# WASTELINE

A Publication for GreenWaste Recovery Customers in the City of Capitola

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### Saturday, April 19, 2014

REUSE & RECYCLE at the 11th Annual City wide Garage Sale on April 19th sponsored by the City of Capitola. The City of Capitola will do all of the advertising for sellers and provide maps for shoppers.

Register your sale online at www.cityofcapitola.org by April 14th. On Friday, April 18th, a map will be available to the public at City Hall (420 Capitola Ave.) and on the web www.cityofcapitola.org 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, donate your unsold items to a charitable cause of your choice. This is a terrific opportunity to clean out your garage, and help to divert refuse from our landfills by reusing and recycling!

## Please Put Garbage Cans Away

The City of Capitola has an ordinance requiring waste collection customers to place trash, recycling and yard waste containers out for collection no earlier than 24 hours prior to collection time, and to remove the carts within 24 hours following your scheduled collection. Violations are considered an infraction and can result in a fine of up to \$125. Leaving containers out on sidewalks or in the street creates a hazard and is also unsightly to your neighbors. Please be considerate and promptly remove your containers.





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) 426-2711, or visit us on the web at <a href="https://www.greenwaste.com">www.greenwaste.com</a>



All batteries and fluorescent light bulbs are banned from disposal in your trash and recycling carts. They are considered hazardous waste and require special care for disposal to avoid harming people, pets and nature.

Recycling them properly ensures that any useful materials are extracted, and any harmful materials are safely disposed.

Household batteries can be collected curbside with your weekly recycling at no additional charge. Please place batteries in a sealed clear zip-lock bag and set

them on top of your blue recycling container (not inside).

Some businesses where you buy batteries and bulbs will also take them back. Stores in Capitola and nearby include:

**Orchard Supply Hardware** 1601 41st Avenue, Capitola

**Home Depot** 2600 41st Avenue, Soquel

ProBuild 2435 41st Avenue, Soquel Residents of Capitola may recycle all kinds of batteries, fluorescent bulbs and other household hazardous waste (HHW) free of charge at any of the HHW Facilities operated by the Santa Cruz County Household Hazardous Waste Program.

Check SantaCruzCountyRecycles.org for more information about what is accepted and hours of operation.

Use special care when transporting fluorescent bulbs to prevent breakage; they contain small amounts of mercury, a harmful toxin.

## Rethink Your Lunch, Be Waste-Free

A smart mid-day meal can recharge energy and fuel the body. Making a good lunch is an art form for some or a chore for others. At very least we can all agree it takes some effort for success.

No wonder so many of us have succumbed to the lure of convenience in individually wrapped, single-serving packages. All that packaging costs money (about 10 cents for every dollar spent on groceries), plus weighs heavily on our natural resources.

Rethink your lunch; waste-free lunches are better for your health and buying in bulk saves you money in the long run. Waste-free means everything in your lunch can be reused or recycled.

#### Your Waste-Free Lunch Kit Includes:

Durable Forks, Spoons and Knives, Cloth Napkins, Refillable Drink Containers, Reusable Lunch Containers, Durable Food Containers and Ice Packs.

#### Recycle:

Aluminum Cans, Glass Bottles, Paper Bags and Food Scraps.

Participate in recycling, and reuse your lunch kit. If your school or business has a food scrap-composting program, recycle



food scraps, too. If not, ask them to start one, or consider starting one at your home or apartment to recycle food scraps at home. Check www.compostsantacruzcounty.org for compost workshops.

Enjoy more variety and savings when you eliminate all the extra packaging and pack your favorite drinks, fruits, veggies, snacks and treats in reusable (re-sealable!) containers. Save time when you pack a week's worth and create your own convenience packs. Make extras to grab and go for events, practices, errands and adventures. Soon, like your reusable bottles, travel mugs and shopping bags, your waste-free lunch kit will become an essential part of your healthy lifestyle

For more information about waste-free lunches visit www.epa.gov/osw/education/pdfs/lunch.pdf.