

Sustainable Benician

News on Community Recycling & Waste Services



Sustainability in Action

Congratulations to the 2025 Eco Award Winners



Daughter of Luna Floral Design

Daughter of Luna is a family business based out of Benicia. Owner and founders, Michelle and Eric Rivera, created Daughter of Luna in honor of Michelle's late Mother whose name means Moon.

Located at 931 First St., they have a "flower bar" in their shop to create your own bouquet or use their designers to create arrangements to enhance your event or special delivery. They also have lots of gifts and plants.

Daughter of Luna uses high quality seasonal flowers to create garden style floral designs. Using seasonal flowers instead of hot-house-grown generic flowers is much better for the environment. They also use their green organics cart well for floral trimmings. It is the best smelling organics cart in Benicia per Republic Services.

"Serving my community and getting to use my creativity to spread joy has been a dream." —Michelle



Kimono Japanese Restaurant

Kimono is a traditional teppanyaki grill, so your cook is a chef, but also entertains you. They have steaks & fresh seafood, plus sushi & specialty cocktails and they added a glass patio which is a wonderful place to sit. Owned by Raffi Meric, and his brother, Kimono has been in business in Benicia for 11 years.

At first audit, the staff was having a hard time sorting out the organics (food waste) from the trash. Omar Siddik, General Manager, worked hard with the employees to sort properly. They were so successful that the organics carts became too heavy to be lifted by Republic Services' trucks.

After that all the audits continued to show positive changes. They set a great example of good food, coupled with conscientious business practices and are an asset to Benicia.



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Earth Day Cleanup Was a Success!

This year for Earth Day, the Benicia Litter Picker volunteers joined the City of Benicia staff to collect litter in the Industrial Park. They spanned out two miles around the bus hub and collected a total of 749 lbs. of waste and 22 lbs. of recycling in just three hours.

"We had fewer volunteers this year, but the ones that came out did a fantastic job and are very much appreciated," said Sharon Denney, City of Benicia.

Worldwide, 1.9 billion tons of litter ends up in the ocean every year. Removing litter prevents waste from reaching the waterways and helps to maintain Benicia's natural beauty.

Individually, you can make a difference. Together we create an impact.
— Earth911



Zero Waste & Seasonal Cooking from Local Farms

Wednesday, July 22, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Presbyterian Church, 1400 East 2nd Street, Benicia

Join us to learn about Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs and our local Farmers' Market – a fantastic way to get fresh produce, fish, and meat directly from the farmer. This promotes the local economy and supports the health of both you and the planet. Join Stephanie Jordan, Sustainable Solano's Local Food Program Manager and chef who will demonstrate a simple summer farm-to-table dish perfect for weeknight cooking. Menu planning, storing produce to prevent waste and information on the different farms will be covered in the class, so you can really "know your farmer, know your food." At the end, participants will enjoy a light meal together, with time for questions and conversation.

Visit SustainableSolano.org/events/ to register.

Planning a party, picnic, or celebration? Do your best to be environmentally friendly.



- Choose real plates, utensils, and glasses. If you don't have enough, borrow them from friends or shop at secondhand stores. Bandanas make great napkins.
- If you need disposables, choose "Chinet" style paper plates. They are compostable and can go in your green bin as well as paper napkins.
- **"Compostable" or "biodegradable" single-use utensils and cups go in the trash.** Many "Earth Friendly" tableware products claim to be compostable but are only accepted in a controlled industrial composting environment. There are none locally. Corn, potato, and sugarcane-based products contain mostly traditional petroleum-based plastic. They only break down in the landfill a little faster. Bamboo single-use utensils are the only kind that are truly compostable and can go in your green cart.
- Choose real glassware or plastic cups with a 1 or 2 on the bottom if recycling. The acrylic ones that crack are trash.
- For decorations, a glass vase or jar is reusable and greenery and flowers are compostable.
- Donate or share the leftover food or be creative and use it for additional meals. Compost what can't be saved in your green cart.



Important: Compostable plastics such as cold cups and utensils do not break down completely in our composting process. These should go in your garbage cart.



Compost Giveaway

Be ready for your fall garden. Add compost to nourish the soil. Consider planting an extra row for Food is Free Bay Area or The Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano.

Free Compost Giveaway

Saturday, August 15, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Alvarez Ninth Street Park, Benicia

For instructions and to sign up, visit: RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA and look for the "Compost Giveaway" signup button. The button will be live in early July.

- Bring your own containers (8 x 5-gallon buckets work best).
- No bags please.
- For Benicia Residents only and by appointment to reduce waiting time. Have questions? Want to be added to the reminder email blast? Contact MKnutson@RepublicServices.com

New FasTrak Tags

Bay Area FasTrak is retiring all the old toll tags and sending new ones to everyone. These have a battery in them so they can't go in the trash or recycling. When you receive your new one, please return the old one to Bay Area FasTrak Customer Service at P.O. Box 26927, San Francisco, CA 94126. Customers can call FasTrak and request a return envelope at 877.229.8655.

