

Novato Recycling News

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 \$4.27 for each extra bag or box of garbage. Carts are considered overloaded if the lid will not close. If you 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.

Keeping Odors Out

Some customers have enquired about strategies to minimize the odor of their trash carts.

- Periodically hose out your garbage carts. Allow to drip dry, then add a little baking soda.
- Leave the lid open for a few days after your collection day.
- Use plastic bags for your garbage.
- Compost your food waste. Freeze meat scraps and place in cart when you set it at the curb.

Keep Carts Accessible

Novato Disposal encourages residents to park in their driveways the night before their collection day to help keep the roadways clear for collection vehicles.

2005 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 Sunday 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.



Goodwill Accepts TVs, Computer Monitors and Components

Many common electronic products such as computers, televisions, copiers and fax machines can damage the environment if disposed of improperly. Often called E-Waste, many of these products can be reused, refurbished or recycled. Computer monitors and televisions contain CRT's – cathode ray tubes – and are considered a hazardous waste, it is illegal to dispose of them in the trash.

Goodwill is now accepting computers and components (keyboard, mouse, CPU), laptops, cell phones and TV's under 27" in any condition. Newer items will be refurbished; older items will be recycled. Businesses with more than 20 units should contact Goodwill at 415-575-2150 for a pick-up.

Goodwill Donation centers are located at:

- 936 Seventh Street, Novato
Daily 8:30am -12:30pm; 1:00-5:00pm
- Vintage Oaks Shopping Center
Rowland Boulevard, behind Marshalls
Daily 8:30am-12:30pm, 1:00-5:00pm

Household Battery Dropoff

Household batteries are considered hazardous waste and must not be disposed of in the trash.

Novato residents can safely dispose of used household batteries at these locations:

Novato Recycling Center

7576 Redwood Boulevard
Tues-Sun, 10am – 4pm

All Novato Fire District Stations during their open hours:

- Station 1 – 7025 Redwood Boulevard
- Station 2 – 450 Atherton
- Station 3 – 65 San Ramon Way
- Station 4 – 319 Enfrente Drive
- Station 5 – 5 Bolling Drive

Novato Sanitary District

500 Davidson
Mon - Fri, 8:30am-4 pm

All types of Household Batteries are accepted including:

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

Novato Recycling & Buyback Centers

- ✓ Payment is made only for CRV materials. Payment rate is set by the State.
- ✓ Payment is made by the pound except when there are a total of 50 or less containers in which case the customer may request the containers be counted.
- ✓ 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 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.
- ✓ Material that is contaminated with dirt, moisture or debris may be paid at a discounted rate. The customer may choose to take contaminated material back instead of receiving a reduced payment for contaminated material.

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

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.

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Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Novato residents have options when it comes to proper disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW).

• HHW Dropoff (ongoing)

The Novato Recycling Center accepts limited types of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) during regular business hours only. **The following HHW materials** may be brought to the recycling center Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm.

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

If you are a business and need to dispose of these wastes, please call the business hotline at 892-6395.

• Permanent HHW Facility (by appointment)

The Novato Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility accepts all other types of HHW such as oil based paints, engine cleaners, pesticides and propane tanks (see more comprehensive list below). These materials must be brought to the Novato Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility. **The HHW 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 paint, 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:** Batteries, fluorescent tubes & bulbs, photo chemicals, waxes, polishes, polish remover, bleach cleaners, old medications & sharps.
- Other Products:** Computer monitors & televisions, small quantities of asbestos (double bagged), mercury 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 for more information on disposal options.*

Business or Commercial Waste:

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

Transportation Guidelines:

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.

Focus On....

Fluorescent Lamp Recycling

Fluorescent tubes & bulbs are considered hazardous waste and must not be disposed of in the trash.

What is Toxic about Fluorescents?

Fluorescent lamps contain mercury vapor, an acutely toxic, bioaccumulative toxin. When a lamp is broken, much of the mercury is dispersed into the air. Fluorescent lamps come in many shapes and sizes including: 4 foot, 8 foot, U-tubes and compact fluorescents.

Some Ballasts have PCBs

Fluorescent ballasts in fixtures that use the tube style lamp may contain Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) if manufactured prior to 1979. PCBs were discontinued for use in fluorescent ballasts manufactured after 1979. Ballasts manufactured prior to 1979 should be disposed as hazardous waste. Ballasts manufactured after 1979 can be recycled as scrap metal.

Disposal

- **Households** can bring their fluorescent tubes to the Novato Recycling Center during their regular open hours, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm or to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.
- **Businesses** should contact the following programs for services offered and price.
 - Novato Business Hazardous Waste Program Drop-off program; by appointment Fees charged; call 892-6395
 - AERC Inc., Hayward, CA 800-628-3675 Mail back container program for fee; Pick-up program for businesses www.aerc-mti.com

Need Stuff?

Reuse Area at the Recycling Center

Stop by the Novato Recycling Center 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:** if you wish to dispose of these types of products, please call 892-7344 to schedule an appointment. Recycling Center staff are not trained to accept most hazardous materials. See article this page for details on disposal.

Freecycle in Marin

Cleaning out the garage and finding stuff you no longer want that might be of use to someone else? Join Freecycle and when you want to find a new home for something — whether it's a chair, a fax machine, piano, or an old door — you simply "post" a listing to members of your Freecycle group and someone who needs it can contact you by email to arrange a pickup. Once you are familiar with how the program works, you may choose to post a free "wanted" listing and see if someone has that special item that you are looking for collecting dust in the back of their closet.

Freecycle Network™ is an online exchange program made up of many individual groups across the globe. It's a grassroots movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns. Each local group is run by a local volunteer moderator. Membership is free. For more information or to sign up, visit www.freecycle.org, click on the **US West Coast** button and scroll down to **San Francisco Bay Area Marin County** listing. Click on **Go To** (or Join, if you are ready) and you will be directed to the local Marin Page page where you can learn all the details of the program. **The golden rule: Everything posted must be free, legal, and appropriate for all ages.**

After you join the group you'll receive an e-mail with instructions for posting and get to choose how (and if) you would like to receive listings to view. So spread the word to get Freecycling going in Marin, because one person's clutter is another person's treasure — and we all benefit from less cluttered landfills.

Novato Thrift Stores

Direct quality usable items to these thrift stores:

Hospice of Marin Thrift & Gift Store
910 Grant Ave.
415-893-9036

*Newer working televisions only
No computer screens*

Human Needs Center Thrift
1523 So. Novato Blvd.
415-892-2172

*Will pick-up furniture.
Accepts newer small televisions only
No computer screens*

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

No televisions or computer screens