

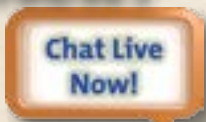
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(415) 897-4177

New!



Online Chat at:

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 7am-6pm

Saturday - Sunday 7am-3pm



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Upcoming Events:

April 25th:



**19th Annual
Green and
Clean Day**

www.cityofnovato.org

April 25th - 27th

Free!

**Household E-Waste
Drop-off**

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd.
See back page for details

www.novatosan.com



May 2nd:

TOUR OF NOVATO AND FUN FAIR

www.tourofnovato.org

June 13th & 14th:



www.novatoartwinemusic.com

July 4th:

NOVATO
4TH OF JULY
PARADE

For Us, Every Day Is Earth Day

Every year The United States joins over one hundred countries celebrating Earth Day to raise ecological awareness across the globe. Originating on April 22, 1970, it is a day to reflect on both our planet and the environment. It is also a day to educate others in ways we can keep our Earth healthy. Earth Day is a worldwide commemoration as well as a day to remember the importance of protecting our environment.

The idea came to Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, after witnessing the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Inspired by the student anti-war movement, he realized that if he could infuse that energy with an emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution, it would force environmental protection onto the national political agenda. Senator Nelson announced the idea for a "national teach-in on the environment" to the national media, he persuaded Pete McCloskey, a conservation-minded Republican Congressman, to serve as his co-chair and recruited Denis Hayes as national coordinator. Hayes built a national staff of 85 to promote events across the land.



Denis Hayes in the Earth Day campaign office

As a result, on the 22nd of April, 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy sustainable environment in massive coast-to-coast rallies. Thousands of colleges and universities organized protests against the deterioration of the environment. Groups that had been fighting against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness, and the extinction of wildlife suddenly realized they shared common values.

As 1990 approached, a group of environmental leaders asked Denis Hayes to organize another big campaign. This time, Earth Day went global, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries and lifting environmental issues onto the world stage. Earth Day 1990 gave a huge boost to recycling efforts worldwide and helped pave the way for the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. It also prompted President Bill Clinton to award Senator Nelson the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1995) -- the highest honor given to civilians in the United States -- for his role as Earth Day founder.

A unique aspect of Earth Day in 1970 was that it brought together Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, and many other people with seemingly different beliefs and backgrounds. Earth Day 1970 was an important part of the National Environmental Awareness Campaign in 1986 which continues today. This campaign led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

A highlight of the annual ceremony at the United Nations is the ringing of the peace bell that was given to the U.N. by Japan. The passage of the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act, are considered to be products of Earth Day. We can make a difference by starting with a few actions:

Save Energy: Start turning off all unnecessary lights, fans, televisions, and unplug unused electronics.

Save Water: Conserve water by turning it off while brushing your teeth or shaving, choose to take short showers rather than baths, and check faucets & pipes for leaks.

Use Less Gas: Walk or ride a bike to reach your destination. This helps reduce pollution.

Recycle: In addition to recycling paper, cardboard, and plastic; recycle electronics! E-cycle all old batteries, old game consoles, and televisions.

Compost: After composting, plant trees and other plants to produce oxygen in the air.

Stay tuned into the new ways to go green!!!

Earth Day was intended to be a chance to learn about ways in which we can live in a more environmentally responsible fashion. So do your part for the Earth, by rethinking, reducing, reusing, recycling and reinventing. With just a few simple steps, we can all live our lives more eco-friendly!

Guidelines & Reminders from Customer Service

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



- Place carts at the road edge the night prior to your service day.
 - Please leave 3 feet between garbage, recycling & yard waste carts.
 - Place garbage loosely in your cart. Carts that are overstuffed or have material jammed into them may not empty completely.
 - Please remove your containers from the road edge as soon after they have been serviced as is practical.
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- Be sure all items are contained inside your carts. Carts that have items sticking out of them or have material piled on top may not be emptied or may receive additional charges.
 - You may opt to set out recycle and yard waste carts only when full if you choose.

For everyone’s safety and convenience, we request that you pay special attention to the following:

- Do not place carts within three feet of vehicles, mailboxes, fire hydrants, other obstacles or personal property.
- Collection vehicles need 14’ overhead clearance. Carts should not be placed in an area with overhangs, trees or other obstacles.
- Please park your car in your driveway the night before your collection and sweeping day whenever possible. There may be a delay in collection of blocked carts.
- If you have any questions, please call or check out our new on-line chat option at *unicycler.com*.

