



## Additional Information and Resources in San Mateo County

For more information about used oil and other environmental questions, contact Cynthia Knowles at [cknowles@smcgov.org](mailto:cknowles@smcgov.org) or 650-372-6135. You can learn more about the Environmental Health Division at [www.smhealth.org](http://www.smhealth.org). Select the “Get” tab and scroll down to “Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program” button. Then scroll to the center of the page to “Make and Appointment” link where you can set up a free appointment to dispose of household hazardous waste. The department also sponsors the [www.flowstobay.org](http://www.flowstobay.org) website which has lots of information about preventing pollution.

San Mateo County RecycleWorks is a good source of information about recycling and related topics. Their site [www.recycleworks.org](http://www.recycleworks.org) includes a lot of helpful resources. If you select “At home” in the orange column you will see a box with links to information on each of the haulers serving San Mateo communities and an interactive map. If you select “hazardous waste” you’ll see updated information on items that can no longer go in landfills in California (including batteries and fluorescent tubes) as well as other household hazardous wastes. Another quick entry to the site is the “Frequently Asked Questions” link under “Resources” at the bottom of the home page. The questions direct you to useful areas of the website. The “Kids” section includes some interactive games and puzzles that may be fun for your adult students. There is also a section in Spanish. You can also reach RecycleWorks by phone at 1-888/442-2666 or ask questions by email at [info@RecycleWorks.org](mailto:info@RecycleWorks.org).

San Mateo County has over 65 drop-off locations for used oil, located throughout the County. Many of these also accept filters. The last two pages of the student lesson book show the locations. The one in small print is the same as the list on the back of the calendars provided to the Adult School by the Environmental Health Division. It is county-wide and includes locations for other toxics in addition to oil and filters. The other list shows oil and filter recycling locations in the San Mateo Adult School communities.

Some areas of the County also have curbside collection service for used oil available to customers who have individual trash service. (Note that this is not available to residents of multifamily housing with dumpster service.) Each hauler manages the program a little differently. From Burlingame south to East Palo Alto, Allied Waste will pick up one or two clear gallon jugs with secure lids, placed on the curb (NOT in the recycling container!) on collection day. Filters are not accepted curbside and need to be taken to a collection center.

In Millbrae, South San Francisco, San Bruno and Brisbane both oil and filters are collected at the curb. Oil should be in sealed plastic jugs, and filters in sealed plastic bags.

The unincorporated portions of the County have various different programs- you can call RecycleWorks to get specific information on what curbside recycling services are provided where, or contact your garbage hauler:

Allied Waste – 637-1411  
Allied Waste Daly City 756-1130  
Coastside Scavengers – 355-9000  
San Bruno Garbage 583-8536  
South San Francisco Scavengers 589-4020