

# Recycling Services and Collection Sites

**I**n the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County, a convenient recycling program for residents is in place. Recyclables are collected in commingled containers, meaning that all materials that can be recycled may be placed in a single container for pick-up by your solid waste service provider.

## Materials That Can Be Recycled in This Program Include:

- Aluminum foil and pie plates (must not have residue from food or beverages)
- Cans of all types (aluminum, steel, tin, bimetal) (and **empty** aerosol cans)
- Glass containers
- Newspapers and all inserts
- Mixed paper (includes any glossy or non-glossy paper such as office paper, magazines and junk mail; no waxed or laminated paper)
- Paper bags
- Paperboard and cardboard (e.g. cereal and tissue boxes)
- #1 PETE plastic containers (Polyethylene Terephthalate)(e.g. small sport top water bottles; soft drink, mouthwash, ketchup, and salad dressing bottles; peanut butter, jelly and jam, and pickle jars; food trays)
- #2 HDPE plastic containers (High Density Polyethylene)(e.g. milk, water, juice, cosmetic, shampoo, dish and laundry containers; yogurt and margarine tubs)
- #3 PVC plastic (Polyvinyl Chloride) (e.g. detergent/cleanser bottles, pipes)
- #4 LDPE plastic (Low Density Polyethylene) (e.g. squeezable bottles such as honey and mustard)
- #5 PP plastic (Polypropylene)(e.g. ketchup bottles, yogurt containers, margarine tubs, and empty medicine bottles)
- #6 PS plastic (Polystyrene)(e.g. compact disk cases, clean plates and empty medicine bottles)
- #7 Other plastics (e.g. three- and five-gallon reusable water bottles; ketchup, juice, and syrup bottles)
- Pots and pans (e.g. aluminum, copper, or steel)
- Telephone books

Preferably, rinse glass bottles and jars and metal cans to minimize the residue from food and liquids. Also, caps from plastic containers should not be removed, since they can be recycled with the container.

## Materials That Are Not Accepted in Commingled Recycling Program:

- Aerosol cans (if contents are in can)\*
- Automotive fluids\*
- Batteries\*
- Chemicals\*
- Electronics\*\*
- Fluorescent lights
- Paints/solvents\*
- Paper towels
- Plastic bags\*\*\*
- Pottery
- Styrofoam (if clean, many packaging stores will accept the peanuts)
- Tissue and toilet paper
- Waxed cartons (e.g. milk or juice cartons and frozen food boxes)
- Window glass or incandescent light bulbs

\* Take to your local hazardous waste collection facility to be recycled. Household batteries may also be dropped off at some stores that sell electronics, camera stores, drugstores, office supply stores, and home improvement stores.

\*\* Contact the County of Santa Barbara Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department at (805) 882-3615 to obtain information on the nearest location where you can take your electronic items to be recycled or reused.

\*\*\* The following types of plastic bags are accepted at major grocery stores to be recycled:

- a) Grocery bags;
- b) Bread bags, if there is no residue;
- c) Retail bags with the hard plastic and string handles removed;
- d) Newspaper bags (must be clean and dry);
- e) Dry cleaning bags;
- f) Clear bags labeled with a #2 or a #4.

**Please note that Styrofoam, packing peanuts, plastic egg cartons, plastic bags, and electronics should NOT be placed in your commingled recycling container.** Generally speaking, only **hard** plastics may be placed in your commingled recycling container.





Many mail and packaging stores accept packing peanuts to be recycled or reused. Contact a local store to verify that clean packing peanuts will be accepted. Electronics should be taken to a facility that collects such items for recycling or dropped off during one-day collection events held periodically throughout the County. For a list of facilities that accept electronics, please visit: [www.LessIsMore.org/Programs/electronics.html](http://www.LessIsMore.org/Programs/electronics.html).

In addition to the above listed recyclable materials, green waste is also collected at the curbside and containers are provided by your hauler. Green waste consists of leaves, grass clippings, and other yard trimmings and plant material. Food waste, wood ash, soil, and other yard implements (old hoses, tools, plant pots, etc.) are not acceptable materials to place in the green waste container.

