



Additional Information and Resources In Santa Barbara County

The Family Car is funded in Santa Barbara County by the County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division. For information about used oil recycling and related topics, your direct contact there is Leslie Robinson, (805) 882-3615 or lrobins@cosbpw.net.

The website for Santa Barbara County waste reduction programs is www.lessismore.org. The County is currently updating the entire website and anticipates unveiling the new site in Fall 2010. With a convenient search tool and easily accessible sections for recycling, hazardous waste, and electronics, the new website will be much easier to navigate.

In the meantime, visitors to the current www.lessismore.org can find information relevant to The Family Car lesson by scrolling down to “Featured Programs” on the home page. Link #15 is the Recycling Resource Guide, which contains a sub-link to information about used oil recycling. The Guide also has links to different subject pages which are PDFs and very suitable for printing. You’ll find information on how to recycle all kinds of materials throughout the county. (There is also a link to updates since the guide is published every other year.)

Within the Recycling Resource Guide, you’ll find a link to six pages on household hazardous waste. You can also access information on this topic directly from the www.lessismore.org home page at link #9. Note as you scroll down this section that there is a long list of materials and prices for disposal. The disposal prices refer to businesses only; hazardous waste drop-off is free for residents.

There are several locations in the county (called “ABOPs”) where certain materials, including antifreeze, batteries, oil, and paint, may be dropped off, as well as three comprehensive household hazardous waste (“HHW”) facilities. The HHW facilities are listed at the end of the Family Car student book. The County also provides one-day HHW collection events in the Santa Ynez Valley and New Cuyama. Information about these events is also on the website.

The City of Santa Barbara website, sbrecycles.org, is very accessible, with lots of pictures and easy links for single-family and apartment residents. There is a great section on reuse with lists of thrift stores and flea markets.

Nuts-and-bolts information about recycling and trash service can be obtained from some haulers’ websites. These include:

- Allied Waste/Republic Services: www.disposal.com (no specific local information; local phone is 805-965-5248)
- MarBorg Industries: www.marborg.com
- Waste Management/Health Sanitation Service: www.wm.com (type local zip code in the “contact us” box)
- E.J. Harrison & Sons: www.ejharrison.com

The City of Goleta website, www.cityofgoleta.org, has a section on recycling, but it is difficult to find. Start with “Government” from the menu at the top of the page, then “Community Services,” then “Solid Waste and Environmental Services.” This page has a link to Recyclables and Waste Disposal.

The City of Santa Maria website, www.ci.santa-maria.ca.us, has recycling information under “Utilities” in the menu at the left of the home page. Scroll down the utilities page to find “Solid Waste and Landfill Services.”

The City of Lompoc website, www.cityoflompoc.com, has recycling information under “Solid Waste” in the “Fast Find” section at the top right-hand corner of the home page.

The City of Carpinteria website, www.carpinteria.ca.us, has a section on “Disposing of Hazardous Materials.” From the home page select “City Hall” and then “Public Works.” You can also access information about recycling by selecting “Residents” and then “Utility Providers” to find a link to the hauler E.J. Harrison Disposal.

The web site www.sbwellnessdirectory.com has links to environmental organizations and programs in the area. Select “links” from the menu at the top of the page.