

ILLEGAL DUMPING & LITTER ABATEMENT TASK FORCE

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Recent IDLATF Cleanups

June 26 – Salinas

The IDLATF partnered with AMOR Salinas to host a lunchtime cleanup along N. Main St. and Soto Square Park.

October 15 – Castroville

IDLATF members picked up litter along the recreational trail that runs parallel to HWY 156.

Planning Your Own Clean Up Event?

Let us help you with a Disposal Voucher!

The [Disposal Voucher Program](#) authorizes **FREE** disposal of materials collected and transported to ReGen Monterey (Salinas), Johnson Canyon Landfill (Gonzales), or Jolon Rd. Transfer Station (King City).

Vouchers can only be used for the following purposes:

- Community cleanup events of public spaces
- Victims of illegal dumping

DISPOSAL TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

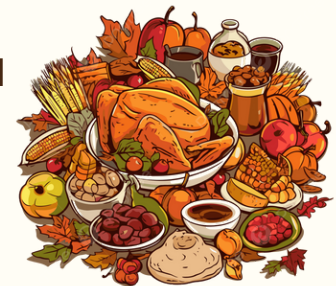


Compost Your Unpainted Pumpkins!

Every year, more than 1 billion pounds of pumpkins end up in US landfills and release methane as they rot...but in California, unpainted pumpkins can go in your green curbside organics cart with other food scraps and yard trimmings to make nutrient-rich compost for local farms!

Plan Ahead to Avoid Cooking Too Much Food

[SaveTheFood.com](https://www.savethefood.com) has a great tool, called the "Guest-imator," that can help estimate how much food to prepare for your number of guests.



Don't Toss Your Broken String Lights!



Broken lights may contain toxic mercury and lead that can be released into our environment. The unruly wires can also tangle that machinery at landfills and recycling centers.

Drop this e-waste product off at a Household Hazardous Waste Facility instead!

Holiday Tree Disposal

ReGen Monterey (Salinas), Johnson Canyon Landfill (Gonzales), and Jolon Road Transfer Station (King City) will take these for free after the holiday season!

*Only real trees free of decorations, lights, stands, tinsel, and flocking are accepted.

For curbside pickup, please contact your waste hauler.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

What does the “no trash” symbol mean?



This symbol means you cannot put the item into the trash or recycling bins because it contains hazardous components that can harm both industry workers and the environment.

Where should it go instead?

Salinas Valley Recycles -
Recycling Center and HHW

1104 Madison Lane
Salinas, CA 93907

Mon - Fri: 7 am - 4 pm
Sat: 8 am - 4 pm
(831) 424-5520

[Accepted Items](#)

ReGen Monterey - HHW

14201 Del Monte Blvd.
Salinas, CA 93908

Mon - Sat: 9 am - 4 pm
(831) 264-6386

[Accepted Items](#)

MATTRESS RECYCLING



California recycled **1.56 million** mattresses last year! Thanks for keeping bulky items out of the landfill!

Did you know Monterey County residents can recycle **up to TEN mattresses for FREE per trip?**

Visit these sites for **FREE** mattress recycling:

- Johnson Canyon Landfill: 31400 Johnson Canyon Rd, Gonzales
- Jolon Transfer Station: 25654 Jolon Rd, King City
- Recycling Center: 1104 Madison Lane, Salinas
- ReGen Monterey: 14201 Del Monte Blvd., Salinas

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENTS

Highlights from Past Events

Tri-Cities Disposal & Recycling:

- 9/6 - Greenfield
 - 49% diversion rate
 - 90 vehicles serviced
- 9/27 - Soledad
 - 57% diversion rate
 - 216 vehicles services
 - 88 service hours from the NJROTC class (\$500 donation for their community service)
- 10/18 - Gonzales
 - 59% diversion rate
 - 138 vehicles serviced
 - 100 services hours from GHS Cross Country/Track teams (\$500 donation for their community service), Salinas Valley Recycles' Youth Council, and Save the Whales CSUMB Students

Waste Management:

- 2025 to date 10/30/2025:
 - 7 events during this timeframe (9 events total)
 - 121.3 tons collected
 - 57.04 tons diverted
 - 49% average diversion rate
 - 1,037 attendees
 - 5.24 tons of HHW collected via SVSWA ABOP truck

Upcoming Events

Salinas Valley Recycles:

11/15: Wally's 25th Birthday & National Recycling Day!

- 11 AM - 2 PM
- Education Center, 31400 Johnson Canyon Rd., Gonzales
- Click [HERE](#) for more information!