


The Recology[®] RESOURCE

So, You Think You Can Recycle? See Page 3!

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A Recology sort line worker sorts a load of single-stream recycling

FALL UPDATES

As we approach the end of our first year in Novato, we have to take a moment to say “Thank You!” for all of the local support we have received. Have you seen us hosting a table at a community event? We have been to many so far this year. We love meeting our customers, answering questions, and providing educational materials. We are truly inspired by how passionate our customers are about recycling AND composting – and doing it correctly too!

Speaking of compost service, we are proud to say that we have added or increased compost service at over 200 commercial accounts this year. This includes schools, restaurants, markets, hardware stores, florists, hospitals, and apartment complexes. That is a lot of material that was once going to the landfill and is now being turned into

nutrient-rich compost instead.

That being said, this year has not been without challenges. China continues to enforce its “National Sword” policy. This places strict regulations on the amount of acceptable contamination allowed in the bales of recyclable materials they import. While some cities in the US have abandoned recycling because of this, we are working harder than ever to make sure our materials are clean and dry so they can continue to be recycled. This means it is imperative to keep contaminants such as food waste and plastic bags out of your recycling bins and carts.

One of the most dangerous contaminants we receive are hypodermic needles. These are extremely dangerous to our sort-line workers and must be disposed of properly. In Novato there are

several locations available to safely dispose of sharps. You can find more information on page 5 of this newsletter.

Albert Einstein once said “In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity”. **While recycling is on the forefront of the collective consciousness, we see the challenges we are experiencing as an opportunity to encourage and educate our customers as much as possible.**

Please reach out if you have any questions, follow us on Facebook, and help us spread the good word of “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Recologize!”

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WHERE DOES IT GO?

<u>WHAT?</u>	<u>WHERE?</u>	<u>WHY?</u>
 <p>Plastic Cups <i>Vaso de Plástico</i></p>	<p>Recycle <i>Reciclar</i></p>	<p>China and Southeast Asia are still accepting this material for recycling as long as it is empty & dry.</p>
 <p>"Compostable" Plastics <i>Plástico Compostable</i></p>	<p>Garbage <i>Basura</i></p>	<p>Does not break down into compost at the facilities where we take material. Cannot be recycled.</p>
 <p>Plastic Bags & Film <i>Bolsas de plástico</i></p>	<p>Garbage <i>Basura</i></p>	<p>Not recyclable in a single-stream system. Gets tangled in sorting equipment.</p>
 <p>Plastic Utensils & Straws <i>Utensilios y pajitas de plástico</i></p>	<p>Garbage <i>Basura</i></p>	<p>Not recyclable in a single-stream system. Too small to be sorted properly.</p>
 <p>Clear Plastic Clamshells <i>Cajas Para Comida Para Llevar</i></p>	<p>Recycle <i>Reciclar</i></p>	<p>China and Southeast Asia are still accepting this material for recycling as long as it is empty & dry.</p>
 <p>Shredded Paper <i>Papel en Trizas</i></p>	<p>Compost <i>Abono</i></p>	<p>Breaks down into compost. Contain in paper bags to prevent blowing away. Too small for recycling.</p>
 <p>Boxes with Styrofoam <i>Cajas Con Poliestireno</i></p>	<p>Recycle & Garbage <i>Reciclar y Basura</i></p>	<p>Styrofoam & film plastic are not recyclable. Clean & dry cardboard is recyclable. Must be separated.</p>
 <p>Waxed Cardboard <i>Carton Encerado</i></p>	<p>Garbage <i>Basura</i></p>	<p>In most cases "waxed" cardboard actually has a plastic coating. Therefore it cannot be recycled.</p>
 <p>Milk Cartons <i>Cartones de Leche</i></p>	<p>Recycle <i>Reciclar</i></p>	<p>Milk cartons and aseptic containers such as soy milk and juice boxes are recyclable.</p>
 <p>Coffee Cups <i>Taza de Café</i></p>	<p>Garbage <i>Basura</i></p>	<p>Coffee cups have a plastic liner which prevents them from being recyclable or compostable.</p>
 <p>Food Scraps <i>Restos de Comida</i></p>	<p>Compost <i>Abono</i></p>	<p>ALL food scraps are compostable. This includes meat, bones, dairy as well as vegetative food scraps.</p>

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There **will be regular service** on **Thanksgiving, November 22nd. Christmas and New Year's Day** fall on a Tuesday this year. Customers with Tuesday - Friday service will be serviced Wednesday - Saturday. You can always check your service schedule at www.recology.com/RSMschedules.

HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING

Project Safe Grad Fundraiser:

Trees may be dropped off at San Marin High School or you can arrange pickup. There is a fee for this service. Call 415.858.0321 or email smtreecycle@gmail.com for details.

Curbside collection available from December 31st - January 5th:

Residential customers may place their tree on the curb the night before their regular collection day. Trees 10 feet and over should be cut in half. Flocked trees will NOT be collected.

Compost Carts:

Clean holiday trees may be cut to fit inside your compost cart at any time. Remove lights, tinsel, and ornaments. Flocked trees will not be accepted. The lid of your cart must be closed.

CAMBIO DE HORARIO DE LOS SIGUIENTES DÍAS FERIADOS

Habrá servicio de recolección de basura el Jueves 22 de Noviembre de 2018 (DÍA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS). NO habrá servicio el Martes 25 de Diciembre de 2018 (NAVIDAD) y el Martes 1 de Enero de 2019 (AÑO NUEVO) Recolección de basura será de miércoles a sábado. Puede confirmar sus fechas de servicio en www.Recology.com/RSMschedules.

