

## Costco Corporate Mailing Address

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I purchase many products / produce from the local, Santa Cruz, Costco. And I am trying to reduce the amount of plastic in my life: reduce, reuse, recycle. We are drowning in plastic - our oceans are filled - it is disgusting. And while banning the use of plastic bags is admirable, and introducing/making available organic food products, there are so many products that are packaged in plastic where they used to be handled in cardboard/recyclable papers, compostable papers. Berries come to mind (Driscolls). Also, a lot of milk containers now have a plastic pour spout/closure. And so many things are packaged in plastic. A few fairly easy suggestions, beyond asking your product providers to minimize plastic use:

1) Install a filtered water machine that let's people fill up their containers instead of selling so many small plastic bottles of water.

2) For Kirkland products, i.e., popular shampoo & conditioner, provide a "you fill it" station so people can fill/reuse their old containers. Give them a small rebate which would cover the cost of a new container.

3) Use a cardboard/wax paper container for the roasted chickens, or a take-out folding paper box.

Your store has a strong voice / purchasing power in which to leverage a change to use less plastic. And your patrons will definitely appreciate the effort. Thanks!

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Links to recent studios/videos about plastic problems:

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/03/180322123755.htm>

Great Pacific Garbage Patch growing rapidly, study shows

New analysis reveals the region contains as much as sixteen times more plastic than previously estimated, with pollution levels increasing exponentially

Summary:

A new study shows that 1.8 trillion pieces of plastic weighing 80,000 metric tons are currently afloat in an area known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch - the size of France -- and the problem is rapidly getting worse.

<https://www.facebook.com/ScienceNaturePage/videos/1288703157928606/UzpfSTE0MjA4MDQ5NDg6MTAyMTY1NzU3MzM4NTIwNzM/> Ocean off Bali – diver shows ocean filled with plastic

<https://www.facebook.com/emily.fisher.9699/videos/10211707503027491/UzpfSTE0MjA4MDQ5NDg6MTAyMTY1NTc1NzEzMTgwMjE/> Whale dies despite efforts to save it. Autopsy showed it to be FILLED with plastic materials.