Extra Trash

- If you have an overloaded garbage cart or extra bags of garbage piled on top of, or alongside your cart, you may receive an automatic charge for each extra bag or can of garbage. Carts are considered overloaded if the lid will not close.
- If you have extra garbage, call our office at 897-4177 by 2:30 pm the day before 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.

Save Yourself Some Money!

If you are generating less waste, you can reward yourself with a smaller garbage bill by exchanging your current cart for a smaller size.



We offer four levels of service. Super recyclers or small families may be able to reduce their waste and subscribe to the 20 gallon service.

If you would like to change your service level, please contact our office for details and rates.

Recycle Used Motor Oil and Oil Filters

If you change your own motor oil you can help the environment today! Recycle your used motor oils from your car, truck, boat or lawn and garden equipment. Don’t mix your used oil with any other liquids, such as solvents, gasoline, paint or antifreeze. Contaminated oil cannot be recycled and is very expensive to dispose of.

•Novato Recycling Center 7576 Redwood Hwy. 897-4177 Used oil & filters	• Oil Changer** 133 Vintage Way 897-0134 Used oil & filters
•Ron Cromwell Chevron** 1549 So. Novato Blvd. 892-5393 Used oil & filters	• Pennzoil 10-Minute Oil Change** 908 Diablo Ave. 898-5823 Used oil & filters
• O'Reilly's Auto Parts** 1400 So. Novato Blvd. 897-5338 Used oil ONLY	<small>**CA Certification Collection Centers offer 40 cents per gallon for used oil. For more information go to the Novato Sanitary District website at www.novatosan.com or call the HHW hotline at 892-7344</small>

Novato’s 20th Annual Clean and Green Day

Saturday, April 25th 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 at the civic green next to 901 Sherman Avenue at 9am.

For more information and to register call the Clean and Green hotline at **899-8244**

Register online at www.novatostreetscape.org

Join Your Neighbors to Help Spruce Up Our Town!

Sponsored by the City of Novato Streetscape Maintenance Coalition.



THE CITY OF
NOVATO
CALIFORNIA

Novato Disposal's Split Body Trucks

Have you seen the garbage truck stop to collect the garbage cart and then pull forward and collect the blue recycling cart? These items are not being mixed, but are being placed in separate compartments of Novato Disposal’s state-of-the art trucks. You may see these trucks, with a split compartment body, which keeps garbage and recycling separate within the truck. Used in some areas of Novato, these new eco-friendly vehicles decrease the number of trips through neighborhoods by one-third. Collecting two materials in one truck decreases the amount of fuel and energy used, not to mention reduced traffic on roadways and in neighborhoods. Our entire fleet of collection vehicles run on Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, which is specifically refined diesel fuel that has dramatically reduced sulfur content than the previous standard in highway diesel. Keep your eye out for these split bodied trucks in your neighborhood!



Split Body Truck Benefits:

- Collection of Two Materials in One Truck
- Reduced Truck Trips in Your Neighborhood
- Reduces Wear and Tear on Your Streets
- Reduced Emissions Exceed State Standards

Yard & Food Waste Guidelines

- Place all grass cuttings, leaves & weeds, tree & shrubbery trimmings, berry bushes and other yard & garden waste inside your green rolling cart, also referred to as your yard waste cart. Branches under 4 inches in diameter and less than 2 feet long are accepted.
- Also accepted in the yard waste carts are food scraps such as fruits and vegetables (including pits and nuts), coffee grounds with filters, tea bags, seafood including shells, meat and bones, plate scrapings and kitchen prep scraps, bread, grains, pasta, baked goods, cheese, eggs, eggshells and non-coated paper products such as paper plates and napkins.
- Place your yard waste cart at the curb allowing at least three feet of space between containers.
- All green waste must be in the container. Loose material will not be collected.
- Do not put yard waste in plastic bags.

Keep Your Green Clean!

Keep your cart clean by wrapping your food scraps in a brown paper bag or newspaper. The following materials are banned from your yard waste cart.

