

Sustainable Benician

News on Community Recycling & Waste Services



Sustainability in Action



Time to get ready for your spring garden!

Add compost and nourish your soil. Consider planting an extra row for Food is Free Bay Area or The Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano.

Free Compost Giveaway Saturday, March 15, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Alvarez Ninth Street Park, Benicia

- 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.

For instructions and to sign up, visit:

RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA and look for the "Compost Giveaway" signup button.

Have questions? Want to be added to the reminder email blast? Contact MKnutson@RepublicServices.com

Happy Gardening!



FREE CLASS

Sourcing Local Food in Benicia (with Cooking Demo)

Wednesday, April 2nd, 6-7:30 p.m.
Heritage Presbyterian Church,
1400 East 2nd Street

To register: sustainablesolano.org/events
or visit the calendar at SustainableSolano.org

Ever wondered if you could get local food direct from local farms, right here in Benicia? Good news—you can! Join Stephanie Jordan, Local Food Program Manager at Sustainable Solano, for an evening learning about Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and how you can get fresh produce, fish, meat, eggs (and more) for you and your family each week. Stephanie will give a brief tour and overview of Benicia's CSA site, discuss the economic and environmental impacts of buying local, and then showcase that week's produce in a cooking demonstration and tasting.

Heritage Presbyterian Church has a food drive each week. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to this event for donation.



Thank you for recycling your holiday lights and trees.

Republic Services collected 65 lbs. of expired holiday lights at the Museum of History's (MoHB) tree lot sale.

Benicia's Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venture Crew collected 922 trees for the 2024/2025 season. This equates to an average weight of 19,490 lbs. of greenwaste recycled. The trees are chipped for ground cover on City of Benicia properties. This number does not include flocked trees which have to be disposed of in the landfill.

The Benicia Scouts Christmas Tree Recycling Project enables scouts and leaders to work directly with the community using a 'conservation minded' approach. The Scouts also volunteered to help neighbors in need. For 2024, over 50 Benicia Scouts earned a combined amount of over 500 conservation service hours collecting trees and helping neighbors. The program is funded by Republic Services along with in-kind donations from local businesses.

Earth Day's Garbage 101 class: "What Goes Where?"

**Wednesday, April 23,
6-7 p.m. with Q&A after**

Benicia Community Center,
370 East L Street

and

**Friday, April 25,
11 a.m. - noon**

Benicia Senior Center,
187 East L Street

Learn what is happening now with organics laws and what is coming next. What can really be recycled and what is "wish-cycling." What is your restaurant server supposed to ask you? What does Empty, Clean, and Dry really mean?

Find out what to do with that odd item. Get your questions answered by Marie Knutson, Republic Services' Sustainability Advisor.

Free classes. Look for the sign-up buttons at RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA.

Drop-ins welcome.

Benicia & Vallejo Annual Demonstration Food Forest Tour

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tour the gardens and learn simple techniques that you can apply to your own yard to create a vibrant, food-producing ecosystem using water wisely and building healthy soil. The tour starts in Benicia with a speaker explaining permaculture and will tour successful Benicia gardens as well as gardens in Vallejo.

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*a \$10 donation is suggested

Wasting less and creating a more sustainable world is a journey

You have the power to create real world change one purchase and decision at a time. The truth is that every single thing we do every day has an impact on the planet -- good or bad. The good news is that as an individual you have the power to control most of your choices and, therefore, the impact you create from where you live, to what you buy, eat, and use, to where and how you vacation, to how you shop or vote, can have global impact. Thousands of individual small changes create a large positive impact.

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Earth Day Cleanup

Please join the City of Benicia for an Earth Day Cleanup, Saturday, April 26, 8-11 a.m. at Alvarez 9th Street Park.

For more information visit:

www.ci.benicia.ca.us/stormwater



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