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New Clothes and Shoe Recycling Program in Novato

Novato Disposal is hosting a new clothes and shoe recycling program at the Redwood Boulevard Recycling Center. This dropoff collection benefits Campus California TG (CCTG) a nonprofit organization operating a variety of programs that benefit environmental and humanitarian activities worldwide.

Novato Thrift Stores

Angels' Attic Thrift Shop
967 5th St.
415-898-4659

Hodgepodge II
910 Grant Ave.
415-893-9036

Discovery Shop/Cancer Society
876 Grant Ave.
415-898-1149

Goodwill Industries
936 7th St.
415-898-4043

Human Needs Center Thrift
1523 So. Novato Blvd.
415-892-2172
Will pick-up furniture.

Consignment Shop
818 Grant Ave.
415-892-3496

Second Story
408 Ignacio Blvd.
415-883-2400

CCTG placed a bright forest green collection box at the Redwood Boulevard Recycling Center the approximate shape and size of a soda machine. You'll find it inside the office. This collection box makes recycling clothes easy and convenient. Bring your donations clean clothing and shoes in a plastic bag when you come to recycle your bottles and cans. Acceptable material includes both usable *and* unusable clothes and shoes and clean rags. Prohibited items include any wet or moldy materials that can contaminate and ruin other donations.

You will not be surprised to know that there is a big need for clothes collection and recycling. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, even with the efforts of Goodwill, Salvation Army and other

local second hand recyclers about 85% of used clothes and shoes are being dumped into landfills.

Usable clothes are sold and distributed for reuse. Unusable clothing is sold to textile industries that recycle the old clothes into rags and other materials. The surplus from the sale of the clothing supports the activities at CCTG.

There are approximately 150 clothes collection boxes spread throughout Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Sonoma, Napa and Solano counties. These boxes produce on average 36,000 lbs of clothes weekly! There are approximately 18 in Marin County.

Please feel free to call CCTG with any questions about their clothes and shoe recycling program.

If you would like further information on CCTG's activities please call them at (510) 932-3839 or email at bobby@cctg.org. They are happy to make presentations about their activities.

Household E-Waste Drop-off Event

Sunday, September 26 – Saturday, October 2, 2004

Novato Recycling Center, 7576 Redwood Blvd.

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

A special one-week dropoff event for Novato residents to recycle old common electronic products – E-Waste – such as televisions, computers, fax machines, VCR's and other small home office electronics. Many common electronic products such as computer monitors and old television sets can damage the environment if disposed of improperly.

No household appliances accepted. Watch for a special mailer on this event. This event is for Novato households only. Businesses must call 892-6395 for disposal information.

Novato Fall Cleanup: September 20-24, 2004

Novato Disposal's Fall Cleanup will be held during the week of September 20-24. Novato residential customers may place cleanup materials from their homes at the curb during this week. Residents must adhere to all guidelines as outlined below or material may not be collected. All items should be at the curb the night before your regularly scheduled collection day.

Requirements:

The following requirements must be adhered to during cleanups:

- A maximum of fourteen (14) bags, boxes or cans per household may be placed at the curb during cleanup week.
 - **Excess material will not be removed.**
- All material must be contained in cans, bags or boxes.
 - **Loose items will not be collected.**
- Items must be less than four (4) feet in length and must weigh less than 60 lbs. No sofas, tables, mattresses, furniture or large items.
 - **Oversize or heavy items will not be removed.**
- No rock, dirt, bricks, concrete, tires, wood or asphalt.
- No hazardous waste (HHW) will be collected curbside. No TV's, computer monitors, propane tanks, batteries, or other HHW.
 - **Hazardous or banned waste will not be collected.**
- Keep all recyclable items separate from Cleanup debris for separate collection. See back page for a list of all recyclable items and locations to recycle them.

