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Spring Cleaning Tips to Help Reduce Waste!

As you are preparing for the Spring Community Cleanup, take a little time to sort out and pass on some of those reusable items, or to recycle just a little bit more. Spring cleanup projects can generate a lot of extra waste. Some extra effort on your part can help Bay Area landfills avoid tons of extra waste. Fortunately, there are some easy ways to get rid of some of your trash (another person's treasure) without sending it all to the landfill. Here are some suggestions:

- Type up an email list of your goodies and send it out to folks you know. This gives your friends first shot at items that you value but are ready to let go of. Knowing that your "treasures" are going to a friend may help you let go of stuff you have been hanging on to.
- Hold a FREE "yard sale." Place unwanted, reusable items in your yard/driveway with "FREE" signs and advertise in your neighborhood. Neighbors may be very happy to take some of your old "stuff".
- Take reusable items to a local, second-hand store (see side panel for local sites)
- Place an ad in the Gazette (listings for materials under \$2000 are free)
- List items on MarinMax, a material exchange program that list available and wanted items for free. This free online resource allows members of the community to search for used items they need or give up items they have no use for or might otherwise dispose of. Find them online at MarinMax.org
- Check out ireuse.com, a Marin County site for listing stuff you want to sell or donate. Includes a tool to help you find local non-profits who may want just what you have. There is a feature where you can donate proceeds from your sale to local non profits.

New e-waste regulations regarding home electronics/ fluorescent lamps/ batteries. See page 3 for details

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

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

Goodwill Industries
936 7th St.
415-897-5144

Goodwill Marin store pick-up service
Scheduling desk for pick-up of furniture only
415-456-5273

Goodwill Industries drop-off
Vintage Oak Shopping Center parking lot (behind Marshall's store)
415-575-2133

Accepts most household items and clothing. No bed or futon mattresses, metal cabinets or metal beds or frames, and no large appliances.

Drop-off hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. seven days.

Second Center (Human Needs) Thrift Store
1523 So. Novato Blvd. (East of Diablo Blvd.)
415-892-2172

Will pick-up furniture

Salvation Army pick-up service
1-800-958-7825

Salvation Army drop-off bin
Located behind Hamilton Exchange, Hamilton Village
Small items & clothing only. No furniture/large appliances
Drop-off hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days.



Novato Community Cleanup April 3-7, 2006

During this week, Novato residential garbage customers may place cleanup materials from their homes at the curb for collection. You must follow all requirements as listed below or material may not be collected. All items must be at the curb the night before your regularly scheduled collection day.

Who May Participate:

- **Novato Disposal Residential Customers**
- **Multifamily Complexes:**
Complexes with central collection bins rather than separate cart service for each household must request Cleanup Week collection service. Call Novato Disposal at 897-4177 no later than Wednesday, March 29.
- **Businesses and Institutions may not participate.**

Special Handling:

Appliances/Electronics

Call Novato Disposal at 897-4177 by Wednesday, March 29 for collection of major appliances, such as washers, dryers and refrigerators. A \$30 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. **Televisions or computer monitors (screens), computer peripherals, microwaves, small home appliances and small office electronics will be not be collected at the curb.** See page 3 or call the HHW line at 892-7344 for information on television & computer monitor, appliance/electronics, fluorescent lamp and battery recycling information.

Recyclables

Keep all recyclable items separate from cleanup debris. Recycle in your blue cart or at a recycling center. Call Novato Disposal at 897-4177 for locations.

Usable Items

Please direct usable items to thrift and second hand stores (see list above).

Requirements:

All requirements must be adhered to during cleanups:

- **Excess material will not be removed.**
 - A maximum of fourteen (14) bags, boxes or cans per household may be placed at the curb during cleanup week.
- **Loose items will not be collected.**
 - All material must be contained.
- **Oversize, heavy or prohibited items will not be removed.**
 - No rock, dirt, bricks, concrete, tires, wood or asphalt.
 - Items must be less than four (4) feet in length and must weigh less than 60 lbs. No sofas, tables, mattresses or other large items.
- **Hazardous waste will not be collected.**
 - **No hazardous waste** will be collected curbside including propane tanks, televisions and computer monitors or "e-waste". See hazardous waste disposal information on page 3 & 4.

