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Sonoma Marin
WASTE ZERO

The Recology[®] **RESOURCE**

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**Your recyclables being sorted
at our facility in Santa Rosa, CA**



IT'S EVENT SEASON!

Sonoma County is known for world famous wine and beer, delicious local cuisine, gorgeous scenery, and a wide variety of entertaining festivals that take place nearly all year long.

Have you seen us at an event? We hosted educational tables at 138 events last year! We love meeting our customers and being available to answer questions about the services we offer. Our favorite questions are the tricky “what goes where?” types. If you see our Recology tent at your favorite event, stop by, say “hello” and try to stump one of our Waste Zero Specialists with your best recycling or compost questions!

We are also committed to helping local events “go green” by reducing overall waste while adding compost and recycling services. In 2018, we were very proud to introduce public-facing compost receptacles at both the Sonoma County

Fair and the Cotati Accordion Festival. We want the people of Sonoma County to attend events and say, “Where are the compost carts?” before they even order their first giant turkey leg (yes, that turkey bone can go in the compost when you are done).

Sustainability starts well before any event. Making sure that attendees are encouraged to bring their own utensils, water bottle and coffee cup is an important way to reduce waste. Single-use coffee cups and utensils/straws are not recyclable and must be put in the trash. While water bottles are recyclable, it is much more environmentally friendly to bring your own and use it over and over again. Another common question we receive is regarding “compostable” plastics. Many food vendors use these plastics with the best of intentions. Unfortunately though, “compostable” plastics do not break

down at the compost facilities we take materials to. This means that “compostable” plastics will end up in the landfill.

We just launched a new web page www.Recology.com/RSMEvents, where you can find out more about how to plan a WASTE ZERO event. There are purchasing guides to give to your vendors, information about the event services we offer, and even printable signs you can use to help guests at anything from the largest music festival, to the most intimate backyard BBQ. Let's make 2019 the greenest event season yet!

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COMPOST & RECYCLE



COMPOST



- ✓ **Food scraps**
Restos de comida



- ✓ **Plant trimmings**
Recortes de plantas



- ✓ **Soiled paper**
Papel sucio



- ✓ **Wooden chop sticks & stir sticks**
Palillos chinos y palitos de madera

Compost Pro Tips

- ✓ YES, you can put food scraps and soiled paper in your yard trimmings cart (AKA compost cart)!
- ✓ Use a kitchen pail and empty daily.
- ✓ Wrap food scraps in newspaper or paper bags.
- ✓ Store food scraps in the freezer and put them in your compost cart the night before your service day.



RECYCLE



- ✓ **Aluminum & steel cans**
Latas de aluminio y acero
- ✓ **Aluminum foil & trays**
Papel y charolas de aluminio



- ✓ **Plastic containers**
Contenedores de plástico



- ✓ **Glass bottles & jars**
(metal caps & lids too)
Botellas y frascos de vidrio
(incluya las tapas de metal)



- ✓ **Paper & cardboard**
Papel y cartón

Recycle Pro Tips

- ♻️ Do not trap recyclables in a plastic bag. Plastic bags do not get opened.
- ♻️ Containers must be empty & dry. Food & liquids can contaminate an entire load of recyclables.
- ♻️ These symbols don't always mean "recyclable". They are just used to identify the type of plastic an item is made from. When recycling plastics, think containers (bottles, tubs, & jugs)!



CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP

Residential customers are eligible to participate in our Spring Curbside Clean-up **May 20th - May 24th**. Large Furniture and appliances require an appointment. Call **800.243.0291** or email **RecologySonomaMarin@Recology.com**.

- ✓ **14 bags, boxes or cans of refuse OR,**
14 bolsas, cajas o botes de basura O,
- ✓ **7 bags, boxes, or cans of refuse AND 1 bulky item OR,**
7 bolsas, cajas o botes de basura y un artículo voluminoso O,
- ✓ **2 bulky items**
2 artículos voluminosos
- ✓ **Visit www.recology.com/Cotati for details**
Visite www.recology.com/Cotati para más detalles



STREET SWEEPING



Street sweeping is another service we are proud to provide. Keeping leaves and debris out of storm drains is essential to a healthy environment. Street sweepers can prevent pollutants from entering our water system, but only if they have access to the debris.

