

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES!**

# RECYCLING

**THE PLACE TO BE**  
*In Central Contra Costa!*

*New Program Makes it Easier for Small Businesses to Recycle*  
**Small Businesses Get a Break!**

**FREE**  
Recycling Service  
for Eligible  
**SMALL**  
**BUSINESSES**

The Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority (CCCSWA) is pleased to announce a new program that will make it easier for small businesses to recycle.

Because small businesses have had difficulty realizing the economic benefit of recycling, the CCCSWA is implementing a special pilot program just for small businesses. Using feedback from a survey conducted last summer, the CCCSWA developed guidelines for a pilot program that will offer recycling pickup for one year at no charge to 1,250 small businesses in Danville, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, Walnut Creek and unincorporated Central County.

To be eligible, your business must have its own garbage account and produce two cubic yards or less of garbage per week. (To find out how much garbage is collected from your business each week, call Pleasant Hill Bayshore Disposal at 925-603-1383.) Valley Waste Management (VWM) will provide weekly collection service and will give each eligible

**Beginning in July, 1,250 eligible small businesses that produce two yards or less of garbage per week, can receive recycling collection service at no charge!**

business a recycling cart or shared bin. A letter describing the program was sent to eligible businesses in May. Beginning July 1, 1999 each participating business will be able to recycle mixed paper such as cardboard, white and colored paper, junk mail, magazines, paperboard boxes, and telephone books. Recycling this paper may help some businesses significantly reduce their waste and their disposal costs.

Eligible businesses that generate at least 96 gallons of food and beverage containers on a weekly basis may also receive a cart for these materials.

If you feel your business is eligible, but did not receive a letter regarding this program, or if you'd like more information call VWM at 925-935-8900.

Please help your Central Contra Costa community reduce waste—start recycling at your business today!

## What If My Business Isn't Eligible for the Small Business Program?

**1 Hire your choice of recycler**  
If your business doesn't meet the small business program eligibility requirements, you can still recycle. Businesses can hire any of the haulers listed below for collection service. Even if you have to pay for recycling, you may be able to reduce your overall solid waste costs significantly by cutting your garbage collection costs. The CCCSWA can help your business set up a new recycling program or enhance an existing one. Please call 925-906-1804 for assistance.

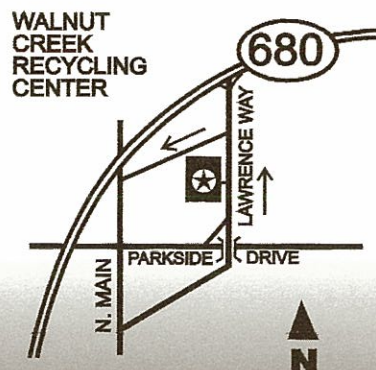
### Recycling Haulers

The following recycling service providers are permitted to pick up recycling in your area. Choose the recycler that offers the best service and price for your business.

Biagini Waste Reduction Systems, Inc.	(415) 457-6003
California Waste Solutions	(510) 832-8111
CCL Organics	(707) 751-0466
Chip It Recycling, Inc.	(925) 625-3800
Hall and Kobold Landscape Supply and Nursery	(925) 828-8819
Many Hands	(925) 432-1171
Mt. Diablo Recycling	(925) 682-4518
Northern California Paper Recyclers Inc.	(510) 476-1620
Notti Recycling	(925) 944-5893
Paper Recovery of Northern California	(510) 785-7311
Pleasant Hill Bayshore Disposal, Inc.	(925) 603-1383
Valley Waste Management	(925) 935-8900
Weyerhaeuser Company Recycling Div.	(510) 490-5887

**or**

**2 Take recyclables to the Walnut Creek Recycling Center**  
If costs are a concern, take recyclables to the Walnut Creek Recycling Center. The Center offers free 24-hour drop off of aluminum cans, glass, paper, flattened cardboard, tin, phone books, juice boxes, and #1-#5 and #7 plastic containers. In addition, the Center offers buy back of aluminum cans, glass, plastic and accepts motor oil and antifreeze disposal for a small fee. Yard clippings may also be dropped-off for a fee of \$6 per cubic yard during business hours. No more than 6 cu. yds. accepted per load.



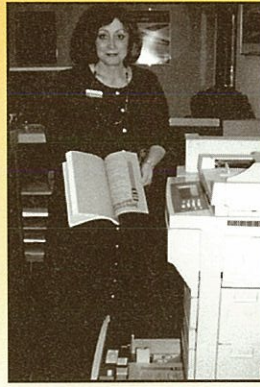
The Center is located on Lawrence Way (the Main St. on-ramp to I-680 North) in Walnut Creek. Yard clippings drop-off and the buy back center is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tues. - Sat. Call 925-935-8900 for more information.

# Cal Fed Bank in Lafayette Reduces Waste in the Workplace

Cal Fed Bank in Lafayette is a role model for waste reduction in the workplace. What they do may work for your business, too.

