

Bay Area and Central California

This guide covers the Bay Area and surrounding Central counties.

GREEN BUSINESS

Certification

- ☞ Bay Area Green Business Program – www.greenbiz.abag.ca.gov
Partnership of environmental agencies and utilities that assists, recognizes, and promotes businesses and government agencies that volunteer to operate in a more environmentally responsible way. Their website provides information about the program and directory of local green businesses.

Other Directories

- ☞ Bay Area Naturally – www.naturalpages.com/ba
Downloadable directory of environmentally friendly businesses in the Bay Area. Print version available free for circulation.

SOLID WASTE

Recycling/Composting

- ☞ Alameda County Computer Recycling Resource Center www.acrc.org
Collects and refurbishes old computers (which are then provided to economically disadvantaged people)
- ☞ SF Environment www.sfenvironment.com
Department for environmental services including recycling, energy, transportation, environmental justice, etc.
- ☞ SF Recycling www.goldengatedisposal.com
Recycling and garbage collection services for San Francisco
Also offers composting options
- ☞ StopWaste.org www.stopwaste.org
Provides a detailed guide to recycling almost anything in Alameda County
- ☞ Urban Ore www.goldengatedisposal.com
Recycling of a range of goods including building materials, electric products, and housewares
Located in Berkeley, CA

Hazardous Waste Management

- ☞ StopWaste.org www.stopwaste.org
Provides a detailed guide to recycling almost anything in Alameda County

Office Supplies

San Francisco

- ☞ Conserveatree www.conserveatree.com
Guide to every type of paper as well as environmentally friendly alternatives
Detailed information on what makes paper “green” from sustainable forestry to nontoxic production
- ☞ Green Home Environmental Store www.greenhome.com
Online catalogue offering almost every imaginable product only eco-friendly
- ☞ New Leaf Paper www.newleafpaper.com
Environmentally responsible and economically sound paper products
Also located in Tahoe City, CA
- ☞ The Green Office thegreenoffice.com
An online retailer of recycled, environmentally friendly, and sustainable business products, school supplies, and paper

East Bay

- ☞ Eco Design Resources www.ecodesignresources.com
Offering a variety of building and decorative products
Based in San Carlos
- ☞ Ecology Center Store – Call 510-548-3402, or visit www.ecologycenter.org
Houses an array of eco-services and products, including an extensive book and seed library, non-toxic cleaning/garden supplies energy-efficient light bulbs, water-saving devices, recycled office supplies.
2530 San Pablo Ave (near Dwight)
Berkeley, CA
- ☞ Green Earth Office Supply www.greenearthofficesupply.com
Extensive selection of green office supplies, including remanufactured toner cartridges, recycled binders, and recycled plastic pens
1400 Coleman Ave, Suite H-16
Santa Clara, CA 95050
- ☞ Waldeck's Office Supplies www.waldecks.com
Offering a variety of office products

South Bay

- ☞ World Centric www.worldcentric.org
Sells a variety of biodegradable packaging and utensils
Carries post-consumer recycled content paper products
Also sells organic and fair trade nuts, oils, dried fruits, chocolate, and tea
Based in Palo Alto, CA

General

- ☞ Seventh Generation www.seventhgeneration.com
Offering a variety of quality green cleaning supplies, paper, and personal care Products

Building/Furnishing

San Francisco

- ☞ [AHappyPlanet.com](http://www.ahappyplanet.com) www.ahappyplanet.com
Furniture made with managed maple forests and nontoxic finishes
Also carries other household products
Branch –www.branchhome.com
Carries a large selection of eco-friendly housewares and furniture products
- ☞ [Branch](http://www.branchhome.com) –www.branchhome.com
Carries a large selection of housewares and furniture products
- ☞ [GreenSage.com](http://www.greensage.com) www.greensage.com
Offers green furniture, flooring, housewares, and books on green building/living
Also has a directory of green materials, green experts
- ☞ [Smith & Fong: Plyboo®](http://www.plyboo.com) www.plyboo.com
Furniture, flooring, and veneer options made from sustainably harvested bamboo or Plyboo® (laminated bamboo)
- ☞ [Sustainable Spaces](http://www.sustainablespace.com) www.sustainablespace.com
Holistic approach to the science of building; offers home improvement and remediation services
- ☞ [Woodshanti](http://www.woodshanti.com) www.woodshanti.com
Worker-owned cooperative that uses responsibly harvested lumber and natural finishes to build high-quality furniture/cabinetry.
Located in Berkeley