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From Customer Service

Guidelines and Reminders

For everyone's safety and convenience and, due to the high volume of traffic and vehicles in some neighborhoods, we request that you pay special attention to the following:

- Please leave three feet between garbage, recycling and yard waste carts.
- Do not place carts within three feet of vehicles, mailboxes, other obstacles or personal property.
- Carts should not be placed in an area with overhangs, trees or other obstacles.
- Place carts at the road edge the night prior to your service day

To help us provide the best service to you, please observe the following:

- Please park your car in your driveway the night before your collection day wherever possible. There may be a delay in collection of blocked carts.
- Place garbage loosely in your cart. Carts that are overstuffed or have material jammed into them may not empty completely.
- You may opt to set out recycle and yardwaste carts only when full if you choose.
- Please remove your containers from the road edge as soon after they have been serviced as is practical.
- 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 \$4.39 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 inquired 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.

Novato's

Clean and Green Day



Novato's 11th Annual Clean and Green Day will take place on **Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

This event is organized for the purpose of cleaning up and beautifying Novato's public areas. **People from all over Novato will come together to remove litter and trash from public areas along city streets, bike paths, median strips and creek banks.**

Please join other families, your neighbors, volunteer groups, businesses and individuals who will participate in this community service event. Trash bags and vests will be provided. Wear sturdy shoes and bring your gloves.

Meet in the parking lot across from Redwood Bagel at 9 a.m. If you would like more information or if you would like to volunteer, please call Susan Stompe at 897-1610, Ed Schulz at 897-8969 or the City Maintenance Department at 897-4337.

Sponsored by the City of Novato Streetscape Maintenance Coalition.

Join Your Neighbors to Help Spruce Up Our Town!



Recycling Facts

Paper

- Paper products consume 50% of the world's annual commercial wood harvest
- Recycled paper production uses 58% less water compared to virgin paper production.
- Paper and cardboard make up 73% of the materials in the landfill.

Waste

- Americans represent only 5% of the world's population, but generate 30% of the world's trash.

- We pay more for food packaging than we pay the American farmer for growing food.

Plastics

- It is predicted that by the year 2040, the earth's usable petroleum reserves will be depleted.
- Over 46,000 pieces of plastic debris float on every square mile of ocean.
- Only one in 4 plastic bottles are recycled.

From the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Recycling & Buyback Centers

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 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 pays for California Redemption Value (CRV) containers only

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.

- ✓ **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 that 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 buyback 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.

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New Waste Disposal Rules Regulate Electronic Devices

Recently the California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) announced new regulations affecting households and businesses relating to the disposal of most electronic devices. Beginning February 9, 2006, many electronic items can no longer be disposed of in the trash, but must be recycled or treated as hazardous waste.

Under this new rule, specific products such as computers and peripherals, cell phones, computer printers, telephones, answering machines, radios

and microwaves as well as mercury thermostats, fluorescent lamps, CRT's and household batteries will no longer be able to be disposed of in the trash. Broadly, all items with digital displays, circuit boards and computer chips now require special handling. These materials contain mercury and other heavy metals, such as lead and cadmium, which may pose a threat to the environment and human health if handled improperly. Visit www.zerowaste.ca.gov/ for additional information on the new regulations.

If you have household electronics, broadly defined as anything with a computer chip, circuit board or digital display, there are several options for proper disposal. The following locations accept most home office equipment, home entertainment systems, and miscellaneous electronics.