Who Can Participate:

- Novato Disposal residential customers with cart service.
- Multifamily complexes with central collection bins may request additional Cleanup Week collection service. Call Novato Disposal at 897-4177 no later than Thursday, April 1.
- *Businesses and institutions are not included.*

Special Handling:

Appliances:

Call 897-4177 by Thursday, September 16 for collection of major appliances. A \$20 fee for appliance handling and freon removal is charged for collection of any type of refrigeration unit whether or not it still contains freon. The fee will be added to your garbage bill.

HHW/Propane Tanks/Televisions/Monitors

Household and car batteries, fluorescent tubes & bulbs, used oil, antifreeze and latex paint will not be collected curbside. These materials must be taken to the Redwood Boulevard Recycling Center Tues-Sun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 892-7344 for more information.

Computer monitors, televisions, propane tanks and all other hazardous waste will not be collected curbside and must be taken to the Novato Household Hazardous Waste facility for proper disposal. This facility is open by appointment only. Call 892-7344 for information.

Usable Items:

Novato Disposal encourages residents to direct usable items to thrift stores. Second hand stores and charities will welcome your donation!

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From Customer Service

Guidelines and Reminders

- Leave a full three feet between garbage, recycling and yard waste carts to prevent tipping. Keep carts away from low branches and all overhead obstructions.
- Park your car in your driveway the night before your collection day if possible. Please do not block access to carts.
- Place garbage loosely in your cart. Carts that are overstuffed or have material jammed into them may not empty completely.
- Do not place TV's or computer monitors in the garbage. Do not place syringes in trash. These are considered hazardous waste. Call 892-7344 for disposal information.

Extra Charge for Extra Trash

If you have an overloaded garbage cart or extra bags of garbage piled on top of, or alongside your cart, you will receive an automatic charge of \$3.90 for each extra bag or box of garbage. Carts are considered overloaded if the lid will not close. If you do have extra garbage, call our office at 897-4177 by 4 pm the day preceding your regular collection day to order extra service and avoid confusion when you receive your bill. Do not overstuff your carts as they may not empty completely.

2004 Collection Schedule

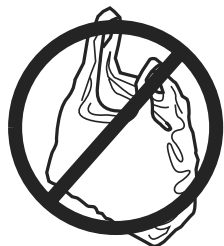
Novato Disposal collects solid waste, recycling and yard waste every day except Christmas and New Years Day. Because these holidays both fall on Saturday this year, there will be no holiday service schedule changes this year.

Plastic Bags

Do not place styrofoam or plastic bags inside your recycling or greenwaste cart.

- Clean, dry and empty plastic bags may be returned to many grocery stores for recycling collection.

NO PLASTIC BAGS



Plastic bags contaminate yard debris and recycling.

Recycle your bags at grocery stores.

Recyclable HHW Dropoff

Novato households may bring the following recyclable hazardous waste to the Redwood Boulevard Recycling Center Tuesday through Saturday from 10am -4pm

- Latex paint (not oil based) in original can with label
- Fluorescent bulbs (unbroken tubes and compacts)
- Used oil & antifreeze (5 gallon maximum)
- Automotive batteries
- Household batteries

Other household hazardous waste may be taken to the permanent collection facility on select weekends. Call 892-7344 for more information or see the article this page. If you are a business and need to dispose of these wastes, please call the business hotline at 892-6395.

Reuse Area at the Recycling Center

Stop by the Novato Recycling Reuse Area to pick up good condition paint, stains, gardening and other products free of charge. Save yourself some money and help the environment, too! Please note that if you wish to *dispose* of these types of products, you must call 892-7344 to schedule an appointment. Recycle Center staff are not trained to accept hazardous materials.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

The Novato Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility is open to serve Novato residents **by appointment only** on the first and third Sundays and Mondays of each month from 8:30am – 1:30pm. To schedule an appointment call 892-7344, select the date you want and leave your name address and phone number.



