

NEWS

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For Immediate Release

San Mateo County, CA - The County of San Mateo RecycleWorks Program just launched two new courses for business owners, Property Managers, tenants, and Facility's staff in San Mateo County. The courses, "Green Business Practices" and "Principles of Waste Reduction and Recycling," will teach business owners how to save money and learn how to be resource conservation savvy.

The "Green Business Practices" course will cover topics on how to make your business green while learning ways to reduce energy, water and waste, and prevent pollution. It will also teach businesses about ways to green your supply chain, market your businesses as being green, and learn about the rebates available through programs such as San Mateo County Energy Watch, Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency, PG&E and more.

The "Principles of Waste Reduction and Recycling" course will focus deeply on the waste side of your business or commercial site. The course will cover topics such as: reducing waste, reuse locations where you can donate your excess scrap or materials, how to perform a waste audit and estimate cost saving from reduced service levels. The course will focus on how to start or enhance a waste reduction program at your business, school, apartment or townhouse complex, or other community building.

Participants attending either of the courses will be asked to complete an action project for their own business, apartment building or community building. As a participant, you can earn a certificate of completion after fulfilling the requirement for a project. The courses are a great way to: learn, improve your bottom line while giving back to the community, make new friends, and provide networking opportunities.

If you need additional information contact Erin McNichol, the Program Coordinator, at RecycleWorks@smcgov.org or call 650-599-1498. You must be 14 years or older to attend. Any action project hours completed may also count towards any school community service requirements.

Fall Courses and Dates:

Course Name	Attendance dates	City where course is located	Class Times
Green Business Practices	August 28 th , September 4 th , September 11 th & September 18 th	Millbrae	Thursday evenings (6:30 – 8:30 pm)
Principles of Waste Reduction and Recycling	September 4 th , September 11 th & September 18 th	San Carlos	Thursday evenings (6:30 – 8:30 pm)

You can also sign up online for these two courses by visiting our website at www.RecycleWorks.org and click on the RVA icon, or just use the url addresses below to link you to the sign up application.

Green Business Practices-

http://www.recycleworks.org/sustainability/rva_greenbusiness.html

Principles of Waste Reduction and Recycling-

http://www.recycleworks.org/sustainability/rva_commercial.html

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