

# The RECYCLER

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## Electronics Recycling Update

**B**lue Line Transfer, Inc. has reduced handling fees for televisions and computer monitors and will now accept other electronic waste at no charge. Because TV picture tubes and computer monitors contain lead, they cannot be legally disposed of with your household waste. Instead, TVs and monitors must be treated as hazardous waste. Other electronics, while not prohibited from the landfill at this time, may contain some hazardous waste, and they can be recycled.



At Blue Line, you can drop off computer monitors and televisions as well as other electronics such as computers, keyboards, printers, zip drives, fax machines, power cables, stereo equipments and VCR's. All of these items except televisions and computer monitors can be recycled at no charge.

### Computer monitors

Under 21 inches ..... \$15.00

21 inches and over ..... \$25.00

### Televisions

Under 21 inches ..... \$15.00

21 inches and over ..... \$25.00

*All other electronics can be recycled at no charge.*

## School Tours

Blue Line Transfer and Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) welcomed student tours this spring from Parkway Middle School, Sunshine Gardens, Spruce Elementary and Buri Buri School of South San Francisco. The County of San Mateo Recycling and Composting program offers a Resource Conservation Field trip program for 25 teachers in our county each year. Teacher's students and chaperones that participate on these trips have had the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge about Reducing, Reusing, Recycling, and Composting. The students see how the garbage is collected from their homes and transported to the landfill as well as how the recyclable materials they set out at curbside are sorted and prepared for shipment to the recyclers. The trip concludes with a lunch at one of the County closed landfills that have been converted into a public park.



## Help Prevent Litter at Home, at Work, at the Park and the Beach

- Bag your garbage
- Close the lid on your garbage and recycling carts
- Put packing peanuts in a plastic bag and put a knot in the end
- Avoid overfilling public garbage cans
- Keep a garbage bag in your vehicle

## In other recycling news

### Cooking Oil

Many of you have asked about proper disposal of used cooking oil. You can now drop off cooking oil at Blue Line Transfer, Inc. To prevent spills, please bring the cooking oil in a container with a screw top lid. Due to special handling there will be a surcharge of a dollar per gallon. Your oil will go to a renderer where it will be recycled.

### Propane tanks

Empty propane tanks can be discarded safely by bringing them to Blue Line Transfer, Inc. You will be charged the regular disposal rate (the same as for household trash). The tanks will be safely recycled as scrap metal.

## Events

*Millbrae Art & Wine Festival*  
**SEPTEMBER 4&5**

*South San Francisco Day in the Park*  
**SEPTEMBER 18**

*South San Francisco Citywide Garage Sale*  
**SEPTEMBER 25**

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## South San Francisco Citywide Garage Sale

The fifth annual South San Francisco Citywide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, September 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The citywide garage sale is sponsored by the City of South San Francisco and South San Francisco Scavenger Company.



The primary purpose of this popular community event is to encourage recycling and divert usable items from the landfill.

SSF residents who would like to participate by holding a garage sale at their house, apartment or condominium may request a registration form by calling the 24-hour citywide garage sale hotline at 650.829.6607. Registration forms may also be printed from the City website: [www.ssf.net](http://www.ssf.net). The firm deadline to register is Friday, September 3. Participation is free for all residents, and profits made by sellers are theirs to keep.



Sale addresses will be printed in The Independent newspaper on Tuesday, September 21. The listing will be posted on the city website and will be available at city hall, municipal service building, the libraries, the recreation centers and the senior center. Residents who would rather give away their surplus items may register their address as a "freebie" site; or they may refer to "A Guide to Donating Your Lightly Used Items" included in the registration packet. This booklet may also be printed from the city website.



In conjunction with the citywide sale, the Friends of the Library will be holding a used book, computer software, video and CD sale at the West Orange Library. Donations of sale items may be delivered to either the West Orange or Grand Avenue libraries.



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## City of Millbrae offers an Earth Friendly Home & Garden Seminar

Free Admission - Everyone welcome!

Saturday, September 25 - 9:30 am - 11:45 am  
Millbrae Community Center, 477 Lincoln Circle

To sign up and for more information, call 259.2444

This seminar sponsored by the City of Millbrae Recycling & Waste Prevention Program.

This interactive seminar will cover earth friendly methods for gardening, creating healthy soil and maintaining a healthier home environment free of harmful toxins. Learn how to prepare your garden organically for fall and winter, including cleaning up your garden, cover cropping, bulb planting, planting perennials, mulching, and growing winter vegetables.

Also learn the basics of composting yard trimmings and food scraps into a useful soil amendment. Creating healthy soil is key to having vibrant gardens and plants.



Various methods of composting will be discussed, troubleshooting, harvesting and using the compost.

The last part of the seminar will cover how to clean using non-toxic products. Avoid indoor air pollution by learning non-toxic cleaning methods that work. Various products and homemade recipes will be shared.

Attend this seminar and learn from the experts on how to create a safer place for yourself, your family and the environment. Handouts will be provided.

## Household Hazardous Drop Off Opportunities

The San Mateo County Household Hazardous Waste Program holds drop off events at various locations throughout the County for the proper disposal of oil based paints, thinners, pesticides, pool chemicals, cleaning products or other toxics. Blue Line Transfer, Inc in South San Francisco hosts events the **first Thursday** of the month and the **third and fourth Saturday**. San Mateo County residents **MUST** call the County Household Hazardous Waste program at 650.363.4718 to make the **REQUIRED** appointment or register on line [www.smhealth.org/hhw/appt](http://www.smhealth.org/hhw/appt).

## Resource Information

### South San Francisco Scavenger Company

500 East Jamie Court  
South San Francisco  
650.589.4020

■ Schedule On Call Clean up appointments

[info@ssfscavenger.com](mailto:info@ssfscavenger.com)

[www.ssfscavenger.com](http://www.ssfscavenger.com)

### Blue Line Transfer, Inc.

500 East Jamie Court  
South San Francisco  
650.589.5511

- Public Disposal
- Recycling - Buyback Center
- B. O. P. A. Center  
Batteries, Motor oil & filters, latex paint, Antifreeze
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Electronics Recycling  
e.g., computers, televisions, cell phones, etc.

### San Mateo County

#### Recycling/Compost Hotline

888.442.2666

Information, discount compost bins, and workshops

[www.RecycleWorks.org](http://www.RecycleWorks.org)

Comprehensive online recycling reuse directory

### San Mateo County

#### Household Hazardous Waste Program

Drop off Events - By appointment only

650.363.4718

[www.smhealth.org/hhw/appt](http://www.smhealth.org/hhw/appt)

### For Millbrae Residents

#### City of Millbrae

#### Recycling & Waste Prevention Program

650.259.2444

[www.ci.millbrae.ca.us](http://www.ci.millbrae.ca.us)

Information and guides available including the new Earth Friendly Products for Home & garden