What is a Household Toxic:

- In the Workshop:** Latex and oil based, stains, wood finishes & preservatives, solvents & thinners, adhesives, caulk, epoxy, glues and putty.
- In the Garage:** Used oil & filters, fuel, antifreeze, automotive batteries, engine cleaner, brake fluid, propane, waxes and polishes
- In the Yard:** Pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, poisons, insecticides, bait, pool chemicals and propane tanks
- In the House:** Computer monitors & televisions, batteries, fluorescent tubes & bulbs, photo chemicals, waxes, polishes, polish remover, bleach cleaners.
- Other Products:** Small quantities of asbestos (double bagged), mercury containing thermometers, thermostats and switches.

This is a partial list. If you have a product with the following label: poison, danger, warning, caution or other precautionary statements, call the HHW hotline at 892-7344.

Business or Commercial Waste:

Call the Novato Business Hazardous Waste Hotline at 892-6395.

Transportation Tips:

Place in sealed containers in trunk away from passengers and pets. Pack to prevent spills. Include original labels if possible. Never mix chemicals. Do not transport more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds at one time.

Novato Recycling & Buyback Centers

- ✓ Payment is made for CRV materials only
- ✓ All CRV material must be segregated from non-CRV material for payment
- ✓ Each product type must be segregated by material (i.e. glass, aluminum, etc.)
- ✓ Materials with California Redemption Value can be identified by the "CA Cash Refund" or "CA Redemption Value" wording on beverage containers. Containers without this wording are accepted for dropoff but receive no payment.
- ✓ Bring other recyclable materials such as cardboard, mixed paper and non-CRV containers to the Redwood Boulevard Recycling Center only.
- ✓ The buy-back and recycle depots are for household recycling only. For commercial recycling collection, please call 897-4177.

Beverages subject to CRV

- Carbonated soft drinks
- Noncarbonated soft drink
- Beer & malt beverages
- Wine coolers & distilled spirits
- Fruit drinks
- "Sport" drinks
- Water
- Coffee & tea beverages
- Vegetable juice (16 oz & under only)

Beverages EXCLUDED from CRV

- Wine
- Milk
- Medical food
- Nutritional supplements
- Infant formula
- 100% fruit juice in containers 46 ounces or more
- Vegetable juice above 24 ounces

Novato Recycling and Buyback Center

7576 Redwood Blvd. (next to Shamrock Materials).

Open Tuesday - Sunday, 10 - 4

The Redwood Boulevard Recycling Center pays for California Redemption Value (CRV) containers AND accepts non CRV containers for dropoff.

We also accept newspaper, single layer cardboard (paperboard), mixed household/office paper (colored & white paper), magazines, catalogs, and corrugated cardboard.

Recycling Redemption Depot

Northern Novato: The Square Shopping Center

(Novato Blvd. & Wilson Ave., located behind Market in alley.)

Open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Recycling Depot buys back CRV plastic, glass bottles, and aluminum and metal cans only. The Recycling Depot accepts non-CRV containers for dropoff only. The Depot **does not** accept other recyclable materials. Please go to Redwood Recycling Center with non-CRV drop-off recyclables such as cardboard and mixed paper.

Recycle. It's Good for the Bottle. It's Good for the Can.

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Don't Flush Old Medications Down the Drain!

For many years people were told to flush unused or expired medications down the toilet or down the drain. However, wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat these low levels of synthetic pollutants such as pharmaceuticals. Today, we know that placing any kind of waste chemicals, including old medications and pharmaceuticals, down the drain or into the garbage can contaminate the soil, seep into ground and drinking water and pollute our lakes and streams.

Recent studies have found that certain medications such as birth control pills and thyroid medications are endocrine disrupters. Endocrine disrupters have been shown to interfere with the sexual development of frogs

and fish, causing harmful changes to their growth and development. In addition, other medications, such as antibiotics and antidepressants are of concern as well. In certain areas, trace amounts of these pharmaceuticals are being detected in the environment.

In Novato you can bring your unused or expired medications to the Household Hazardous Facility on their regular open days. This includes both prescription medications and over-the-counter. They will be disposed of properly to ensure that the environment is protected.

Contact the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 892-7344 for an appointment and additional information.



