

WASTELINE

A Publication for GreenWaste Recovery Customers in the City of Capitola

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Earth Day Citywide Garage Sale

Saturday, April 20

Commemorate Earth Day by Celebrating Reuse

Make plans to shop or sell at the Annual Earth Day Citywide Garage Sale on Saturday April 20th! Register your garage sale online at www.cityofcapitola.org by April 18th and City of Capitola will do all the advertising. Starting Friday April 19th, a map will be available at City Hall (420 Capitola Ave.) and on the web www.cityofcapitola.org listing all the addresses of the garage sale participants. Treasure hunters: Get your map; grab your reusable shopping bags and coffee cup, and go!

After the Garage Sale, pack up unsold items to be picked up the week of April 22nd on your regular garbage day by GreenWaste Recovery, or even better, donate the items to a charitable cause of your choice. This is a terrific opportunity to clean out your space, while keeping useful items out of our landfill!

Capitola Spring Cleanup Week

April 22-26

Let GreenWaste Recovery help you with your Spring Cleaning! During Spring Cleanup Week, GreenWaste Recovery customers may dispose of one bulky item (like furniture, appliances, etc.) and up to seven bags or cans of garbage, not to exceed 50 lbs. each, as part of your curbside service. For bulky items, please call GreenWaste Recovery 72 hours in advance of your regular collection day to schedule a pick up at **831.768.9505**.

All items must be curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your regular day of service. Household hazardous waste will not be accepted.



Can I Recycle This?

Recycling is our last defense in the process of keeping useful resources out of the landfill, so it matters that we do it correctly. Putting the wrong stuff in the recycling bin and wishing it would be correct is called “wish-cycling” and sometimes does more harm than good. One question we receive frequently is:

Q. Can I recycle film plastic / plastic bags?

A. YES. GreenWaste customers in the City of Capitola can recycle clean, dry film plastic (the stretchy kind) that is bagged in another clear plastic film bag.

For example, bread bags, tortilla bags, case wrap, dry cleaning bags, zip-style bags can all be recycled when they are bagged into another clear stretchy plastic bag and tied shut. Bundling plastic bags like this keeps them from flying around in the recycling plant and getting caught in the machinery.

Single bags and stretchy film plastic cannot be recycled if they are left loose in your recycling cart, so remember to bundle your bags!



Except for your bundled plastic bags, it is preferred that your other recycling items are placed loose and directly into your recycling cart un-bagged. Please avoid putting your recycling items in plastic trash bags. That way the recycling staff will not mistake it for trash, and the recycled products can be sorted mechanically.

If you have questions about what you can recycle, visit www.greenwaste.com/capitola/



Help Curb Illegal Dumping

Did you know that putting a “FREE” sign on something and leaving it on the curb is actually illegal dumping? Trash is blight on our beautiful city, and creates health and environmental hazards. With GreenWaste Recovery's curbside services, there's never a reason to dump illegally.

Curbside pickup is available throughout the year for a nominal cost. To dispose of bulky items, please call GreenWaste Recovery to schedule a pick up at **831.768.9505**.

More options for bulky item disposal include donation, selling or giving away items in online marketplaces (such as NextDoor and Facebook), or holding a yard sale. Certain items are also accepted at the Buena Vista Landfill free of charge, like recyclable metal appliances, mattresses, and box springs. Thank you for doing your part to keep Capitola clean!

GreenWaste Recovery will provide regular collection services on

Memorial Day - Monday, May 27

Independence Day - Thursday, July 4

Please place carts out by 6 a.m.