



## Additional Information and Resources in Santa Cruz County

Ecology Action of Santa Cruz is an organization that conducts many environmental activities in Santa Cruz County, including educational programs about used oil recycling. The website is [www.ecoact.org](http://www.ecoact.org): select "Pollution Prevention" to find information about used oil recycling.

Santa Cruz County Public Works is at [www.dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us](http://www.dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us) Use the site map (the link is at the bottom of the home page) to find information on "Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off" and on "Recycling and Waste Diversion."

City of Santa Cruz Public Works is at [www.ci.santa-cruz.ca.us](http://www.ci.santa-cruz.ca.us). Select "Environmental Programs" from the menu bar at the left of the page.

The last page of the student lesson book has a list of locations in the County where used oil and filters can be taken for recycling.

Curbside collection for used motor oil and filters is available throughout the county, and numbers to call are also listed on the last page of the student book. All have an option to speak to someone in Spanish. Curbside operators offer a special 2-1/2 gallon oil jug to customers on request. Filters should be put in a clear ziplock bag. Put the oil and filters next to (not in) the recycling carts on the regular service day. (Note that this is not available to residents of multifamily housing with dumpster service.)

Your students who work in agriculture may be interested to know that Santa Cruz County has a designated agricultural used oil recycling location. They accept from growers much larger quantities of oil than the other oil recycling centers (which usually have a 5 gallon limit). The location is Bayside Oil II, Inc, 210 Encinal Avenue, Santa Cruz (831) 427-3773.

There are four Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facilities in Santa Cruz County where residents may dispose of toxic products from the home including oil and filters for free:

### **Buena Vista Landfill**

(1 Mile South of Highway 1)  
1231 Buena Vista Drive  
Watsonville  
(831) 454-2430  
HHW open 7:30 am to 3:30 pm every Tuesday,  
Wednesday, and Saturday

### **Resource Recovery Facility and Recycling Center**

(three miles north of Santa Cruz City limits off of Hwy one)  
605 Dimeo Lane  
Santa Cruz  
(831) 420-6273  
HHW open 7:30 am to 3:30 pm every Saturday

### **Ben Lomond Transfer Station**

(1 Mile North of Glen Arbor Road)  
9835 Newell Creek Road  
Ben Lomond  
(831) 336-3950  
7:30 am to 3:30 pm every Thursday & Sunday

### **Watsonville Garbage & Recycling Drop-Off**

320 Harvest Drive  
Watsonville  
(831) 768-3133  
HHW open 9:00-3:30 every second Saturday of the month

For more general information on environmental issues and programs in Santa Cruz County, one helpful resource is an Environmental Directory compiled by the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County. You can download it at [www.cfsc.org/page18018.cfm](http://www.cfsc.org/page18018.cfm)