- garbage • sod or dirt • rock • gravel or concrete • lumber • playground bark • plastic bags • nursery pots or plastic • pet waste • palm fronds • processed or treated wood products • bamboo • cups, packaging & straws • liquid waste & ice • plastics • cardboard • take-out containers • compostable plastics (even bio-bags) • corks • nursery pots or plastic • pet waste

Food scrap pails are still available for a \$6 fee at the Novato Recycling Center located at 7576 Redwood Blvd.

Ask the Unicycler

Dear Unicycler,

What is the easiest and most efficient way to pay my bill?

Signed,

Mr. Green

Dear Mr. Green:

Our online bill pay is the easiest and most efficient way to pay your garbage bill. With our online service you no longer receive paper bills, eliminate the use of stamps and handwritten checks which reduces the use of paper.

To get started, follow these 4 simple steps:

- Go to unicycler.com and click on pay bill in the right hand corner
- Have your bill with your unique ID available
- Click on the register button
- Enter in your information

Once you have created your account you will be able to: Pay your bill with credit, debit or bank withdrawal (residential billing is done quarterly and commercial billing is done monthly). Set up automatic "no-hassle" future payments. View your bills and billing history. Go Green - Enroll in paperless billing. Save trees, time and hassle.

Have a recycling or environmental question? Ask us at greenteam@unicycler.com. Or, like us on Facebook and post your questions there.

Unicycler Offering Full Construction Services

We are proud to announce that the Ratto Group is now offering full construction services for all of your disposal needs. By "Construction Services" we mean just about everything a general contractor would need to get a building project going. This also includes recycling of the construction and demolition materials. Exchanges of debris boxes can even be done same day. We now offer a full array of the following:

Temporary Fencing

Temporary Power Solutions

Portable Restrooms & Sinks

Recycling & Debris Boxes

Private Street Sweeping

Single-Stream "Curbside" Recycling Guide

Place all recycling together inside the blue cart

Mixed Paper and Cardboard

Flatten or cut boxes to fit loosely inside cart. Place shredded paper in clear plastic or paper bag.

Yes!

- White & Colored Paper
- Office Paper & Junk Mail
- Newspaper
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Cereal & Shoe Boxes
- Corrugated Cardboard

No!

- Napkins, Towels, Tissues
- Food-Contaminated Paper
- Photographs or Blueprint Paper
- Waxed Cardboard or Paper



Milk Cartons and Juice/Rice/Soy Boxes

Remove straws. Empty before recycling.

Yes!

- Milk Cartons
- Drink Boxes

No!

- Plastic-Lined Cartons
- Straws or Pop Tops



Glass Bottles & Jars

Empty before recycling.

Yes!

- Clear & Colored Glass
- Food & Beverage Jars

No!

- Window or Mirror Glass
- Ceramic, Dishes or Stemware
- Loose Caps less than 4"



Plastic Containers

Wash & squash. Empty before recycling.

Yes!

- Plastic Containers
- Milk & Water Jugs
- Soda & Juice Bottles
- Yogurt & Deli Tubs
- Consolidated Plastic Bags
- Rigid Plastics

No!

- Loose Caps less than 4"
- 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
- Styrofoam
- Loose Caps less than 4"




Give us a call at 415-897-4177 or visit us at www.unicycler.com for more information



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NOVATO'S OFFICIAL RECYCLING CENTER

7576 Redwood Blvd., next to Shamrock Materials
Open Tuesday - Sunday, 10am - 4pm



- ✓ Novato's original Recycling Center, established in 1993
- ✓ Novato's **authorized** CRV redemption center
- ✓ The **only** Recycling Center operated by Novato Disposal Service
- ✓ **Mandated and endorsed** by Novato Sanitary District
- ✓ Accepts **ALL** curbside recyclable materials listed above
- ✓ Also accepts latex paint, antifreeze, household and car batteries, fluorescent tubes and bulbs and used motor oil and filters

For more information use our new chat feature at unicycler.com or call Novato Disposal Service at 897-4177





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Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility is open **only** to Novato residents. The HHW facility is located at the Novato Recycling Center at 7576 Redwood Boulevard (next to Shamrock Materials). No appointment is needed.

