



Spring Clean Up Dates

Capitola Spring Clean Up Days are April 18-22.

During the Spring Clean Up, residents may place up to 7 bags out for collection. Each bag cannot exceed 64 pounds. All bags must be placed on the curbside for pickup by 6 a.m. on your regularly scheduled service day. Household Hazardous Waste will not be accepted during the clean up.

Capitola Spring Citywide Garage Sale

April 16, 2011

REUSE & RECYCLE!! Mark your calendars for the 8th Annual Citywide Garage Sale on April 16th, sponsored by the City of Capitola. The City of Capitola will do all of the advertising. All you have to do is call Lisa Murphy @ 475-7300 ext. 236 or email lmurphy@ci.capitola.ca.us by April 12. Tell her you would like to participate, be prepared to give your name and address and list of up to 3 types of items you will be selling.

On Friday, April 15, a map will be available to the public at City Hall (420 Capitola Ave.) and on the web at www.ci.capitola.ca.us listing all of the addresses of the garage sale participants. Get your map and go find that one-of-a-kind treasure.

After the Garage Sale, package up your unsold items to be picked up the week of April 18th on your regular garbage day by Green Waste Recovery, or donate the items to a charitable cause of your choice. This is a terrific opportunity to clean out your garage, and help to keep useful items out of our landfills by reusing and recycling!!



Remittance Address:

GreenWaste Recovery, P.O. Box 11089, San Jose, CA 95103-1089

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) 768-9505, or visit us on the web at www.greenwaste.com

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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot

Food Composting Program for Businesses

When you hear a Capitola business owner say, "Business is rotten!" that might mean good news if they're participating in the new food scrap compost program.

Capitola businesses may now take part in the commercial food scrap compost program, diverting food waste from their trash. For businesses like restaurants and grocery stores, this can have a significant impact on waste reduction, and potentially reduce their waste service needs.

The new composting program is administered by GreenWaste Recovery, who delivers the food scrap and green waste they collect to the Monterey Regional Waste

Management District in Marina, who in turn creates a nutrient-rich soil amendment used commercially and residentially for greener gardening.

Compost is a natural process where organic matter breaks down and becomes part of the earth again. Using compost in gardens and crops helps to enrich the soil with nutrients, improve soil structure, reduce pests, retain moisture, and more.

If you're interested in having your business participate in the food scrap compost program, please contact Lisa Murphy at (831) 475-7300 ext 236 or email lmurphy@ci.capitola.ca.us.

Breaking Bag Habits

Give reuse a chance!

Break the plastic bag habit and start a better habit by using durable reusable shopping bags every time and every place you shop. Single-use disposable bag bans are becoming popular in Northern California communities, and now is the best time to start saying no to plastic and paper, while it is still a choice.

A single person in California may use over 500 disposable bags a year, and few bags are ever recycled. With 10,500 residents in Capitola, our city alone has the potential to reduce our landfill waste by 5.25 million bags each year!

While most people have bags, some find that the biggest challenge is remembering to bring them to the store. Keeping some in the car makes it easy to grab some bags when you need them.

If you don't have any bags, they are available at most major retail chains, and many online sources. One reusable bag can replace 700 bags in its lifetime, and if you receive a 5¢ bag discount every time you use it, it will likely pay for itself 10-times in its useful life.

Think outside of the grocery store, and bring them to take out restaurants, farmers markets, hardware stores, department stores, pharmacies and convenience stores, even the mall! Do you have a special trick for remembering your bags, or a clever use we haven't mentioned? Share your tips and ideas at info@protectyourcentralcoast.org

