Home
- Aerosol Cans
- Air Fresheners
- Ammonia Cleaners
- Bleach Cleaners
- Bathroom Cleaners
- Disinfectants
- Drain Cleaners
- Furniture Polish
- Insecticides
- Smoke Detectors
- Metal Polish
- Floor Care Products
- Oven Cleaners
- Paints
- Mothballs
- Medicine
- Nail Polish
- Toilet Cleaners
- Powder/Absorbent Cleaners
- Rug & Upholstery Cleaners
- Dry Cleaning Solvents

Garden
- Ant & Roach Killers
- Fertilizers
- Flea Killers/Sprays
- Fungicides
- Herbicides (weed killers)
- Pool/Hot Tub Chemicals
- Rodent & Insect Pesticides

Questions?
454-2606

Automotive
- Aerosol Cans
- Motor Oil
- Antifreeze
- Brake Fluid
- Oil Filters
- Polishes or Wax
- Transmission Fluid
- Engine Starting Fluid

Hobby
- Ceramic Glaze
- Ink Sets
- Furniture Stripper
- Oil Paints
- Stained Glass Solder
- Stains/Finishes
- Photographic Chemicals

Ammunition & Explosives
Call the non-emergency number of local law enforcement at 471-1131.

Medical Waste & Needles
You can drop off your medications, needles and sharps at several locations. Keep medicine out of our ground water, streams and ocean. Do not pour medication down any drain or flush down the toilet. Our treatment system can’t process these chemicals effectively.
It is illegal to discard used sharps in the garbage or recycling, and used sharps must be transported in an approved sharps container.
Never throw medical waste in the garbage or recycling cart.
For drop-off sites: www.sharpsmedsolutions.org

SAFETY HANDLING TIPS
- Transport Household Hazardous Waste in the original labeled containers.
- Make sure the lids are on securely and that no containers are leaking.
- Cushion glass containers to prevent breakage.
- Residents may only transport 15 gallons or 125 lbs. of HHW in their vehicle.
What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Almost every home has common household products containing chemicals that are harmful to humans, animals, and the environment. When these products are no longer wanted, they become “Household Hazardous Waste” (HHW). They include items such as paint, cleaning products, insecticides, motor oil, and even hobby supplies. It is both dangerous and illegal to dispose of HHW in the garbage, down the drain, or on the ground. Do the right thing and bring your HHW to the nearest drop-off facility... It’s FREE!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE Drop-off Hours & Locations

In Partnership with the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program

City of Santa Cruz

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

Open Saturdays Only 7:30am to 3:30pm
605 Dimeo Lane
(3 miles north of Santa Cruz up Highway 1)

ADDITIONAL DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:
Buena Vista Landfill
(831) 454-2606 for hours of operation
1231 Buena Vista Drive, Watsonville
1 mile south of Highway 1

Ben Lomond Transfer Station
(831) 454-2606 for hours of operation
9835 Newell Creek Road, Ben Lomond
Off of Glen Arbor Road

All facilities are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year.

FREE PAINT PROGRAM

If you have less than 2 inches of paint left in a container, open the lid and let the paint dry. After the paint is dry, you may throw away the whole container in the trash.

Each year thousands of gallons of paint are left over from home improvement projects. If handled improperly, paint threatens the environment, wildlife, and human health. So bring your leftover latex or oil-based paint to the HHW drop-off facility and take part in our FREE PAINT PROGRAM.

Available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Recycle these Household Hazardous Wastes...

Only these materials are accepted at the Resource Recovery Facility Monday thru Saturday 7:30 to 3:30:

- Antifreeze - In a sealed plastic container
- Auto Batteries
- Household Batteries
- Fluorescent tubes & compacts - 10 per visit
- Ballasts - 10 per visit
- Oil & Oil Filters - Place drained filters in a plastic zip-lock bag and use City provided container for oil.

Please do not mix used motor oil with antifreeze, transmission fluid, gasoline, or other contaminants.

Absolutely NO Solvents!

OIL & OIL FILTER CURBSIDE RECYCLING!

Put used oil in City of Santa Cruz 2 1/2 gallon container. Place drained filters in zip-lock bag. Leave both next to blue recycling cart and not inside cart.

To receive a Free 2 1/2 gallon used-oil container call 420-5220.

CLEAN UP WITH CARE

- Look for the least toxic products available.
- Clean latex paint in a sink connected to the sanitary sewer.
- Reuse solvents and thinners when cleaning oil-based paint.
- Never clean equipment in gutters, streets, or storm drains.

Stormwater pollution is the greatest threat to water quality!
2nd Chance Stores offer good and usable products to the public FREE OF CHARGE!

City of Santa Cruz Facility is OPEN SATURDAYS 7:30 TO 3:30
When you bring your products to the HHW facility we sort out the good stuff and offer it back to the public FREE OF CHARGE! Stop by the City of Santa Cruz 2nd Chance Store every Saturday and take a look at all of the free items available.

PRODUCTS COMMONLY AVAILABLE:
- Wood Preservatives
- Household Cleaners
- Cleaning Products
- Garden Products
- Auto Products
- Paints
- Stains
- Aerosols
- Caulking
- Adhesives

Before you move, take proper care of household products that may contain hazardous ingredients.

Make sure these products are REUSED, RECYCLED, or PROPERLY DISPOSED.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!
- SET ASIDE products that you can use up before you move, or that you will personally transport to your new home.
- OFFER the remaining products to the new owners, neighbors, or friends.
- DROP OFF any remaining Household Hazardous Waste at a FREE collection site near you.

HOMEBOUND PICK-UP
If no one in your household is physically able to bring your HHW material to a facility, call 454-2606 to schedule a pick-up.

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program
454-2606
RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM ONLY