Electronics Recycling

Goodwill Donation Centers

- 936 Seventh Street, Novato, CA 94949
Hours: Daily 8:30am -12:30pm; 1:00-5:00pm
- Vintage Oaks Shopping Center
Rowland Boulevard, behind Marshalls
Hours: Daily 8:30am-12:30pm, 1:00-5:00pm

Goodwill accepts working and non-working electronics, including small kitchen and bath appliances and home entertainment and computer equipment for reuse or recycling. Goodwill sorts material for reuse then uses non working materials in job training programs. Call 1 800 4 GOODWILL for more information. **Businesses with more than 20 computer units may call 415-575-2150 for free pick-up.**

Novato E-Waste Drop Off Events. Novato Disposal and the Novato Sanitary District will continue to hold periodic e-waste drop-off events. Watch for special mailings, notices in this newsletter and *online at www.novatodisposal.com* regarding dates and times for these events. Electronics will **not** be collected curbside during cleanup weeks.

Fluorescent lamps (tubes and bulbs), mercury containing devices (thermostats, thermometers, etc) and household batteries may continue to be taken to the Novato Recycling Center during regular business hours. See back page for details or see the last Novato Recycling News now available online at www.novatodisposal.com for additional locations.

Marin Computer Resource Center

- 60 Leveroni Court, Suite 200B
Novato CA 94949
415-883-1428

Accepts a variety of home office and entertainment electronics. Some fees charged. Tax deductible donation. Call for hours or visit www.mcrc.org

Computer Recycling Center

- 3227 Santa Rosa Ave.
Santa Rosa CA
1-888-887-3372

Accepts a variety of home office and entertainment electronics. Some fees charged. Tax deductible donation. Call for hours or visit www.crc.org

Household Hazardous Waste Facility

- Accepts up to five (5) computer monitors and/or TV's only. Please call 892-7344 for an appointment.

Focus On....

Marin Conservation Corps

Providing Job Skills and Endorsing Environmental Ethics

The Marin Conservation Corps (MCC) has a 25-year history of providing two important services to Marin County: providing youth with education and training, while working to preserve the natural resources that make Marin so special. The corpsmembers are a diverse group who voluntarily join MCC. From high school dropouts to college graduates, these young people gain the education, training and hands-on experiences they need to achieve success in the workplace. The year-round training and academic program coupled with environmental stewardship programs, serve young adults ages 18-30, called corpsmembers, while engaging K-12 students, businesses and community volunteers to assist with preserving Marin County's public lands. MCC's summertime program, Project ReGeneration engages 120 middle and high school aged teens in community service and environmental enhancement projects every summer.

Critical to MCC's success is partnerships with city and county public agencies, businesses, schools and community-based organizations. MCC's partnership with Novato Disposal over the past 5 years has enabled Novato schools to develop effective recycling programs. This year, MCC

corpsmembers are working with students at Sinaloa and Hill middle schools to educate students about natural resource conservation and environmental stewardship. Through a grant from the California Department of Conservation, Division of Recycling, MCC's recycling program collects from

parks in Marin, including Stafford Lake, and performs litter abatement projects around the creeks, urban areas and open spaces in Novato.

Corpsmembers working with MCC's Natural Resource program perform flood and fire prevention projects, trail construction, and habitat restoration in Marin's creeks, waterways, oak woodlands and precious ecosystems. Last year, corpsmembers removed debris and vegetation as a flood prevention measure in 12 miles of Novato creeks for the city. Corpsmembers worked around the clock during the storms on New Year's Eve weekend with county agencies to protect the homes, businesses and residents of Marin County from floods and hazards.

As corpsmembers become immersed in these projects that benefit our community, they gain a sense of pride in their accomplishments, an understanding of personal responsibility and most importantly, they experience new found hope for their futures. MCC's work to forge a connection between youth and the environment benefits everyone in Marin! The Marin Conservation Corps is funded through public and private grants, fee for service contracts with public agencies for natural resource work and individual donations. To donate, visit www.marincc.org. To volunteer with MCC's AmeriCorps Environmental Restoration program at various sites across the county, call (415) 258-2699 ext. 87 or visit www.marincc.org. To volunteer at MCC's charter school as a tutor, call (415) 454-4554.



Community Recycling Crew members collecting recycling from a Marin County Park, while mapping the location of the bin with GPS technology.



