



Additional Information and Resources in San Jose

The City of San Jose's website for recycling information is <http://www.recycleplus.org/>. This site has very specific information on how to use curbside service for trash, yard waste and recycling as well as motor oil. (This page is part of the Environmental Services site, and you'll see links to other environmental programs such as water conservation along the top of the page.) This information is from the site:

Used Motor Oil & Filters

To recycle used motor oil and oil filters at curbside, you must use *free* City-issued oil jugs and filter bags because they are designed to prevent leaks. Place filled oil jugs and bags on the curb near your recycling cart for collection. Oil mixed with antifreeze, transmission fluid, or any other automotive fluid will not be collected. To order the free oil jugs and filter bags, call 535-3515.

(Note that this is not available to residents of multifamily housing with dumpster service.)

The Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health Household Hazardous Waste Program website www.hhw.org has very complete information about household hazardous waste disposal. For more information on used oil and filter recycling and other household hazardous waste questions, you can call the Department at (408) 299-7300.

For all kinds of recycling information and questions, you can call the Santa Clara County Recycle Hotline at 1-800-533-8414 or visit www.recyclestuff.org

The last page of the student lesson book has a list of locations in the City where used oil and filters can be taken for recycling. (Most of these locations accept both oil and filters, but some may take only oil.)

For broader environmental information for the area, one useful site is the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition <http://www.svtc.org/>. While this organization is known all over the world for its groundbreaking work with the electronics industry, you will also see a link on the home page to Tierra Viva, a project that works on environmental justice issues in San Jose.