

# A Greener El Cerrito

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## El Cerrito's Recycling + Environmental Resource Center Comes Full Circle



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After a year of construction, El Cerrito's long-standing recycling center was re-opened as the Recycling + Environmental Resource Center on Earth Day 2012.

The Center is open for recycling every day of the week and is used by over 300 recyclers daily. It provides drop-off opportunities for likely the widest range of recyclable, reusable, and household hazardous wastes of any local facility in a very user-friendly environment.

- **All materials accepted at your curb**  
Paper, cardboard, glass, plastics and metals.
- **Some household hazardous waste (HHW)**  
Batteries, motor oil, medications, medical sharps, electronics, and fluorescent bulbs.
- **Reusable household items**  
Clothes, toys, games, furniture, scrap fabric, tools, books, appliances, and more!
- **Reusable building supplies**  
Dimensional lumber, fixtures, flooring, wood furniture, windows, hardware, and more!
- **Hard-to-recycle stuff**  
Block "styrofoam", used carpeting, milk and juice cartons, plate glass, bicycles, and more!

For more information and details about the materials collected and services available in El Cerrito, please see our new brochure "**Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Recycling & Garbage Service in El Cerrito**" which is available in multiple languages at the Center and online at [www.ecrecycling.org](http://www.ecrecycling.org). If you haven't been to the Center yet, we hope to see you soon!

**Stay tuned for the premier of a film about the Center!** Sponsored by East Bay Sanitary, the City of El Cerrito and other partners.  
**Coming early 2013!**

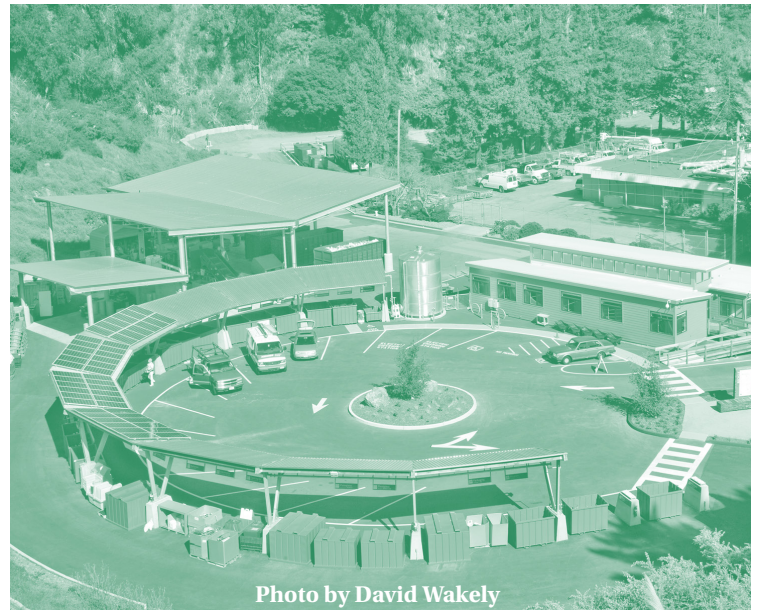


Photo by David Wakely

## Report Spills to Drains and Creeks!

Help the City of El Cerrito protect water quality and our environment by keeping pollutants out of our waterways.

Trash, oil, soaps, chemicals, and other pollutants on El Cerrito's sidewalks and gutters can get flushed into storm drains, eventually ending up in our Creeks and San Francisco Bay. The only thing flowing into gutters and storm drains should be storm water – even water from a hose can be harmful to waterways! You can help keep our waterways clean and healthy by reporting any potential pollution on sidewalks, streets, gutters, and creeks by calling El Cerrito's Stormwater Point of Contact at [lbrazil@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:lbrazil@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us) or 215-4369.

For more information, see [www.el-cerrito.org/maintenance](http://www.el-cerrito.org/maintenance).

## FREE Drive Through Recycling Collection Event for Computers, Electronics, and More!

**October 20 & 21 | 9 AM to 3 PM** El Cerrito Recycling + Environmental Resource Center (7501 Schmidt Lane)

The City of El Cerrito is hosting a **drive-through recycling drop-off event** at the new Recycling + Environmental Resource Center with contractor Universal Waste Management, Inc.

"UnWaste" is a California State approved recycler that collects electronic waste and peripherals at the Recycling + Environmental Resource Center and holds periodic drive-through collection events.

At this **FREE event**, anyone can recycle TVs and computer monitors, computers and accessories, stereos and music equipment, VCR & DVD players, toner cartridges, printers, fax machines, copiers, phone equipment, cell phones, MP3 players, microwaves and more for free! UnWaste will unload your car for you – it's fast, easy and the right thing to do. For information: [www.unwaste.com](http://www.unwaste.com) or call UnWaste at (888) 832-9839.