Berkeley

- ☞ [Asiantique](http://www.asiantiqueweb.com) www.asiantiqueweb.com
Furniture made from reclaimed wood (sources include old buildings and ships)
- ☞ [Build It Green](http://www.builditgreen.org/guide) www.builditgreen.org/guide
Non-profit that offers an extensive online database of green building products, including: flooring, lighting, paints, plumbing, and solar
- ☞ [EcoHome Improvement](http://www.ecohomeimprovement.com) www.ecohomeimprovement.com
Offers eco-conscious home improvement products (e.g. flooring, paints)
- ☞ [Ecology Center Eco-Directory](http://www.ecologycenter.org/directory) www.ecologycenter.org/directory
Resources for pest control, soil/water testing, cleaning services, and sustainably harvested wood
- ☞ [Flooring Alternatives](http://www.flooringalternatives.com) www.flooringalternatives.com
Flooring alternatives with materials from environmental friendly sources
- ☞ [Odin's Hammer](http://www.odinshammer.com/) www.odinshammer.com/
Offers design, building, remodel, kitchen, bath, outdoor structures, windows/doors in environmentally friendly materials and practices

North Bay

- ☞ Alternative Building Concepts, Inc. www.altbuild.com
Offers green design, consulting, and construction
Based in Santa Rosa, CA
- ☞ AURO Natural Paints and Finishes www.aurousa.com
Products include paints, stains, finishes, and adhesives
Based in Petaluma, CA
- ☞ Bidematic, the Bidet Solution www.thebidetsolution.com
Provides bidets that eliminate the necessity of toilet paper with minimum water usage
Based in Santa Rosa, CA
- ☞ EcoTimber www.ecotimber.com
Flooring alternatives with hardwood from environmental friendly sources
Based in San Rafael, CA
- ☞ Green Fusion Design Center www.greenfusiondesigncenter.com
Interior design consulting services using green flooring, building materials, furnishings, and accessories
Based in San Anselmo, CA
- ☞ Natural Home Design Center – www.naturalhomeproducts.com
Sustainable, natural, nontoxic flooring options
Natural carpets and area rugs
Based in Santa Rosa, CA

Southern Region

- ☞ Green Goods – www.slogreengoods.com
Offers a variety of green building products
Based in Atascadero, CA

General

- ☞ Greenthinkers – www.greenthinkers.com
Online catalog offering waterless or composting toilets
- ☞ Sustainable Sources – www.sustainable-sources.com
Web Services
Online guide to sustainable building

Bay Area Directories

- ☞ Green Building Design and Construction – www.ciwmb.ca.gov/GreenBuilding
Guide to green building
- ☞ Green Building Pages – www.greenbuildingpages.com/
Database of green building materials
Contains useful resources and guides to green building

- ☞ RecycleWorks – www.recycleworks.org
Directory of places that carry green building materials
Directory focuses on local places in San Mateo County, but has a section including large suppliers
- ☞ Sustainable Architecture, Building & Culture - www.sustainableabc.com
Directory of suppliers for green building materials

ENERGY

Energy Assessment

- ☞ Center for Resource Solutions – www.resource-solutions.org, or call 888-63-GREEN
Provides education and programs for residents and organizations to understand and utilize renewable energy
- ☞ Flex Your Power – www.fypower.org
Find incentives/rebates, technical assistance, retailers, product guides, case studies for small businesses
- ☞ Pacific Gas & Electric – www.pge.com
Free energy audits for business customers
Cash rebates and incentives are available for energy-efficient technologies and equipment, including: appliances and general improvements, boilers and water heating, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), lighting and refrigeration

Lighting

- ☞ Akeena Solar – www.akeena.net
Solar power installation services
Offers rebates for solar power systems
Services San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito counties (Los Gatos office). Services Central Valley (Fresno/Clovis office)
- ☞ Harmony Farm Supply and Nursery – www.harmonyfarm.com
Organic fertilizers and ecological pest controls for the garden
Also offers solar electric systems
Based in Sebastopol, CA
- ☞ Independent Energy Systems – www.iesolar.com
Solar electric systems installation
Services Santa Cruz and Monterey counties (Los Gatos office)
- ☞ Sky Power Systems – www.skypowersystems.com
Solar power systems installation
Services Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Joaquin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma, and Solano counties
- ☞ Smart Lights – www.smartlights.com
Helps small businesses upgrade to energy efficient lighting and refrigeration.
Offers free, start to finish technical assistance and cash rebates.

