



Additional Information and Resources in San Francisco

The San Francisco Department of Environment website www.sfenvironment.org contains a wealth of information and is fairly easy to navigate. From the home page, you can reach information about used oil and other household toxics by clicking on the “Zero Waste” link on top of the page. Click on “Safe Handling of Toxic Products”. Once here, click on “Recycling and Managing Toxic Products for Residents” where you will find a link to how to properly dispose of Used Motor Oil; which is found on the bottom of the page where it reads “Dispose of Your Toxic Products Responsibly.” Some of the information is available in Spanish, Filipino and Chinese as well.

San Francisco’s home pickup service for used oil, filters, and latex paint is one of the best and easiest to use of any such program in the nation. Details are in the color fact sheet on used oil in your packet, and also on the website referenced above.

For more information about used oil and other household toxics, contact Maggie Johnson at San Francisco Department of Environment, (415) 355-5006 or margaret.johnson@sfgov.org.

The web site for the local garbage and recycling hauler (called variously Recology Sunset Scavenger, Recology Golden Gate Disposal and Recology San Francisco) is www.sunsetscavenger.com. The home page has excellent short videos and slide shows on several recycling topics. The link to learn about household hazardous waste at this site is in the “SF Dump” and it can be found in the “Residential” tab. After clicking on that tab, click on the orange type about “household hazardous waste.”

The National Resources Defense Council has a site called “Green Gate” www.nrdc.org/greengate, an “Environmental Guide to the San Francisco Bay Area.” It is very easy to navigate, has a wide range of information, and has links to other organizations in the “Green Guides and Resources” section.

The San Francisco Clean City Coalition site at www.sfcleancity.com is another source of environmental information and resources, with a more hands-on approach. It includes volunteer opportunities and contact information for various local agencies.

Alameda County’s website www.stopwaste.org is also very useful, and is a good place to look for recycling opportunities for difficult-to-recycle items.