- Look for your sweeping schedule at **www.Recology.com/Cotati**.
- Avoid street parking on sweep day.
- Make sure trees and shrubs don't grow into the roadway.
- Do not pile leaves from your property on the street. Use your compost cart instead.

Thanks for helping us keep our streets clean!



HAZARDOUS WASTE



Zero Waste Sonoma, formerly The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency, has several options for residents to properly dispose of household hazardous waste.

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility

500 Mecham Rd, Petaluma
 Thursday - Saturday, 7:30am-2:30pm
zerowastesonoma.gov/household-hazardous-waste-facility

HHW Collection Events

Collection events are held in different areas of Sonoma County every Tuesday from 4-8pm. Events are free to residents. To make an appointment, call 707.795.2025 or email toxicsdisposal@cleanharbors.com.

HHW Rover Pickup Service

Your toxics can be picked up at your home. Appointments are available on Wednesdays for \$50 per pickup. To make an appointment, call 707.795.2025 or email toxicsdisposal@cleanharbors.com.

E-Waste is not accepted through the above programs. For information on E-Waste recycling please go to zerowastesonoma.gov/e-waste-disposal.

Edificio de Recolección de Productos Tóxicos del Hogar

500 Mecham Rd, Petaluma
 Jueves - Sábado, 7:30am-2:30pm
zerowastesonoma.gov/household-hazardous-waste-facility

Recolecciones de Productos Tóxicos en la Comunidad

Estos eventos se realizan todos los martes de 4-8pm en diferentes áreas del condado de Sonoma. Este servicio está disponible solo con cita previa. Llame al 707.795.2025 para hacer una cita o envíe un correo electrónico a toxicsdisposal@cleanharbors.com.

Servicio de recolección de productos tóxicos "Toxic Rover"

Los desechos de productos tóxicos pueden ser recolectados en su domicilio. Este servicio está disponible los miércoles con cita previa. Llame al 707.795.2025 para hacer una cita o envíe un correo electrónico a toxicsdisposal@cleanharbors.com.

Residuos Electrónicos (conocidos en inglés como E-Waste) no son aceptados a través de los programas mencionados anteriormente. Para obtener información sobre el reciclaje de residuos electrónicos visite zerowastesonoma.gov/e-waste-disposal.



DO NOT dispose of needles, syringes, or lancets in garbage, recycling, or compost bins.

They are extremely dangerous to sanitation workers and must be disposed of properly.

Drop-off syringes, needles, and lancets in **approved containers** at:

Sonoma County's HHW Facility
 500 Meecham Road, Petaluma (Building 5)
 Thursday - Saturday 7:30am - 2:30pm 707.795.2025

See the full list of drop-off and mail-back programs here:
zerowastesonoma.gov/materials/sharps-syringes-needles



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

AB 341

Mandatory Commercial Recycling

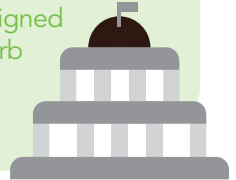
California Assembly Bill 341 (AB 341) mandates that as of January 1, 2012 commercial establishments that generate 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week, and multifamily dwellings of 5 units or more must have recycling services. AB 341 is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the state by 5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) by 2020.



AB 1826

Mandatory Commercial Organics

California Assembly Bill 1826 (AB 1826) mandates that as of January 1, 2019 commercial establishments that generate 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week must arrange for an organics recycling program. Organics include food scraps, plant trimmings, and soiled paper. AB 1826 is designed to conserve resources and curb greenhouse gas emissions.



WASTE ZERO SERVICES

Compost and recycling services are free of charge for all commercial customers. Let our Waste Zero Team help your business, multi-family dwelling, or school divert materials away from the landfill!

We offer commercial customers (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

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