

County of Santa Barbara Residential Recycling News

Take Charge of Your Batteries

When dry cell batteries used in our day-to-day life no longer have the charge to keep our favorite gadgets functioning, how should we properly dispose the spent batteries? The best way is to recycle them. Just put a piece of tape over the positive end of the batteries and



then place them in a clear zip locked plastic bag. On your next service day, place the plastic bag filled with batteries on the top of your blue recycle cart and our driver will pick them up. If you reside in an apartment or a condo with centralized trash, have your property manager contact WM for

arranging the closest collection points. Another option is to take them to a household hazardous waste facility or event, or to an HSS Recycling Center. So, the next time you find yourself wrestling the back-off your TV's remote control in an effort to replace those spent batteries, now you know the mystery on proper disposal. The process is as easy as changing TV channels!

Recycling Latex Paints

In 2010, lawmakers in California moved once again to protect our planet for generations to come by enacting legislation to provide a way to recycle our unused household paints. For the past four years

Paint Care, a nonprofit organization, has been leading the charge in keeping our planet green by providing resources on where and how to recycle your latex paints. Waste Management

has been on the cutting edge of this program for several years by providing a "Latex Paint Exchange" at their HSS Recycling Centers. You can bring your latex paint and safely dispose of them, or take some free latex paint home with you for a project.



HSS Recycling Center Locations:

97 Commerce Drive, Buellton

1850 W. Betteravia Rd, Santa Maria

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Residents Can Recycle These Items:



The Plastics Family

In the plastics family, not all plastics are the same. Some are ridged, some are soft and are appropriately used for the bottles or containers that they become. Here are the plastics that you can recycle, with each having a triangle on the bottom of the bottle or container with a code number in the center. The triangle and number code helps to identify what type of plastic the bottle or container is manufactured from.



Get acquainted with the plastics family, so you are better equipped to identify what is recyclable. If you do not find one of the above designations stamped on a piece of plastic, such as water pipes or other plastic items, they are not recyclable. If you have questions, you can call 805-242-7936 to get help in deciding if your plastics are recyclable.

Our Staff Meets Your Needs!



We're here to meet your recycling and disposal needs, which we accomplish in two dynamic ways. First, we have the Call Center. This helpful staff assists you by setting up a new account or when changing service. Second, we have the local Care Center to help you with questions that are specific to your community.

Call Center: 922-2121



Care Center: 242-7936