



Additional Information and Resources in Sonoma County

The premier source of information on all kinds of recycling in Sonoma County is the Recycling Guide, located under “Recycling” in the AT&T Yellow Pages.

The Eco-Desk is not always staffed but messages can be left with recycling questions. The number is 565-DESK (565-3375). By selecting “2” at the opening menu, callers may connect to a bilingual operator who will answer questions in Spanish. During business hours, this Spanish line is usually answered by a live operator; messages will also be returned.

The website with local information is www.recyclenow.org. You’ll find information there on a broad range of topics, and you can also download the entire Recycling Guide; which now also in Spanish.

For questions involving used oil and filters in Sonoma County, contact C²: Alternative Services (we are also the company that has produced the Family Car lesson.) Call Connie Cloak or Chris Carrieri, 568-3783 or info@c2alts.net.

Sonoma County has over 50 drop-off locations for used oil and filters, located throughout the County. There is a complete list in the Recycling Guide (these pages are reproduced at the end of the student lesson book).

Almost all areas of the County also have curbside collection service available to customers who have individual trash service. The procedure is to call the hauler (number on trash bill, or check the Recycling Guide) and request an oil recycling kit, which consists of a jug and a ziplock filter bag. Place the tightly sealed jug and bag on the curb for pick-up on the regular trash day. Call the hauler the day before to let them know the oil will be on the curb.

Residents of multifamily housing that have bins instead of individual carts do not have curbside service. Also, in the unincorporated county, residents may choose not to have trash service but self-haul their waste and recycling to a transfer station or the Central Disposal Site. All of these locations offer recycling for used oil and filters.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is at the Central Disposal Site on Meacham Rd. near Petaluma. Hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7:30am-2:30pm. There are also small collection events held in different areas of the County during the year: check the Recycling Guide for a list.

There are many environmental organizations in Sonoma County with a wide variety of activities and missions. A good way to find out about a lot of them is through the Sonoma County Environmental Center. Their website www.envirocentersoco.org has links to other organizations (click on the “Groups” link on the home page.)