*Ask
the
Unicycler:*

- Q** Should I set out my recycling every week even if it's not full?
A Carts may be set out each week or as needed. You may set out any of your carts only when full if you choose.
- Q** Can I recycle #6 styrofoam blocks and peanuts?
No. Styrofoam peanuts should be taken to a local shipping or packing store for reuse. Styrofoam blocks can be placed in the trash or mailed back to the manufacturer or to FP International at 1050 Broadway, Redwood City 94063. Call them at 800-304-7805 ext. 5385 for information.
- Q** Can reusable items be placed in recycle carts?
A No. Reusable items should be taken to second hand stores. All non recyclable items placed in recycle carts are disposed of as trash.

Do you have a question for the Unicycler? Submit it to Novato Recycling News C/O Novato Disposal PO Box 1916 Santa Rosa CA 95402-1916

New Disposal Options for Batteries

Proper Disposal ...

Now Novato residents can safely dispose of used household batteries at more locations than ever!

Dispose of used Household Batteries at the following locations during business hours only.

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Boulevard
Tues-Sun, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Novato Sanitary District
500 Davidson Street
Mon-Fri 9-4:30

All Novato Fire District Stations
Station 1 - 7025 Redwood Boulevard
Station 2 - 450 Atherton
Station 3 - 65 San Ramon Way
Station 4 - 319 Enfrente Drive

All types of Household Batteries are accepted, including:

- ✓ All alkalines
- ✓ 9-volt batteries (used in smoke alarms)
- ✓ Button batteries (typically used in watches, cameras, hearing aids)
- ✓ Rechargeable batteries - NiCad, NiMH, or Lithium Ion
- ✓ Sealed lead-acid gel cells

What You Can Do ...

- ✓ Use rechargeable batteries and solar products whenever possible.
- ✓ Check to see if you already have the batteries you need before buying more.
- ✓ When suitable, choose hand-operated over battery-operated items.
- ✓ Dispose of all used batteries properly

Did You Know

Approximately 3 billion household batteries are used and discarded in the U.S. each year, creating more than 125,000 tons of battery garbage. The average family uses 32 batteries per year or 10 batteries per person.

Many household batteries contain heavy metals such as mercury, cadmium, zinc and lead. These metals may become hazardous when buried in a solid waste landfill or disposed of improperly on the land or in the water.

Recycling Rate Continues to Climb: Check that Contamination!

Novato residents and businesses are continuing to recycle a lot of material. Single-stream recycling has made recycling easier in Novato and more homes and businesses are recycling than ever. This is good for the environment and our pocket books because less trash means less money spent on disposal. However this increase in participation has been coupled with an increase in contamination. In our enthusiasm to recycle, folks are sometimes placing non-recyclable materials in recycle containers. Novato Disposal encourages residents and business owners to be sure that family and employees know what to include, and what to leave out, of recycle containers.

While nearly 50% of what we throw away is recyclable, many materials are not. Contamination of recyclables costs time and resources to remove. While much of the processing of material is done mechanically, garbage and other non-recyclables must be removed by hand. The resulting residue is

then disposed in a landfill - it is not recycled.

You can help by keeping non-recyclable materials out of recycle containers. The back of this newsletter has a recycle guide or you can request recycle and yardwaste recycling brochures by calling 897-4177.

If you need help getting your business recycling program on track, please give us a call. Our recycling staff would be happy to come and work with you to help you recycle more.

If you have more questions, please be sure to contact our office. Our staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



Common Contaminants

- Household Garbage
- Plastic bags/wrap
- Food contaminated containers
- Pizza boxes
- Napkins, tissues, or paper towels
- Tupperware
- Toys
- Plastic utensils
- Formed plastic packaging (found around electronics, toys, battery packs)
- Plant trays
- Hoses
- Scrap metal
- Appliances
- Pots/pans
- Hangers (plastic or metal)
- Dishes
- Picture glass
- Styrofoam
- Straws
- Flower pots
- Pipe
- Car parts
- Electronics
- Plastic Buckets
- Glassware
- Window glass

Single Stream Recycling Guide

Please do not place garbage or plastic bags in your recycle containers!

