

# ZEROWASTE

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GreenWaste Recovery

# News

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## EARTH DAY SANTA CRUZ 2019

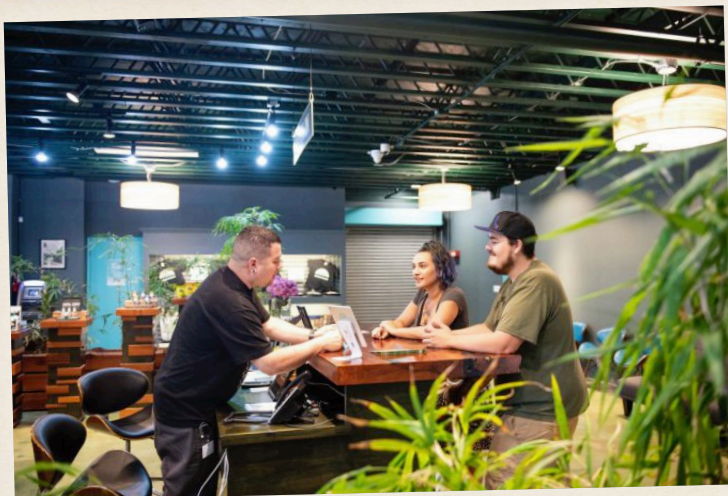
Saturday, April 20th,  
11 AM–4 PM in San Lorenzo Park

Earth Day Santa Cruz offers educational information, activities for kids including an arts and crafts tent, live music and a focus on green businesses. Come to San Lorenzo Park and enjoy this fun environmental celebration for the whole family!

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

## GREEN YOUR BUSINESS

Green business certification tells your customers that you care about their health and the environment. Learn more at [www.montereybaygreenbusiness.org](http://www.montereybaygreenbusiness.org)



Congratulations to the **Treehouse Cannabis Dispensary** in Soquel for earning Green Business Certification!  
[www.ourtreehouse.io](http://www.ourtreehouse.io)



Local institution and green business veteran **Mt. Madonna Institue** recently recertified as a green business, which is required every three years.  
[www.mountmadonna.org](http://www.mountmadonna.org)



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We at GreenWaste "Think Differently" and appreciate your suggestions and comments. Please call us today and let us know how we are doing at (800) 665-2209 or (831) 426-2711, or visit us on the web at [www.greenwaste.com](http://www.greenwaste.com)



# Right-Size Your Service

Do you have the right number and size of trash and recycling bins for your needs? Would you like to replace carts with a bin to save space? Need more containers for multiple locations? Thinking you might be able to reduce your service a bit to save money, or need more frequent pickups to avoid overflows? For expert advice and assistance, please contact Customer Service at (831) 426-2711 or [santacruzcs@greenwaste.com](mailto:santacruzcs@greenwaste.com)



## TIME TO SIGN UP FOR FOOD WASTE COLLECTION

Under new state laws, all businesses, schools, etc. which generate organic waste need to sign up for a special cart or bin. This is a great way to reduce your contribution to the climate change problem. There is a cost for the service, but many can reduce the expense by lowering their trash capacity. Contact GreenWaste at (831) 426-2711 or [santacruzcs@greenwaste.com](mailto:santacruzcs@greenwaste.com) to arrange for a customer service representative to visit and help you set up service just right for your needs. And remember – all food service ware must be recyclable or compostable. Plastic straws and stir sticks are banned, no Styrofoam is allowed, and plastic bags are no more!

## RECYCLE RIGHT!

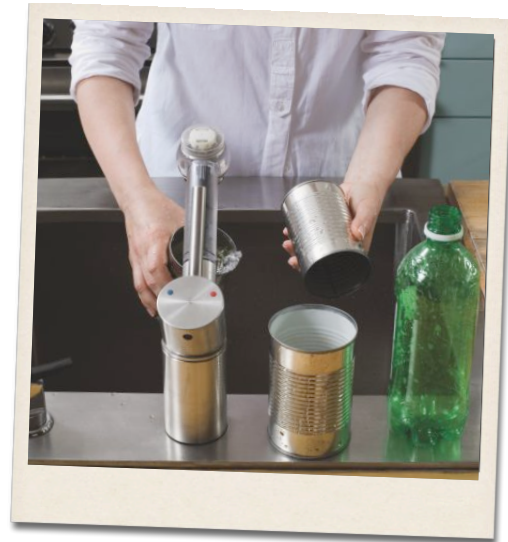
The global recycling market is in turmoil. Among the recent changes are much stricter standards for what recyclers will accept. Here's how you can help:

**CLEAN and DRY.** Before placing recyclables in your bin, be sure to empty containers of all liquids first then give them some time to dry before tossing them in your recycling bin. Remove as much food as possible from containers by scraping and giving them a light rinse.

**SORT THOROUGHLY.** Make sure all of your paper, plastic and other recyclables are separate from each other and loose and lightweight items are contained.

**Be a SAVVY SHOPPER!** Buy local, buy in bulk and when possible, buy less! Avoid plastic and excessive packaging wherever you can.

**TAKE IT BACK!** Paint, used motor oil, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, leftover medicines and used sharps can be taken back to the store. None of these products should ever go in your trash or recycling bins. For more info go to [www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org](http://www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org).



## KEEP IT GREEN!

The leaves and lawn clippings you put into your green bin are turned into mulch and compost and returned to the earth. But there's one problem: Plastic! Please don't bag your green waste; plastic should never go in the yard waste cart.