To participate in this program, you may contact your service provider directly for schedules and bin delivery. If you would like to recycle materials not included on this list, check the list of materials on pages 15-49 for additional recycling resources. For additional information on the services offered in your area, please contact the service provider listed for your locality:

### **SERVICE PROVIDERS IN SOUTH COAST UNINCORPORATED AREAS:**

#### **MarBorg Industries**

P.O. Box 4127 (93140)  
728 East Yanonali Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93103  
Tel: (805) 963-1852  
Fax: (805) 962-0552

**Service areas:** *Summerland, Montecito, Carpinteria Valley, Hope Ranch, Mission Canyon, Goleta (south of Hollister Avenue), and Isla Vista*

#### **Allied Waste (formerly known as Browning-Ferris Industries)**

P.O. Box 4010 (93140)  
800 Cacique Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93103  
Tel: (805) 965-5248  
Fax: (805) 965-4993

**Service area:**  
*Goleta (north of Hollister Avenue)*

### **SERVICE PROVIDER IN NORTH COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS:**

#### **Health Sanitation Service (aka Waste Management)**

1850 West Betteravia Road  
Santa Maria, CA 93455  
Tel: (805) 922-2121  
Fax: (805) 922-4710

**Service areas:** *Lompoc Valley, Santa Ynez Valley, and Santa Maria Valley*



Businesses in the unincorporated areas of the County that want information on the County's Commercial Recycling Program may contact the County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division, located at 130 East Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, telephone: (805) 882-3616.

If you would like more information on the destination of your trash and recyclables, you can contact the appropriate transfer station or landfill for your area. Transfer stations are intermediary sites that collect and sort a variety of materials, both recyclable and non-recyclable. The recyclable material is later delivered to Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) where it is sorted, baled, and then sold. The non-recyclable materials are hauled to a landfill, where they are covered daily in a system of compacted layers.

In Santa Barbara County, green waste that is either collected at the curbside or self-hauled to the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station is processed into mulch for beneficial reuse. A Quality Control Program removes inappropriate materials (e.g. painted wood, pressure treated wood, and plywood) and magnets remove ferrous metals. The mulch is widely used in local agriculture, and for erosion control, landscaping and other uses by a variety of end users, including Lotusland, Alice Keck Park Memorial Gardens, and local schools and churches. Residents may help themselves to free mulch at the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station, or may have larger amounts delivered at a cost. Call (805) 681-4345 for more information.



## **INCORPORATED AREAS:**

Residents and businesses within the Cities of Carpinteria, Goleta, Santa Barbara, Buellton, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Solvang should contact their cities directly for information on recycling programs.

<b>City of Buellton</b>	<b>(805) 686-0137</b>
<b>City of Carpinteria</b>	<b>(805) 684-5405 ext. 402</b>
<b>City of Goleta</b>	<b>(805) 961-7500</b>
<b>City of Guadalupe</b>	<b>(805) 343-1340</b>
<b>City of Lompoc</b>	<b>(805) 875-8024</b>
<b>City of Santa Barbara</b>	<b>(805) 897-2542</b>
<b>City of Santa Maria</b>	<b>(805) 925-0951, ext. 7270</b>
<b>City of Solvang</b>	<b>(805) 688-5575</b>
<b>Vandenberg Air Force Base</b>	<b>(805) 605-0544 or (805) 605-3615</b>



## **TRANSFER STATIONS AND LANDFILLS—SOUTH COAST**

### **South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station**

4430 Calle Real  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
(805) 681-4345

This facility opened in 1967 and can process up to 550 tons of waste per day. This transfer station serves as a central collection point for a large portion of the non-hazardous waste generated on the South Coast. The station receives commercial roll-off containers, as well as waste brought in by residents and small, non-franchised haulers (e.g. landscapers). The remainder, comprised of trash, is taken directly to the Tajiguas Landfill by franchised haulers seeking to take advantage of the lower tipping fees. The South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station is also home to a recycling center that processes approximately 200 tons per day of recyclable materials including electrical appliances, automobile batteries, bicycles, Christmas trees, construction and demolition debris, electronic items, used tires, and wood and yard waste.

The South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is closed on Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. If you have any questions, please call (805) 681-4345.

