



Additional Information and Resources in Monterey County

The Monterey County website www.co.monterey.ca.us/recycle has a link to download a reuse and recycling guide for all kinds of materials throughout the County. It also has descriptions of programs offered by the County with contact phone numbers. For used oil information, call 831-755-4579.

There is a wealth of information available at each of the regional waste management sites:

In the Peninsula region, www.mrwmd.org/ is the site for the Monterey Regional Waste Management District. You will find information about recycling, backyard composting, and the famous Last Chance reuse facility among other programs. The Household Hazardous Waste collection facility is located at this facility near Marina.

In the Inland Valley, www.svswwa.org/ is the site for the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority. You will find information about recycling and other programs; a very thorough explanation of new Universal Waste rules that ban various materials including fluorescent lamps and household batteries from landfill disposal in California; and some excellent interactive web pages with games. (Click on the blue "Education" link to find these.) There are two Household Hazardous Waste collection facilities described here, one in Gonzales and one in Salinas.

Another website with information for your region is Ecology Action, www.ecoact.org/. Most of this nonprofit's work is in Santa Cruz County but there is some information on their site for Monterey County.

In Salinas, information is available at www.bfi-salinas.com. Click on the "recycling" link to find details about curbside used oil service. There is also an interactive kids' page that your students may enjoy.

The City of Monterey site www.monterey.org/recycle/ has information on recycling and hazardous waste.

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 and where special containers for used oil and bags for filters may be picked up for free. (Note that the locations listed at the bottom of the page only have containers, no oil recycling.) These containers have labels with directions for both drop-off and curbside collection.

Curbside collection for used motor oil and filters is available throughout Monterey County. Customers must use the special oil container and filter bag and may put the oil and filters next to (not in) their recycling carts on their 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 Monterey County has designated agricultural used oil recycling locations. They accept much larger quantities of oil than the other oil recycling centers (which usually have a 5 gallon limit). They include:

Monterey County Agricultural Commission
522 N. 2nd Street
King City, CA 93930
(831) 385-5266

Sturdy Oil Co.
1511 Abbott Street
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 422-8801