The HHW facility accepts the following, and other types of HHW, the first and third Sunday and Monday of each month from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, excluding most holidays:

- *Aerosols, all kinds*
 - *Auto products - polishes, brake fluids, cleaners*
 - *Asbestos - up to 2 30 gal. size trash bags, double-bagged*
 - *Batteries - all kinds*
 - *Building products - sealers, caulking, glues*
 - *CRT's - up to 5*
 - *Fuels - gasoline(with container), kerosene, butane, lamp oil*
 - *Household cleaners, polishes, disinfectants*
 - *Mercury thermostats & thermometers*
 - *Paints (oil & latex), stains, solvents, spray paints*
 - *Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers*
 - *Pool & photo chemicals*
 - *Pet products*
 - *Propane tanks/helium tanks/fire extinguishers*
 - *Sharps(in approved red containers)*
 - *Televisions*
- Questions? For questions about household hazardous waste call the HHW Hotline at 892-7344.**

HHW Facility Schedule

Open 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

2015

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>
January 4	January 5
January 18	January 19
February 1	February 2
February 15	February 16
March 1	March 2
March 15	March 16
CLOSED/EASTER	April 6
April 19	April 20
May 3	May 4
May 17	May 18
June 7	June 8
June 21	June 22
July 5	July 6
July 19	July 20
August 2	August 3
August 16	August 17
August 30	August 31
September 13	September 14
September 20	September 21
October 4	October 5
October 18	October 19
November 1	November 2
November 15	November 16
December 6	December 7

Commercial Hazardous Waste Program



If your business uses products that are labeled corrosive, poison, reactive, toxic or flammable, then you are generating hazardous wastes. Wastes such as lab and photo chemicals, paints, solvents, pesticides, acids and printing inks are considered hazardous and require special handling.

The Commercial Hazardous Waste program is provided for eligible businesses to dispose of small quantities of hazardous wastes. It's a safe, legal and affordable way to dispose of these wastes. The drop-off program for businesses is available by appointment only on the first and third Sunday and Monday of each month. The Facility is located at 7576 Redwood Boulevard, toward the rear of the Novato Recycling Center. To confirm eligibility and schedule an appointment, call 415-892-6395.

Free! E-Waste Event

Saturday, April 25th- Monday, April 27th
10 am - 3 pm
Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd.

A three-day free drop-off event for Novato residents to recycle common electronic products will be held at the Novato Recycling Center. All types of household electronics will be accepted, such as:

- TV's
- Fax Machines
- Phones
- VCR's & DVD's
- Toasters
- Vacuums
- Other small household electronics
- Computers
- Radios & Stereos
- Microwaves
- Blenders
- Hair Dryers
- Coffee Makers

E-Waste is considered a hazardous waste and cannot be disposed of in the trash. Although both working and non-working electronics will be accepted at this event, please consider donating working equipment to a local charity or thrift store. Novato Disposal also offers free pick-up of household electronics for single family residential customers up to 4 times per year. Call Novato Disposal to schedule a pick up. For questions about the E-Waste event call 892-7344 or go to www.unicycler.com or www.novatosan.com for more information. This event is for Novato residents only. Novato businesses please call 892-6395 for more information.

Large appliances such as washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, dishwashers or air conditioners will not be accepted at this event. Contact Novato Disposal Service at 897-4177 for a for-fee pick-up of these items. Please do not drop off these items at the Novato Recycling Center.



Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal

Drugs that are improperly disposed of can pollute our marine environment, soils and groundwater. Protect your family by keeping all drugs away from children and pets. In Novato, you can safely dispose of your unwanted medications in the bins located at the Novato Police Dept. lobby, 909 Machin Ave., Mon. - Thurs, 10:00am-5:00pm or at Kaiser Novato, Bldg A, 97 San Marin Drive, Mon.- Fri., 8:30am-5:00pm.

Acceptable items include:

- Prescription medications
- All over the counter medications
- Vitamins and supplements
- Medicated ointments
- Lotions and creams
- Liquid medications in leak-proof containers
- Inhalers
- Pet medications

Items not accepted include:

- Sharp items including needles
- IV bags
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Personal care products
- Empty pill containers
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Aerosol cans

Please remove all pills from containers and place in a Ziploc bag or small paper bag for deposit into the return bin. This will help keep the volume to a minimum. Bags will not be provided at the collection locations.