Branch Vice President MariAnn Leggat says, "What we're doing is not rocket science. The concepts are simple." To recycle the majority of their paper waste, Cal Fed contracts with a shredding company that collects, shreds and recycles their sensitive documents. Since they don't generate enough bottles, cans and newspapers to hire a collection service, the bank employees collect their recyclables in bags and give them to a bank customer who takes them to a buyback center. Cardboard is collected by their janitor for recycling.

To reduce waste, Cal Fed reuses one-sided paper (from non-sensitive documents) in their copy machine.



MariAnn Leggat of Cal Fed Bank in Lafayette shows the tray in the Bank's copier dedicated to reused paper.

"We never seem to run out of paper," MariAnn says. "Before we reused paper, I can remember always running out of copy paper and buying more than we do now. We get by on about 2 cartons of new paper per year." Other helpful hints are:

- Use ceramic mugs for coffee & tea
- Motivate employees to save reusable items and collect recyclables in designated areas.
- Donate unwanted office supplies, outdated stationery, furniture or computer equipment to schools or other nonprofits.
- Be creative. There are many unique waste reduction solutions for all kinds of businesses. No effort is too small. As MariAnn says, "The little stuff really adds up!"

## THE PLACE FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE

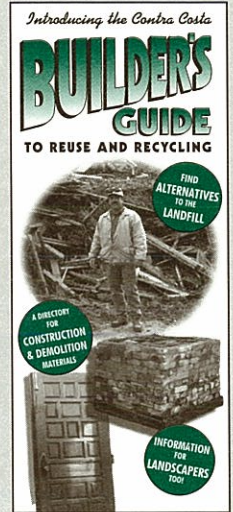
*in Contra Costa County*

Materials commonly found in the home or small business such as pesticides, herbicides, paint and some cleaning products are considered hazardous waste. Hazardous waste should never be disposed of in the trash, dumped onto the ground, or poured down the sink or storm drain. If your small business has hazardous materials that you no longer want, take them to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility in Martinez. Businesses need to make an appointment and nominal fees apply, so before you go, call 1-800-646-1431 (or visit [www.centalsan.org/services/cesqg.html](http://www.centalsan.org/services/cesqg.html)) for complete information and an appointment packet.

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## Got Construction Debris? Get the Builder's Guide to Reuse and Recycling!

The new Builder's Guide helps builders, landscapers, and do-it-yourselfers recycle and reuse the wastes associated with construction, demolition or landscaping projects. The guide lists companies that accept materials such as lumber, concrete, drywall, yard clippings, dirt, fixtures, and more. These companies may charge disposal fees (which are generally lower than landfill fees), or may buy your used materials from you. Call the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority at 925-906-1801 to request your free copy.



# Green Businesses Get The Recognition They Deserve

Auto repair shops are the first businesses participating in the Contra Costa Green Business Program. The program recognizes the special efforts of those businesses that adapt practices designed to prevent pollution and increase resource efficiency. To become a Green Business, auto repair shops need to comply with standard environmental regulations and take additional actions, such as recycling cardboard and antifreeze, and avoiding runoff of toxic materials on garage surfaces into storm drains.

The Contra Costa Health Department's Hazardous Materials division coordinates the inspections and monitors the businesses. Once a business passes certification, they can display the Green Business logo and benefit from the free publicity.

Joe Duvall, owner of Joe's Foreign Auto in Walnut Creek says, "Being a Green Business gets noticed by my customers. It creates an awareness. I'm often asked about what a green business is, or I'm congratulated for doing something positive for the environment." Joe feels that his employees also benefit. "Our shop is a cleaner, safer and friendlier place."

Congratulations to the following Central Contra Costa Green Businesses:

<b>Central Tune-up</b>	1425 Autocenter Dr., Walnut Creek	932-6604
<b>Frank's Auto Service</b>	1601 Tice Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek	942-3677
<b>German Auto Clinic</b>	2040 N. Main St #11, Walnut Creek	942-0240
<b>German Sport</b>	2570 N. Main Street, Walnut Creek	934-6665
<b>Joe's Foreign Auto</b>	2830 N. Main Street, Walnut Creek	938-0110
<b>M. Service</b>	2008 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Walnut Creek	932-8744
<b>Ry-Nck Tire &amp; Auto</b>	1231 S. Main St., Walnut Creek	935-4820
<b>Tom's Unocal</b>	400 Diablo Road, Danville	837-7689

The program will expand in the future to include other types of businesses, such as printers and copy shops. For information, call the Green Business Program at 646-2286.

### Not an auto shop, but still deserve a reward?

Businesses of all types can get recognition for recycling, reusing, and reducing waste by applying for the Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP) sponsored by the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Several local businesses, such as Carrollo Engineers and Contra Costa Landscapers have won in past years. For more information on WRAP call 916-255-2497 or visit the WRAP website at [www.ciwmb.ca.gov/wrap](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/wrap).