



Hazardous Materials

All departments use fluorescent lights and batteries, most have small electronics, and many have oils, paints, and chemicals in need of disposal. (ISD handles computers, printers, and other large electronics.) Public Works, through the Solid Waste Division, manages a program for local businesses which have small amounts of hazardous materials (Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators or CESQG). Purchasing recently partnered with Public Works to help facilitate collection, disposal, and payment for the low-cost program.

Find instructions at www.SJgov.org/green.

FACILITIES

Featured Product:

Recycled Paint: Unused paint gets screened and blended to become high quality paint once again. Custom colors match any tint desired. What's missing? Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and strong odors! The next time you visit the County Administration Building, look at the walls, covered in quality recycled paint supplied by Visions Paint Recycling, and judge for yourself! (www.visionsrecycling.com).

Under the County's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy, *Recycled Paint* gets the "green" light!



Enviro Tip:

Use rechargeable batteries. They last longer, which means less money and less waste. **TIP:** They should not be used in emergency equipment. If allowed to sit unused, they lose the charge faster, making radios and flashlights inoperable when needed most.

Rechargeable batteries (from AAAs to cordless tools) must be accepted for recycling at any retailer who sells them. The single use batteries can be recycled through the County's Hazardous Waste program for businesses, CESQG.

Dept News.....

Administration Building: Battery collection points have been established on each floor. Eventually, they end up in the CESQG Program.

Assessor and E2D2: These departments already formed green committees and set goals for improving their work areas. See more details on the County's website at www.sjgov.org/green.

Green Committee News

Agendas, minutes, presentations, news briefs, implementation plans, training aides, and more are available at www.sjgov.org/green.

Take It Home!

Buy the right amount of paint to save money and avoid leftovers. Plug room dimensions into an online "paint calculator" to find out exactly how much paint you really need. When you finish, usable paint can be donated to community groups like Habitat for Humanity. Latex paint can be recycled at several locations throughout the County. Find a Be Paint Wise retail partner at www.SJcycle.org.



Find more information about the REACON Green Business Assessment at www.GreenTeamSanJoaquin.com

CALL FOR ACTION: We need your help! Sub-committees have been formed for website, communication, goals, and electronics/technology. Bring ideas and/or talents. If interested, email David Louis at dlouis@sjgov.org.