- Empty Containers Only • No Plastic Bags • No Styrofoam • No Hazardous or Liquid Waste

Place the following together in the Blue Cart:

Cardboard & Mixed Paper

- ✓ Newspaper and inserts
 - ✓ Cardboard -Break down boxes, cut to fit loosely in cart.
 - ✓ Mixed paper -Junk mail, magazines, catalogs, construction paper, paperback and phone books.
 - ✓ Office paper -White & colored, envelopes with and without windows, post it notes.
 - ✓ Paperboard -Single-layer cardboard - egg cartons, tissue, cereal & shoe boxes, etc.
- Please put shredded paper in paper bag and place in recycle cart.



Not Accepted:

- ✗ paper with food waste (i.e. pizza boxes)
- ✗ soiled paper (i.e. paper towels, tissues)
- ✗ plastic bags, wrap, bubble wrap
- ✗ waxed cardboard
- ✗ plastic coated paper
- ✗ photographic paper
- ✗ hardcover books
- ✗ blueprints
- ✗ painted paper

Milk Cartons and Juice/Rice/Soy boxes

- ✓ Milk cartons
 - ✓ Juice Concentrate Containers
 - ✓ Drink boxes -Juice, soy and rice milk containers and other aseptic packaging.
 - ✓ Frozen food packaging (with no plastic lining) Tear paper to identify plastic liner.
- Please empty before recycling • Remove plastic pop-tops and straws.



Glass Bottles & Jars

- ✓ Food & Beverage Glass -All clear and colored food and beverage bottles and jars.
- Please empty before recycling • Leave labels on



Not Accepted:

- ✗ window glass
- ✗ mirrors or light bulbs
- ✗ ceramic or dishes
- ✗ drinking or wine glasses
- ✗ candle holders

Plastic Containers

- ✓ Plastic Bottles & Containers with recycling codes 1-7 -Milk & water jugs, yogurt & margarine tubs and deli trays. Fresh pasta and tofu tubs.
 - Colored plastics like shampoo, detergent and vitamin bottles.
- Please empty before recycling • Leave labels on



Not Accepted:

- ✗ styrofoam
- ✗ plastic bags or wrap
- ✗ chip bags
- ✗ plastic buckets
- ✗ plant/flower pots
- ✗ plastic hangers
- ✗ videos, floppies or CD's
- ✗ plastic coated paper, Tyvek

Metal Cans

- ✓ Aluminum cans and foil
 - ✓ Steel cans, metal lids from jars
 - ✓ Tin and Bimetal cans
- Please empty before recycling • Leave labels on
- Aerosol & metal paint cans will be accepted if completely empty and dry



Not Accepted:

- ✗ scrap metal
- ✗ metal hangers
- ✗ propane tanks
- ✗ fire extinguishers

Residential recycling is picked up on your regular garbage day.

Multifamily and commercial may have a different collection schedule depending on service type.

Businesses or other large generators can arrange for a bin for mixed recycling by calling Novato Disposal at 897-4177.

Novato Disposal Yard Waste Guidelines

Mowing your lawn or raking the leaves? Trimming the hedges or pulling some weeds? Pruning your trees or having it out with berry bushes?

Place all grass cuttings, leaves and weeds, tree & shrubbery trimmings, berry bushes and other yard waste inside your green rolling cart only. Branches under 3" in diameter and less than 4 feet long are accepted.

* Place your greenwaste cart at the curb next to your trash container allowing at least three feet of space between containers.

* All greenwaste must be in the container. Loose material will not be collected.

* Do not put yard waste in plastic bags. Keep your green clean.



Prohibited Items:

- garbage
- rock
- lumber
- plastic bags
- pet waste
- processed or treated wood products
- sod or dirt
- gravel or concrete
- playground bark
- nursery pots or plastic
- food waste

Keep Your Green Clean.

You may be assessed fee for contaminated yardwaste!