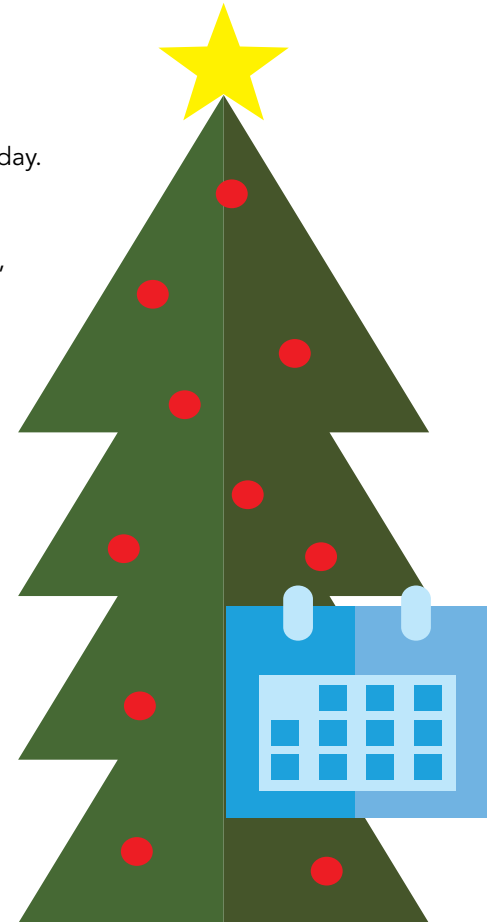
RECICLAJE DE ÁRBOLES NAVIDEÑOS

Los árboles navideños pueden ser dejados en San Marin High School o usted puede organizar la recolección. Hay una tarifa por este servicio. Llame al 415.858.0321 o envíe un correo electrónico a smtreecycle@gmail.com para obtener más información.

31 de diciembre a el 5 de Enero 2019, la noche antes de su día regular de recolección de basura, puede colocar su árbol navideño entero en la acera (banqueta) frente a su residencia. NO serán recogidos árboles con nieve artificial.

Bote de Abono:

Se pueden cortar los árboles navideños limpios para que quepan dentro de su carrito de abono en cualquier momento. Quitar las luces, oropel, y adornos. **NO SE ACEPTAN** árboles con nieve artificial.



Tips For Reducing Holiday Waste

Gifts

- Give a consumable gift. Local honey, cookies or a home cooked meal will always be appreciated.
- Share a service you can provide. Offer car repair, yard work, or home improvement services.
- Make a donation in the recipient's name to a favorite charity.
- Shop for one-of-a-kind gifts at antique stores, estate sales, thrift stores or flea markets.

Gift-Wrap

- Give gifts in reusable tote bags or baskets.
- Design your own gift wrap by using paper bags and adding decorations such as drawings or stamped patterns.
- Wrap gifts in the comics section of the paper, old posters, or maps.
- Reuse your bows, ribbons, boxes, and gift bags.

HAZARDOUS WASTE



The Novato Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility, under the operation of the Novato Sanitary District, is open from 8:30a-1:30p on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and

Mondays of each month. The HHW Facility, located at **7576 Redwood Blvd.**, behind the Novato Recycling Center, accepts all regular household hazardous wastes such as paints, aerosols, auto products, household cleaners, pesticides, fertilizers, small propane tanks and other common household toxics. In addition, the HHW Facility will now accept electronic waste of all kinds, including computers, TV's, microwaves and small electrical appliances. For more information visit www.novatosan.com or call the HHW hotline at 415.892.7344.

If you only have latex paints, household or car batteries, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil or antifreeze you can bring these items to the Novato Recycling Center, 7576 Redwood Blvd, during regular business hours, 10:00a – 4:00p, Tues. – Sun.

SAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL

Sharps can be safely disposed of at the locations listed below. They must be packaged in FDA approved red sharps containers, which are also available at the listed collection locations:

Kaiser Novato
97 San Marin Drive
415-899-7470

Safeway Pharmacy
5720 Nave Drive
415-881-9260

Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy
7514 Redwood Boulevard
415-892-3700

Novato HHW Facility
7576 Redwood Boulevard
415-892-7344

E-Waste



Motor Oil



Sharps



Batteries



Household Toxics



WASTE ZERO SERVICES



Let our Waste Zero Team help your business, multi-family dwelling, or school divert as many materials as possible away from the landfill.

WE OFFER (AT NO CHARGE):

- Technical assistance from Waste Zero Specialists
- Employee trainings & school presentations
- Educational tables at events
- Posters, labels, magnets, & window clings
- Indoor green & blue containers

To reach our Waste Zero Team, call **800.243.0291** or email **RecologySonomaMarin@Recology.com**.



Thank you to the following Novato businesses and schools who have successful recycling AND compost programs:

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| • Beso Bistro | • Inn Marin & Suites | • Novato Sanitary District |
| • Century Theaters | • In-N-Out Burger | • Nugget Market |
| • Chianti Ristorante | • Institute of Noetic Sciences | • Olive School |
| • China House Restaurant | • Marin Coffee Roasters | • Our Lady of Loretto School |
| • City of Novato Admin | • Marin Humane Society | • Rancho Elementary School |
| • Costco | • Meadow Park School | • San Marin Florist |
| • Flour Chylde Bakery | • Montessori School of Novato | • San Ramon School |
| • Good Earth Natural Foods | • Moylan's Brewery | • Starbucks |
| • Greek Orthodox Church | • Navitas Organics | • The New Village School |
| • Hamilton School | • North Bay Children's Center | • The Village Italian Restaurant |
| • Harvest Market | • Novato Charter School | • Whole Foods |
| • House of Daniel's | • Novato Flowers | • Wild Fox Restaurant |