

# The Recycler

Summer 2014



## Anaerobic Digestion Facility and Food Scraps Collection Update



**T**he digesters have landed! On May 30th, eight digesters were placed carefully onto the concrete roof covering the percolate tanks. The digesters will process commercial and residential food scraps and green waste. The technology known as “dry fermentation anaerobic digestion,” uses bacteria to breakdown organic matter in an oxygen-free environment and without using large quantities of water. The process takes about 21 days, during which the food scraps and green waste breaks down into compost and biogas. The gas will be converted into Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) which will be used to fuel our collection vehicles.

We are now looking forward to the installation of the aeration receiving bay where the collection vehicles will unload the organic material, and the invessel composting building where the digested material is placed to dry. The completion of the AD facility is now projected for late August. We will mail announcements with the start date for food scraps collection in the fall.

### Celebrating 100 Years of Service and Innovation

**Sunday, October 12, 2014 – 11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Blue Line Transfer Inc., 500 East Jamie Court, South San Francisco**

You are cordially invited to our 100th Anniversary celebration. There will be displays, information booths, games, prizes, entertainment and food. There will also be tours of the recycling sorting areas and the new Anaerobic Digestion Facility. We hope you will join us.

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**Announcing**  
**Free Drop Off for Televisions,**  
**Computer Monitors &**  
**Lap Top Computers**



Blue Line Transfer, Inc., located at 500 East Jamie Court in South San Francisco, will now accept any electronic device with a screen greater than four inches at no charge. Items accepted for free include:

- Televisions containing cathode ray tubes (CRT)
- Plasma Televisions
- Televisions containing liquid crystal display (LCD) screens
- Computer monitors containing CRT's
- Desk top monitors containing LCD screens
- Lap top computers containing LCD screens
- Portable DVD players with LCD screens

There will be charges for other electronic devices such as copy machines, printers, fax machines, stereos, speakers, key boards, hard drives, etc. Prices range from \$2.00 to \$15.00 per item.

**Upcoming Events**

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## Upcoming Events

### Coastal Clean-Up Day

Saturday, September 20, 2014

- **San Mateo County**  
Event information available at [www.flowstobay.org](http://www.flowstobay.org)
- **South San Francisco Residents**  
Participate in the clean-up along the Bay Front Trail at the end of Haskings Way and at Utah Avenue Bridge.  
9:00 am to 12:00 noon  
Learn more at [www.ssf.net](http://www.ssf.net)
- **Millbrae Residents**  
Participate in City-Wide Clean-Up.  
Sign-up at [callin@ci.millbrae.ca.us](mailto:callin@ci.millbrae.ca.us) or call 650.259.2397.  
Learn more at [www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/sustainablemillbrae](http://www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/sustainablemillbrae)
- **Brisbane Residents**  
Participate in the Lagoon Clean-Up  
For more information contact Russ Carmick, Recreation Supervisor at 415.508.2143.  
Learn more [www.brisbaneca.org](http://www.brisbaneca.org)

## South San Francisco

### 15th Annual

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### City-Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, September 13

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

No registration required

Information available

at 650.877.8518

Or [www.ssf.net](http://www.ssf.net)

## Water Conservation Alert

California is experiencing a severe drought and your city/water agency is asking for at least a 10% voluntary water use reduction. Saving water now helps to avoid mandatory rationing later.

## City of Millbrae Workshop - Everyone welcome!



**Free Admission**

### Lawn Replacement with Native and Drought Tolerant Plants

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 – 7:00-9:00 pm

Millbrae Library

RSVP: 650.349.3000 or [www.bawasca.org](http://www.bawasca.org)

Discover the benefits of native and drought tolerant plants as an alternative to your lawn, and create a water-efficient, low-maintenance landscape. Learn how to achieve a lush look in your garden with beautiful, native shrubs, grasses, trees, and flowers.

Sponsored by the City of Millbrae, BAWSCA, the Millbrae Library and Friends of the Millbrae Library

## Resource Information

### South San Francisco Scavenger Co.

- ◆ **Debris and mini debris box service**
- ◆ **On Call Clean-Ups**  
Take advantage of your **two** annual On Call Clean-Ups for extra trash and bulky items.
- ◆ **No Trace Mobile Document Destruction** –  
At your home or business



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### Blue Line Transfer, Inc.

Public Disposal and Recycling Facility

- ◆ **Drop off for San Mateo County Residents**
  - Car batteries
  - Household batteries (\$) • Used motor oil & filters
  - Sharp Containers
  - Latex paint
  - Antifreeze
  - Fluorescent tubes & bulbs (\$)
  - Cooking oil (\$)

### San Mateo County

- ◆ **Household Hazardous Waste Program**  
Free drop off – by appointment only  
For pesticides, toxic garden & cleaning products, oil based paint, varnishes, stains, household batteries, fluorescent tubes & bulbs, etc.

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