- ☞ Solabrite –www.solabrite.com/
Offers a variety of alternatives to traditional lighting
Premier dealer for the SolaTube Skylight
Services Bay Area
- ☞ Solar Lighting Express –www.maxsunlight.com
Offers a variety of alternatives to traditional lighting
Premier dealer for the SolaTube Skylight
Services San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterrey counties
- ☞ Sun Light and Power –www.sunlightandpower.com
Solar Heating and Electric systems
Based in Berkeley, CA

Heating/Cooling

- ☞ Sun Light and Power –www.sunlightandpower.com
Solar Heating and Electric systems
Based in Berkeley

WATER

Water Assessment

- ☞ East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) – www.ebmud.com
Free Conservation Devices: Free low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, and other water-saving devices are available for pickup at the Water Conservation Division, located at 1100 21st Street, Oakland, CA.
Free Water Audits: The audit includes free water efficient devices and rebate opportunities. For more information, contact Jim Carmody at 510-986-7670 or jcarmody@ebmud.com
Toilet Replacement & Commercial Rebates: Rebates of up to \$125 are available for the purchase of approved High-Efficiency Toilets (HETs).
- ☞ San Francisco Public Utilities Commission – sfwater.org
Free water-wise evaluation to commercial customers to see how you use water and identify areas where water conservation improvements can be effectively implemented. Rebates are also offered for water efficient toilets.

Landscaping

- ☞ California Organic Fertilizers, Inc. – www.organicag.com
Produces a line of organic fertilizers
Based in Fresno, CA
- ☞ Casey Allen Landscaping – www.caseyallenlandscaping.com
Landscape design with native plants and no chemicals
- ☞ Earthcare – www.earthcareland.com
Landscape design and maintenance company with ecological focus
Based in Cupertino, CA

- ☞ Ecology Center Eco-Directory – www.ecologycenter.org/directory
 Resources for pest control, soil/water testing, cleaning services, and sustainably harvested wood
 Based in Berkeley, CA
- ☞ Harmony Farm Supply and Nursery – www.harmonyfarm.com
 Organic fertilizers and ecological pest controls for the garden
 Also offers solar electric systems
 Based in Sebastopol, CA
- ☞ Middlebrook Gardens – www.middlebrook-gardens.com
 Specializes in sustainable landscaping and the use of native Californian plants
 Based in San Jose, CA
- ☞ Terra Nova Ecological Landscaping – www.terranovalandscaping.com
 Expertise in organics, sustainable landscape design, and permaculture
 Exclusive carrier of Chai Mulch, which carries a pleasant aroma
 Based in Santa Cruz, CA

POLLUTION PREVENTION

Cleaning Supplies/Services

- ☞ Eco-Care Professional Housecleaning – wagescooperatives.org/eco-care.html
 Uses biodegradable nontoxic cleansers, durable (not single-use) tools
 Service area extends from Hollister to South San Jose
- ☞ Ecology Center Eco-Directory – www.ecologycenter.org/directory
 Resources for pest control, soil/water testing, cleaning services, and sustainably harvested wood
 Based in Berkeley, CA
- ☞ Elbow Grease Cleaning Service – 510-409-8885
 Environmentally Friendly cleaning service.
 Serving East Bay
- ☞ Natural Home Cleaning Professionals – 510-532-6645
 Environmentally friendly cleaning service
 Services Oakland to Richmond area
- ☞ Verde Green Cleaning – www.verdeclean.com
 Cleaning service using environmentally friendly products
 Services Bay Area

Printing Services

- ☞ Alonzo – www.alonzoprinting.com
 Printing services soy based inks
 Based in Hayward, CA

- ☞ Community Printers Online –www.comprinters.com
 Printing services using vegetable based inks and recycled content papers
 Based in Santa Cruz, CA
- ☞ GreenerPrinter –www.greenerprinter.com
 Printing services using vegetable/soy based inks and recycled content/non-bleached papers
 Based in Berkeley, CA
- ☞ InkWorks Press –www.inkworkspress.org
 Printing services using vegetable/soy based inks and recycled content papers
 Based in Berkeley, CA

See Bay Area Green Business Directory for more green printers. www.greenbiz.abag.ca.gov

Integrated Pest Management

- ☞ Bio-Integral Resource Center – www.birg.org
 Provides information about the least toxic, most sustainable and environmentally sound methods of pest management
 Also includes directory of IPM service providers
 Based in Berkeley, CA
- ☞ Ecology Center Eco-Directory – www.ecologycenter.org/directory
 Resources for pest control, soil/water testing, cleaning services, and sustainably harvested wood
 Based in Berkeley, CA
- ☞ Pesticide Action Network North America – www.panna.org
 Provides extensive library of pesticide-related materials at its offices, and hosts a searchable online database of documents about pesticides and alternatives to pesticide use.
- ☞ Pesticide Watch – www.pesticidewatch.org
 Provides information about pesticides and alternative control options

Air Quality

- ☞ Bay Area Air Quality Management District – www.baaqmd.gov
 Please report concerns about obnoxious/harmful odors as well as smoking vehicles
- ☞ Safe Environments – www.safeenvironments.com
 Provides a variety of services to ensure a cleaner office
- ☞ Sloan Environmental – call 415- 302- 9503 or email christy@sloanenvironmental.com
 Indoor air quality and electromagnetic field inspections for the home and office