### **Tajiguas Landfill**

14470 Calle Real  
Goleta, CA 93117  
(805) 696-1170

This landfill serves the unincorporated areas of the County, including the Santa Ynez and New Cuyama Valleys and the Cities of Buellton, Goleta, Santa Barbara, and Solvang and can process up to 1,500 tons of trash per day. The Tajiguas Landfill is open Monday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is closed on Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. No public dumping is allowed at the Tajiguas Landfill so all South County self-hauled waste must be taken to the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station.

## **TRANSFER STATIONS AND LANDFILLS—NORTH COUNTY**

### **City of Lompoc Landfill**

Avalon Road (south end)  
Lompoc, CA 93438  
(805) 875-8024 or  
(805) 875-8027

The City of Lompoc's Landfill serves the City of Lompoc and the unincorporated areas of Mesa Oaks, Mission Hills, and Vandenberg Village. The Landfill is located at the south end of Avalon Road and is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on weekends and holidays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

### **City of Santa Maria Landfill**

2065 East Main Street  
Santa Maria, CA 93454  
(805) 925-0951, ext. 7270

The City of Santa Maria's Landfill serves the City of Santa Maria and the unincorporated areas of the Santa Maria Valley. The Landfill is located at 2065 East Main Street in Santa Maria and is open seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is closed on New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.



**Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station  
(formerly known as the Foxen Canyon Landfill)**

4004 Foxen Canyon Road  
Los Olivos, CA 93441  
(805) 688-3555

The Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station, formerly known as the Foxen Canyon Landfill, is a County operated facility that can process up to 212 tons of waste per day. It services the Santa Ynez Valley and the Cities of Buellton and Solvang, and is open to the public on Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00p.m. It is closed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. If you have any questions, please call (805) 688-3555.

**New Cuyama Transfer Station**

5073 Highway 166  
New Cuyama, CA 93254  
(661) 766-2284

New Cuyama Transfer Station is located at 5073 Highway 166 in New Cuyama, California. The site is a 0.9 acre site within the community of New Cuyama that had previously been used as a road yard by the Transportation Division. This facility can process up to 99 cubic yards of waste during each day that it is open. Waste from the New Cuyama Transfer Station, containing a high percentage of recyclables, is taken to the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station, where the recyclables are removed and subsequently loaded into County trailer trucks for transport to a processor. The residual waste is then transported to the Tajiguas Landfill, located in Goleta, California. The New Cuyama Transfer Station is open on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. during Pacific Daylight Savings Time (from the second weekend in March to the first weekend in November) and from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during Pacific Standard Time (from the first weekend in November to the second weekend in March). There are no tipping fees at this facility, which accommodates local residents only.

**Vandenberg Air Force Base Landfill**

Building 9505,  
6th Street and Utah  
Vandenberg Air Force, CA 93437  
(805) 606-7571

The Vandenberg Air Force Base Landfill is located on North Vandenberg AFB, just southeast of the intersection of Washington and New Mexico Avenues. This facility is a 172-acre permitted municipal solid waste landfill that serves base residents and personnel only. It is managed by the Operations Flight (30 CES/CEO), who contracts out the daily operations. Privately owned vehicles are not authorized to enter the landfill for waste disposal. Disposal outside of the landfill is illegal. Active screening is conducted at the landfill in

the following locations: scale house, wood pile, and active face. The landfill is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30p.m. and is closed Saturday, Sunday and on Federal holidays.

**Ventucopa Transfer Station**

Highway 33  
Ventucopa, CA 93254  
(805) 448-7489

Ventucopa Transfer Station is located on Highway 33 in Ventucopa, California. This facility can process up to 80 cubic yards of waste during each day that it is open. Waste from the Ventucopa Transfer Station, containing a high percentage of recyclables, is taken to the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station, where the recyclables are removed and subsequently loaded into County trailer trucks for transport to a processor. The residual waste is then transported to the Tajiguas Landfill, located in Goleta, California. The Ventucopa Transfer Station is open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. during Pacific Daylight Savings Time (from the second weekend in March to the first weekend in November) and from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during Pacific Standard Time (from the first weekend in November to the second weekend in March). There are no tipping fees at this facility, which only accommodates residents of the Ventucopa area of Santa Barbara County.

