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Novato Recycling News

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Free Household E-Waste Drop-off to be Scheduled in Spring

A special **free** drop-off event for Novato residents to recycle common electronic products - E-Waste - will be held this Spring. Generally, e-waste includes products with electronic circuitry, computer chips, LED lights or displays or programmable features.

All types of household electronics will be accepted, including televisions, computers, fax machines, telephones, radios, tape players, VCRs, DVDs, blenders, toasters, hair dryers and other small household electronics. E-Waste is considered hazardous waste and cannot be disposed of in the trash.

This event is for Novato households only. Businesses must call 892-6395 for further disposal information. Please watch for a special mailer on this event announcing the specific dates and place. **Call the HHW hotline at 892-7344 for more information.**

Large appliances such as washers, dryers, stoves, microwaves, refrigerators, water heaters, dishwashers or air conditioners **will not be accepted** at this event. If you have any of these items, contact Novato Disposal at 897-4177 for a pick-up.

Goodwill Donation Centers accept both working and non-working home electronics year round at their two Novato locations: 936 Seventh Street or behind Vintage Oaks Shopping.

Take the Recycling Challenge... and Save \$\$

Much of what we want to discard can be directed away from the "trash". Help keep your disposal costs down while conserving valuable resources that are lost forever once landfilled.

What is the highest end use for your discards? Take this quiz to find out:

Bottles and cans	... Recycle in the blue can
Plastic toys	... Take to thrift stores for reuse
Styrofoam peanuts	... Reuse yourself or take to shipping stores
Newspaper/ magazines	... Recycle in the blue can
Carpet	... Donate to charity/Dispose if unusable
Ceramic mugs	... Thrift store or dispose in trash if broken
Cereal boxes	... Recycle in the blue can
Clothing	... Clean fabric can be used as rags*
Reuseable items	... Take to thrift stores for reuse
Tin or steel cans	... Recycle in the blue can
Plastic buckets	... Use again, store tools or camping gear
Window glass	... Dispose in trash
Cardboard	... Recycle in the blue can
Mini blinds	... Thrift store or dispose in trash if broken
Plastic bags	... Take clean bags back to grocery store
Glass bottles	... Recycle in the blue can

* Novato Recycling Center accepts clean/dry bagged rags for recycling during open hours



Novato Community Cleanup April 2-6, 2007

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 28.
- **Businesses and Institutions may not participate.**

Special Handling:

Appliances

Call Novato Disposal at 897-4177 by Wednesday, March 28 for collection of appliances, such as washers, dryers, stoves, microwaves, water heaters and refrigerators. A \$30 fee is charged for collection of any type of refrigeration unit. All other appliances will be billed at \$15 each for removal of capacitors, mercury switches, gear oil, etc. The fee will be added to your garbage bill.

Refrigerator doors must be taped, tied or otherwise securely closed for child safety reasons.

Hazardous Waste & Electronics

Televisions, computer screens & peripherals, small kitchen appliances, home entertainment and office electronics will **not** be collected at the curb. See page 3 or call the HHW line at 892-7344 for 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.

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 above and on page 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.

2007 Holiday Schedule

With the exception of the Christmas and New Years Days, Novato Disposal collects solid waste, recycling and yard waste each week in Novato. During these holiday weeks, service will be delayed by one day for customers whose collection day falls on or after the holiday. Regular service resumes the week following the holiday.

Recycling & Buyback Centers

Novato Recycling and Buyback Center

7576 Redwood Blvd.

(next to Shamrock Materials).

Open Tuesday - Sunday, 10am - 4pm

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, 10am to 4pm

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.

Buyback Guidelines

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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 or accept a reduced payment rate for contaminated material.
- ✓ The buyback and recycle depots are for household recycling only. For commercial recycling collection, please call 897-4177.

New Plastic Bag Recycling Measure Becomes Law

Beginning July 1, 2007, grocery stores and other retailers will be required to collect and recycle plastic bags. AB 2449 established a 6 year pilot program requiring most large grocery stores and other retailers to create an in-store recycling program for the collection and recycling of plastic 'carry out' bags. The bill also requires retailers to provide consumers with a bag reuse opportunity, develop a public education program to encourage recycling and requires that all plastic bags be labeled 'Please Return to a Participating Store for Recycling.'

