

# WASTELINE

A Publication for GreenWaste Recovery Customers in the City of Capitola

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## Reducing Use of Non-Biodegradables for a Cleaner Capitola

Polystyrene packaging and plastic bags either end up in landfills or in the natural environment. The City of Capitola has implemented programs to help reduce the use of and reliance on these non-biodegradable disposable products.

In 2006, the City of Capitola adopted an ordinance to help reduce the amount of non-biodegradable products being used in the City. The ordinance prohibits eateries from providing prepared food to customers in disposable containers that use polystyrene foam. It also requires disposable food service items to be biodegradable or compostable.

In 2013, the City of Capitola adopted an ordinance to help eliminate the use of plastic single-use carryout bags, encourage the use of reusable bags by consumers and retailers, and to reduce the consumption of single-use bags in general. The ordinance prohibits retail establishments from providing single-use plastic bags and requires a charge for paper bags.

If you have any questions regarding these programs, please contact the City of Capitola at 831-475-7300.

## Debris Boxes Available!

In the City of Capitola, drop boxes, dumpsters and debris boxes may only be placed or serviced by GreenWaste, the City's refuse collection franchisee.

By having a single source for this type of collection, we can help recycle a greater percentage and divert more waste from our landfills.

To arrange for a temporary debris box, please contact GreenWaste customer service at 888-533-9269, or visit [www.greenwaste.com/debris-box-rental](http://www.greenwaste.com/debris-box-rental)



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 [www.greenwaste.com](http://www.greenwaste.com)

# ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN

In Capitola we are incredibly lucky to live next to the Pacific Ocean and to have Soquel Creek run through the middle of our City. These resources are used and appreciated by many people for all sorts of activities. The next time you are able to appreciate the beauty of our environment, please take a moment to consider how we can all help keep it that way.

## In Capitola, our water goes two places:

Inside our homes and businesses, it goes down the drain. This water goes to the wastewater treatment plant, so it can be soapy, dirty, or contain human waste without harming the environment. The water is treated, and reused to irrigate landscape.

Outside, water goes down a storm drain, or down a drainage ditch. Only rain should go in the storm drain! Storm drains flow directly to our creeks and rivers, and eventually the ocean, without treatment.

Trash and debris are the most frequent culprits polluting our waterways. Trash and solids on streets eventually make their way into our creeks and rivers. Even organic debris can plug up storm drains below the street, causing overflow and flooding. Always pick up debris and trash rather than sweeping or hosing them off your property. With El Niño in the forecast, it's especially important to prepare for the onslaught by keeping gutters, sidewalks, storm drains and streets clear of debris.

Carwash and pressure washing water can be very dirty and pollute creeks. Redirect this water to landscaping or a sanitary sewer cleanout.

Thank you for your help to protect our creeks and ocean. Be proud that you take part in protecting the beauty of our City.

## Holiday Pickup Schedule

GreenWaste is closed for three holidays out of the year: Thanksgiving (November 26th), Christmas (December 25th), and New Year's Day (January 1st). If your regular collection day falls on or after one of these holidays, your collection day will be moved to the following day for the rest of the week. Regular collection schedules will resume the following week. Happy holidays!

### NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

### DECEMBER/JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2



Recycle your evergreen curbside! Place the whole tree on the curb next to your recycling bin on your regularly scheduled pickup day January 2-15, 2016. Please remove all tinsel, decorations and non-wood stands. No flocked trees, please! Free tree recycling will also be available at the Buena Vista Landfill, Ben Lomond Transfer Station and other convenient locations around the County.