# Environmental Activities Calendar

For more information see [www.ecenvironment.org](http://www.ecenvironment.org) or call 215-4350

<b>SEPT 3</b>	All day	<b>Labor Day Holiday:</b> The Recycling Center and East Bay Sanitary offices will be closed all day. Curbside collection of recycling, greenwaste and garbage will occur as normally scheduled.
<b>SEPT 5</b>	3 PM - 4 PM	<b>Recycling + Environmental Resource Center Monthly Tour:</b> Interested in a behind-the-scenes look at the the Center? Join our monthly public tour! Tours are the first Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. Meet in the lobby (7501 Schmidt Lane).
<b>SEPT 11</b>	7 PM	<b>Environmental Quality Committee Monthly Meeting:</b> Join local El Cerrito residents and business leaders in working to improve environmental quality in El Cerrito! The EQC meeting monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. El Cerrito City Hall, Council Chambers (10890 San Pablo Avenue).
<b>OCT 13</b>	9 AM - 3 PM	<b>Shop the Fall Citywide Garage Sale:</b> Keep waste out of the landfill while discovering your community and finding great deals. To register to host a sale, see Registration Form, below.
<b>OCT 20 &amp; 21</b>	9 AM - 3 PM	<b>Free Drive Through Electronics Recycling Collection Event:</b> Drop off your old computers, electronics, peripherals, and more at this drive through event at the Recycling and Environmental Resource Center. See Page 1 for more details.
<b>OCT / NOV</b>	TBD	<b>Draft Climate Action Plan:</b> The City will be releasing its Draft Climate Action Plan and be holding workshops to receive public comments on the Draft. Please email <a href="mailto:msanders@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us">msanders@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us</a> or call 215-4350 or to receive notification concerning the Climate Action Plan and its public workshops.
<b>NOV 12</b>	All day	<b>Veterans Day Holiday:</b> The Recycling Center and East Bay Sanitary offices will be closed all day. Curbside collection of recycling, greenwaste and garbage will occur as normally scheduled.
<b>NOV 22 &amp; 23</b>	Both days	<b>Thanksgiving Holidays:</b> The Recycling Center and East Bay Sanitary offices will be closed Thursday and Friday. Curbside collection of recycling, greenwaste and garbage will occur as normally scheduled.
<b>DEC 24 &amp; 25</b>	Both days	<b>Christmas Holidays:</b> The Recycling Center and East Bay Sanitary offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday. Curbside collection of recycling, greenwaste and garbage will occur as normally scheduled on Monday, and will not occur on Tuesday. Curbside collection that is normally scheduled Tuesday through Friday will occur one day later than normal, with Friday collection occurring on Saturday.
<b>DEC 31 &amp; JAN 1</b>	Both days	<b>New Year's Holidays:</b> The Recycling Center and East Bay Sanitary offices will close at 12 p.m. on Monday and will be closed all day on Tuesday. Curbside collection of recycling, greenwaste and garbage will occur as normally scheduled on Monday, and will not occur on Tuesday. Curbside collection that is normally scheduled Tuesday through Friday will occur one day later than normal, with Friday collection occurring on Saturday.

## Register for the Fall Citywide Garage Sale | October 13 | 9 AM to 3 PM

**HOST A GARAGE SALE!** Turn your old stuff into treasure! Register now to host a garage sale at your home during the Fall Citywide Garage Sale. Registration fees cover the costs of advertising and promotion which includes posting your sale in the garage sale brochure, classified ads in newspapers and online.

**Spread the word about the Garage Sale!** Make your event fun and enjoyable by providing refreshments, treats, prizes or other enticements! Send us your suggestions regarding how to make our advertising strategy more effective—feedback from past sale hosts is especially valuable.

### FIND GOOD BARGAINS!

#### Shop the El Cerrito Citywide Garage Sale!

Garage sale maps, locations, and listings will be available at [www.el-cerrito.org](http://www.el-cerrito.org) and in self serve literature stands at the El Cerrito Recycling Center (7501 Schmidt Lane) and Community Center (7007 Moeser Lane) starting on **October 5.**

### Garage Sale Registration Form

#### Fall 2012 El Cerrito Citywide Garage Sale

**October 13 | 9 AM to 3 PM**

**Registration forms are due (with NON-REFUNDABLE \$15 registration fee paid to the City of El Cerrito) by September 24 at 4 p.m. to:**

Environmental Services Division—Citywide Garage Sale  
10890 San Pablo Avenue  
El Cerrito CA, 94530

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address/Sale Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Cross Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (please provide an email address, especially if you would like the opportunity to review your listing prior to publication):  
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Sale Description: Maximum of 20 words describing the items for sale and any other details about the sale (i.e. fundraiser for a specific charity, snacks available, etc.). Descriptions will be repeated verbatim in the listing so please use good grammar.  
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