill & Recycling Center** ..... 831-454-5153

- Recorded information ..... 831-454-2430

1231 Buena Vista Drive, Watsonville 95076

Open Mon-Sat 7:30-3:30

HHW Facility - Open Wed, Fri & Sat 7:30-3:30

**Ben Lomond Transfer Station & Recycling Center** ..... 831-336-3951

- Recorded information ..... 831-454-2430

9835 Newell Creek Road, Ben Lomond 95005

Open Mon-Sat 7:30-3:30

HHW Facility - Open Thursdays 7:30-3:30

**California Grey Bears Recycling Centers** ..... 831-479-1055 ext. 235

Mid County, 2710 Chanticleer Avenue, Santa Cruz 95065

..... Open 7:30-3:45 daily

Buena Vista Landfill - Open Mon-Sat 7:30-3:30

Ben Lomond Transfer Station - Open Mon-Sat 7:30-3:30

**City of Santa Cruz Resource Recovery Facility & Recycling Center** ..... 831-420-6270

- Open to unincorporated county residents in Davenport and Bonny Doon only

605 Dimeo Lane, Santa Cruz 95060

Open Mon-Sat 7:30-3:30

HHW Facility - Open Saturdays 7:30-3:30



Para información en español sobre el reciclaje en las áreas no incorporadas del condado de Santa Cruz, favor de llamar al (800) 665-2209.