



## HERO: Home Energy Renovation Opportunity

The HERO program is now available to Watsonville homeowners. HERO, which stands for Home Energy Renovation Opportunity, provides a unique financing option for homeowners who want to install energy efficiency upgrades in their home.



What's different about the HERO program is that the cost of improvements is repaid through your property taxes, and any unpaid balance can be transferred to the new owner if you decide to sell your home. Approval for financing is primarily based on the equity in your home and the debt payment history, rather than the

owner's credit score. If you have an impound account with your mortgage company, your monthly payment would increase to reflect the payment of the HERO loan.

HERO will finance 100% of the cost to purchase and install eligible products, with fixed rates and flexible terms between 5-25 years, depending on the useful life of the improvements.

Eligible projects include:

- Solar panels
- Energy efficient windows
- High efficiency heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems
- Lawn replacement
- Low flow fixtures such as faucets, toilets, shower heads and drip irrigation
- Lighting and lighting control systems
- Water heaters

For more information on the HERO program, please visit their website at: [www.heroprogram.com](http://www.heroprogram.com)

## Keeping Up with Watsonville

### Open Streets Watsonville - 5/21/17 11am - 3pm

Come out and enjoy the car-free Pop-up Street Park, free activities and performances! The event will take place on Brennan/Union Street from Callaghan Park to the City Plaza. While you're there stop by and visit the Public Works booth. For more information visit: <http://www.scopenstreets.org/activities-presenters/>.

### Congratulations to the Recipients of the 2017 Cesar E. Chavez Awards:

- Maria Teresa Cerrillos
- Frank Baudino, MD
- Sarah Squires
- Camerino Padilla
- Alfonso Lobato
- Paul DeWorken
- Janet Reyes
- Sofia Perez
- Isaiah Johnson
- Jaime Sanchez



## Protect Your Home and Environment: Recycle Your Used Motor Oil & Paint



It's more convenient than ever to recycle hazardous household waste responsibly in Watsonville! In-store take-back programs are free for residents and allow you to return used motor oil and unwanted paint for reuse or recycling.

### Why recycle used motor oil?



Used motor oil can be recycled, cleaned, and reused. It is important to recycle this product because it's incredibly toxic. Illegally dumping used motor oil contaminates our groundwater, wetlands, and rivers. Take your used motor oil (up to 5 gallons at a time per customer) to a certified center to keep your home and environment safe.

### Why recycle unwanted paint?



Oil-based paints and paint solvents are considered hazardous products. You may properly seal and store paint for years or simply drop off your unwanted paint (up to 10 gallons at a time) to a location near you. Safely disposing of your unwanted paint is an easy step towards keeping these hazardous products away from your home and where they belong.

Take advantage of the free programs offered by these local stores and dispose of paint and used motor oil in an environmentally safe and responsible way. Please call ahead, if you need to drop off large quantities as restrictions may apply.

### Used Motor Oil & Filter Drop-off Locations

<b>Auto Zone</b> 1502 Freedom Blvd. (831) 768-9898	<b>Firestone</b> 1099 S. Green Valley Rd. (831) 724-2013
33 W. Lake Ave. (831) 740-4082	
<b>O'Reilly Auto Parts</b> 401 Rodriguez St. (831) 728-1437	<b>Oil Can Henry's</b> 1409 Main St. (831) 763-9558

### PAINT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

<b>Kelly-Moore</b> 1405 Freedom Blvd. (831) 724-3576	<b>Sherwin-Williams</b> 110 Airport Blvd. A (831) 724-5649
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