MCC AmeriCorps member working with students to restore a creek through MCC's partnership with Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW) of the Bay Institute.

Single Stream Recycling Guide

No garbage or plastic bags in your recycle containers please!

Your container will not be collected and you may be billed for extra garbage

- Empty & clean containers
- Remove plastic and metal lids
- No plastic bags
- No styrofoam
- No hazardous or liquid wastes

Place all Recycling Together in Blue Cart

Businesses may call Novato Disposal at 897-4177 to set up a free commercial recycling program.

Mixed Paper and Cardboard

*Flatten or cut boxes to fit loosely inside cart.
Put shredded paper in paper bags inside cart.*

YES

- ✓ White & Colored Paper
- ✓ Office Paper & Envelopes
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Junk Mail & Envelopes
- ✓ Magazines & Catalogs
- ✓ Paperback & Phone Books
- ✓ Small Pieces of Cardboard
- ✓ Single Layer Cardboard (cereal, shoe boxes, etc.)
- ✓ Corrugated Cardboard

NO

- ✗ Plastic Bags
- ✗ Food Contaminated Paper
- ✗ Pizza Boxes
- ✗ Waxed Cardboard or Paper
- ✗ Photographs or Blueprint Paper
- ✗ Napkins, Towels, Tissues



Milk Cartons and Juice/Rice/Soy boxes

*Empty before recycling.
Remove plastic straws & tops*

YES

- ✓ Milk Cartons
- ✓ Drink Boxes
- ✓ Juice Concentrate Cartons
- ✓ Frozen Food Packaging

NO

- ✗ Plastic Lined Cartons
- ✗ Straws or Pop Tops
- ✗ Plastic Bags



Glass Bottles & Jars

*Remove caps and empty
before recycling.*

YES

- ✓ Clear & Colored Glass
- ✓ Food & Beverage Jars
- ✓ Leave Labels On

NO

- ✗ Ceramic, Dishes or Stemware
- ✗ Window or Mirror Glass



Plastic Containers

*Wash & squash, remove caps.
Empty before recycling.*

YES

- ✓ Rigid Plastic Containers
- ✓ Milk & Water Jugs
- ✓ Soda & Juice Bottles
- ✓ Shampoo & Detergent
- ✓ Yogurt & Deli Tubs
- ✓ Pasta and Deli Trays

NO

- ✗ Plastic Caps
- ✗ Plastic Bags
- ✗ Styrofoam



Metal Cans

*Wash & squash, leave labels on.
Empty before recycling.*

YES

- ✓ Aluminum Cans
- ✓ Steel & Tin Cans
- ✓ Bimetal Cans
- ✓ Empty Paint/Aerosol Cans

NO

- ✗ Plastic Caps
- ✗ Plastic Bags
- ✗ Styrofoam
- ✗ Scrap Metal



Residential recycling is picked up on your regular garbage day. Multifamily complexes and commercial accounts may have a different collection schedule.

Got Toxics?

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal



Ongoing HHW Dropoff

(during regular business hours)

The Novato Recycling Center accepts the following types of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) at the **Redwood Boulevard Recycling Center** Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. only.

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

Permanent HHW Facility

(by appointment only)

The Novato Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility accepts the following and other types of HHW by appointment:

- oil based paints, stains & thinners
- engine cleaners, brake fluid & polishes
- pesticides, insecticides & pool chemicals
- computer monitors & televisions
- propane tanks & asbestos (double bagged)
- thermometers & mercury switches

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.

Electronics

There are new regulations for electronic waste (e-waste). See article on page 3.

Need More Information?

Residential or Household Waste:

Please call the household hazardous waste hotline at 892-7344

Business or Commercial Waste:

Please call the business hazardous waste hotline at 892-6395.

Novato Disposal Yard Waste Guidelines

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

- 🗑️ Place your yard waste cart at the curb 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
- bamboo
- processed or treated wood products
- sod or dirt
- gravel or concrete
- playground bark
- nursery pots or plastic
- food waste
- palm fronds

Keep Your Green Clean! You may be assessed a fee for contaminated yard waste!