To keep bags clean and dry, *bag your bags.*

Bags that are recycleable at stores:

Grocery bags
Retail bags (strings & handles removed)
Plastic newspaper bags
Plastic dry cleaning bags
Plastic produce bags (clean only!)
All clean, clear bags labeled with a #2 or #4
Please ensure that all plastic bags are clean and dry. Please remove receipts and other debris.

Do NOT include the following:

No food wrap (e.g., Saran Wrap®)
No bags that have any dirt or moisture
No bags that has been painted or glued
No CD wrappers or other "crunchy" plastic
No other bags or film plastic

Construction and Cleanup Equipment Novato Disposal Has Everything You Need.



Cleanup Bins



Portable Toilets



Debris Box Services

One Call Does It All • (415) 897-4177

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Novato's 12th Annual Clean and Green Day

Saturday, April 21 from 9 am to 1 pm

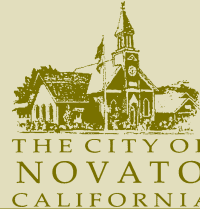
This event is organized for the purpose of cleaning up and beautifying the City of Novato. **People from all over Novato will come together to remove litter and trash from public areas along city streets, bike paths, median strips and creek banks.**

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 work 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 899-8244.

Sponsored by the City of Novato Streetscape Maintenance Coalition.

Join Your Neighbors to Help Spruce Up Our Town!



Got Stuff?

Bulky Item Pickup Program

Novato Disposal offers a year-round Bulky Item Pickup for items that are too large for the trash.

Items such as mattresses, couches, washers and dryers can be picked up from your home on a for-fee basis.

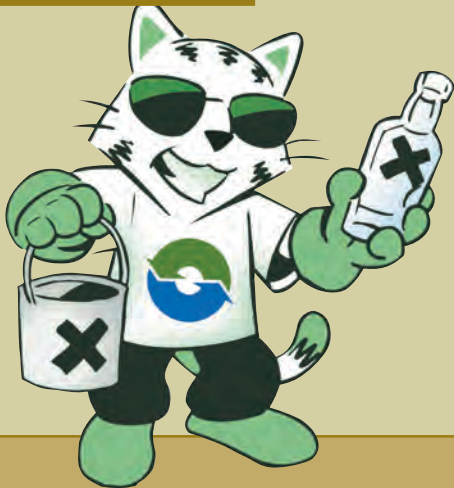
Items that cannot be recycled, such as broken furniture will be disposed of at the landfill. Scrap metal, such as exercise equipment, washers and refrigerators, will be processed and recycled. Call our office for pricing.

Please remember:

We are unable to pick up hazardous waste and electronics. See below.

Please direct reuseable items to thrift or second hand stores. See back page.

Got Toxics?



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 Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. only.**

- Latex paint (not oil based) in original can
- Fluorescent bulbs (unbroken tubes & bulbs)
- Used oil & Filters & 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
- thermometers & mercury switches
- sharps & lancets (in approved containers only)
- propane tanks

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.

Need More Information?

Residential or Household Waste:

Call the household hazardous waste hotline at 892-7344

Business or Commercial Waste:

Call the business hazardous waste hotline at 892-6395.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Household Electronics

New regulations prohibit the disposal of electronics in landfills. Electronics are broadly defined as anything with a computer chip, circuit board or digital display such as televisions, computer monitors, computers, VCRs, printers, cell phones, telephones, and other household electronics.

- **Bring working and non-working electronics to Goodwill** including home entertainment and computer systems, small kitchen and bath electronics for reuse or recycling. Call 415-575-2200 for more information.
- The Household Hazardous Waste Facility will accept up to five (5) computer monitors and/or TV's by appointment only. Please call 892-7344 to schedule an appointment.
- See the front page of this newsletter and watch for special mailings regarding e-waste drop-off events during the year. Call 892-7344 for details.