Transportation

- 🌀 Bay Area Transit – www.transitinfo.org
Information on all of the local transit services in the Bay Area (including AC Transit, BART, Golden Gate Transit, etc.)
- 🌀 RideShare – rideshare.511.org
Provides information on a computerized ride-matching system to provide free car and vanpool services to commuters throughout the Bay Area
- 🌀 San Francisco Bicycle Program – call 415-585-BIKE
Install bike racks, and provide information on bike routes

FOOD SUPPLIES

Tea/Coffee

- 🌀 Aha-Yes! – www.aha-yes.com
Sells various brands of organic teas, as well as other household items and foodstuffs
- 🌀 Mellow Monk – www.mellowmonk.com
- 🌀 Numi Organic Tea – www.numitea.com
- 🌀 Organic Coffee Co. – www.o-coffee.com
Based in San Leandro, CA
- 🌀 San Francisco Herb and Natural Tea Co. – www.herbspicetea.com
Based in San Francisco, CA
- 🌀 Santa Cruz Coffee Roasting – www.santacruzcoffee.com
Based in Santa Cruz, CA
- 🌀 Taylor Maid Farms – www.taylormaidfarms.com
Based in Sebastopol, CA
- 🌀 Traditional Medicinals – www.traditionalmedicinals.com
Herbal tea selection
Based in Sebastopol, CA
- 🌀 World Centric – www.worldcentric.org
Sells a variety of biodegradable packaging and utensils
Carries post-consumer recycled content paper products
Also sells organic and fair trade nuts, oils, dried fruits, chocolate, and tea
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Produce

- 🌀 Berkeley Bowl Marketplace – www.berkeleybowl.com
Large selection of organic and conventional produce
Bulk section, organic meats, juices, beer and wine.

- 🌿 Earthbound Farm Organic – www.ebfarm.com
Organic salads, fruits, vegetables
Search for a store near you, or shop online
- 🌿 Rainbow Grocery Coop – www.rainbowgrocery.org
Organic produce, bulk grains, nuts, other dried goods.
Located in San Francisco.
- 🌿 Piranha Produce – www.piranhaproduce.com
Conventional produce delivery provider with organic options.
- 🌿 United Natural Foods, Inc. - www.unfiw.com
Full line natural products distributor offering wholesale service to all classes of trade, including natural food stores, supermarkets, foodservice accounts and buying clubs throughout the US.
First distribution company fully certified as a handler of organic products.

Dairy

- 🌿 Organic Valley – www.organicvalley.coop
Provides a variety of organic dairy products, juices, and meats.

Cereals/Snacks/Energy Bars

- 🌿 AltiPlano Gold– www.altiplanogold.com
Quinoa based cereals that are gluten and wheat free
Based in San Francisco, CA
- 🌿 Clif Bar– www.clifbar.com
Specializes in snack bars
- 🌿 Lydias Organics – www.lydiasorganics.com
Crackers, nuts, cereals, bars, trail mix
Products are organic, raw, and vegan
Based in Fairfax, CA
- 🌿 Nutiva – www.nutiva.com
Hemp bars, shakes, and oils
Based in Sebastopol, CA
- 🌿 SunRidge Farms – www.sunridgefarms.com
Granola, cereal, dried fruit, trail mix, nuts, pasta

Other

- 🌿 Central Coast Nutrition – www.centralcoastnutrition.com
Various products including oils, vitamins, beverages, green foods, chocolates, and bulk foods
Based in Aptos, CA
- 🌿 Living Tree Community Foods – www.livingtreecommunity.com
Various products including oils, butters, nuts, dried produce, and honey
Based in Berkeley, CA

- ☞ Whole Soy & Co. – www.wholesoyco.com
 Organic soy-based beverages, yogurts, and ice creams
 Based in San Francisco, CA
- ☞ World Centric – www.worldcentric.org
 Sells a variety of biodegradable packaging and utensils
 Carries post-consumer recycled content paper products
 Also sells organic and fair trade nuts, oils, dried fruits, chocolate, and tea
 Based in Palo Alto, CA

Packaging Containers

- ☞ Excellent Packaging and Supply – www.excellentpackaging.com
 Sells a variety of different biodegradable packaging containers and utensils
 Based in Richmond, CA
- ☞ Sinless Buying – www.sinlessbuying.com
 Sells a variety of biodegradable packaging and utensils as well as biodegradable janitorial supplies (trash bags, tissue, etc.)
- ☞ World Centric – www.worldcentric.org
 Sells a variety of biodegradable packaging and utensils
 Carries post-consumer recycled content paper products
 Also sells organic and fair trade nuts, oils, dried fruits, chocolate, and tea
 Based in Palo Alto, CA