Household Batteries

Household and rechargeable batteries contain heavy metals that are hazardous to the environment. State laws prohibits the disposal of any battery in the trash.

Novato residents can safely dispose of used household batteries at the Novato Recycling Center during business hours, at the HHW facility and at the following locations:

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

All Novato Fire Stations
During open hours only.

Automotive Batteries, Motor Oil, Oil Filters & Antifreeze

Automotive batteries contain acid, lead and other heavy metals that can contaminate ground water. Motor oil and oil filters contain petrochemicals and metals, by-products of burning. Antifreeze and other automotive fluids are poisonous and can contaminate groundwater.

The Novato Recycling Center accepts batteries, motor oil, oil filters and antifreeze during their regular business hours. No appointment is needed.

In addition, motor oil is also accepted at several State Certified Collection Centers in Novato, including Kragen Auto Parts, Ron Cromwell Chevron, Oil Changers and Pennzoil 10-Minute Oil Change. These State Certified Centers will pay you \$.16 per gallon for your used oil upon request.

Cell Phone Recycling

The California Cell Phone Recycling Act of 2004, AB 2901, requires all retailers that sell cell phones to set up a free and convenient take-back system for consumers. All costs are borne by the manufacturer and consumer prior to the point of purchase.

The following cell phone retailers collect and recycle all brands of cell phones for free:

Novato Wireless

2009 Novato Boulevard
(415) 899-1077

Cellular World

132 Vintage Way
(415) 898-5555

Cingular Wireless/ Parrot Cellular

104 Vintage Way, A-1
(415) 898-8255

Radio Shack

930 Diablo Ave.
(415) 897-4564

Creative Wireless

936 7th Street
(415) 899-1666

Sprint PCS

208 Vintage Way, K-17
415-878-0355

You may also donate cell phones to the Wireless Foundation's "Call to Protect" program which repairs cell phones and distributes them to victims of domestic violence.

www.wirelessfoundation.org. Goodwill accepts all used cell phones at both Novato locations.

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

YES

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

NO

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



Glass Bottles & Jars

Empty containers prior to recycling.

YES

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

NO

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



Plastic Containers

Wash & squash. Empty before recycling.

YES

- ✓ Rigid Plastic Containers
- ✓ Milk & Water Jugs
- ✓ Soda & Juice Bottles
- ✓ Shampoo & Detergent Bottles
- ✓ 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.

Novato Disposal Yard Waste Guidelines

Place all grass cuttings, leaves & weeds, tree & shrubby 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!**



Second Hand Goods Save Resources

Curbside cleanup is approaching!

Take advantage of the Spring Cleanup to direct quality used items to one of the organizations listed below that can find a new home for your treasures. In most cases your contributions are tax-deductible.

A few good reasons to donate:

- Many second hand and thrift stores benefit programs that serve families or individuals who need a helping hand.
- Items that can be reused shouldn't be thrown away, but can often find a new life and save valuable resources at the same time.
- We vote with our dollars. Support locally owned businesses that promote reuse.
- Donations to non-profits are tax deductible. Be sure to ask for a receipt.

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 Industries drop-off

Vintage Oak Shopping Center parking lot (behind Marshall's)
415-575-2133

Second Center (Human Needs) Thrift Store

1523 So. Novato Blvd. (East of Diablo Blvd.)
415-892-2172

Salvation Army pick-up service

1-800-958-7825

Salvation Army drop-off

Located behind Hamilton Exchange, Hamilton Village

Tips for Donating:

- Please check with each site to be sure they can accept the items you would like to donate. Some stores have restrictions on what they accept.
- Don't burden stores with the expense of disposing of unsaleable items. (*Goodwill accepts working and non-working electronics and computers which are now banned from landfill disposal in California*).
- Place your items in a box or a bag when you donate them so items stay clean and in good condition.

Interesting Paper Factoids

- Every year more than 900 million trees are cut down to provide raw materials for American paper and pulp mills.
- Making recycled paper instead of new paper uses 64 percent less energy and uses 58 percent less water.
- Every Sunday, Americans throw away 90 percent of recyclable newspapers.

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!