

# Novato Disposal Recycling News

## The Ratto Group

*A family of companies*

Spring 2017

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**Contact Us:**  
**Novato Disposal Service**  
(415) 897-4177



Online Chat at:  
**unicycler.com**

### Phone Hours

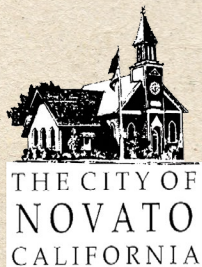
Monday - Friday 7am-5:30pm  
Saturday - Sunday 7am-3pm



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## Upcoming Events:

**April 22nd:**



**22nd Annual  
Green and  
Clean Day**

[www.cityofnovato.org](http://www.cityofnovato.org)

**April 22nd - 24th**

**Free!**  
**Household E-Waste  
Drop-off**

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



[www.novatosan.com](http://www.novatosan.com)

**May 6th**



**TOUR of NOVATO**  
and Community Fair  
Featuring the West Marin Metric Century  
**May 6, 2017 - Downtown Novato**

[www.tourofnovato.org](http://www.tourofnovato.org)

**June 10th & 11th:**



[www.novatoartwinemusic.com](http://www.novatoartwinemusic.com)

**July 4th:**

**NOVATO**  
**4TH OF JULY**  
**PARADE**

## Working to Achieve Zero Waste



Novato is working to achieve its Zero Waste goals by implementing expanded recycling, composting and waste reduction programs. Novato Disposal's commitment is to take 80% of the trash collected and make sure it is diverted from the landfill through recycling, composting, reuse and waste reduction programs.

In California, 16 percent of wastes going to landfill consist of food. This represents almost 5.6 million tons per year.

Commercial sources, such as restaurants, supermarkets, hotels, schools, produce markets, hospitals, and wholesalers are all large generators of food. In the last decade, new initiatives have proven successful in recovering more of this food and converting it into valuable end uses.

### Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling

In October 2014 Governor Brown signed AB 1826, requiring businesses to recycle their organic waste on and after April 1, 2016, depending on the amount of waste they generate per week. This law also requires that on and after January 1, 2016, local jurisdictions across the state implement an organic waste recycling program to divert organic waste generated by businesses, including multifamily residential dwellings that consist of five or more units (please note, however, that multifamily dwellings are not required to have a food waste diversion program). Organic waste means food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste. This law phases in the mandatory recycling of commercial organics over time:

**April 1, 2016:** Businesses that generate 8 cubic yards of organic waste per week shall arrange for organic waste recycling services.

**January 1, 2017:** Businesses that generate 4 cubic yards of organic waste per week shall arrange for organic waste recycling services.

Get started by giving us a call at (415) 897-4177 or visiting [www.unicycler.com](http://www.unicycler.com)

More information can be found at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov).

### Mandatory Commercial Recycling



#### California's Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law, AB 341,

(came into effect on July 1, 2012) requires qualifying businesses and multifamily dwellings to recycle. The purpose of the law is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting commercial solid waste to recycling efforts. According to the State, the commercial sector generates nearly three fourths of the solid waste in California. In Marin County, it is estimated that 70% of what is being landfilled in Marin County could be recycled.

**Which businesses must comply with the law?** Any commercial or public entity that generates 4 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week.

**Multifamily dwellings** means residential dwellings of 5 units or more regardless of the amount of commercial solid waste generated.

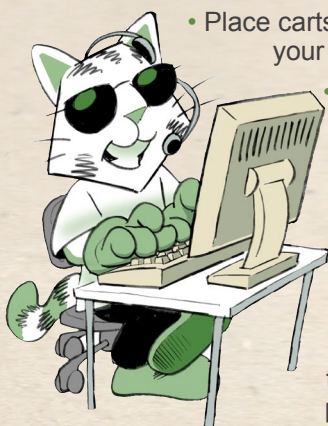
**No cost for single-stream recycling.** Save money by reducing your garbage & increasing your recycling. The cost for disposal services is based on your level of garbage service. The more material recycled, the less you pay in disposal.

**How to get started?** Call us at (415) 897-4177 or for more information visit our website at [www.unicycler.com](http://www.unicycler.com).



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 before 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.

<b>•Novato Recycling Center</b> 7576 Redwood Hwy. 897-4177 Used oil & filters	<b>• Oil Changer**</b> 133 Vintage Way 897-0134 Used oil & filters
<b>•Ron Cromwell Chevron**</b> 1549 So. Novato Blvd. 892-5393 Used oil & filters	<b>• Pennzoil 10-Minute Oil Change**</b> 908 Diablo Ave. 898-5823 Used oil & filters
<b>• O'Reilly's Auto Parts**</b> 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 <a href="http://www.novatosan.com">www.novatosan.com</a> or call the HHW hotline at 892-7344</small>

Novato’s 22nd Annual Clean and Green Day

Saturday, April 22nd 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](http://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

Ask the Unicycler

*Dear Unicycler,*

*I have an old couch that I need to get rid of. I tried to fit it into my garbage cart and it sticks out a little...okay, it sticks out 6 feet. Will the driver pick it up like that?*

*Signed,*

*Couch Surfer*

Dear Mr. Surfer:

NO! We're not sure if you're kidding, but we absolutely cannot pick up your cart with anything sticking out. Lids must be closed completely for us to safely service your carts at curbside. That said, we have a solution! Our Bulky Item Pickup Service is just what you need! Just give us a call, or chaet with us on our website to arrange a pickup. You can do this 4 times a year with items that are too big to fit in your cart and are not fit for re-use such as donating to your local thrift store. You can find more infomation on our website but here are the basics:

4 free Pickups per year (up to 7 bags or 1 item such as a couch)

Service account must be in your name

Up to 3 yards of materials per pickup

Driver must be able to load items safely into his truck

No liquid waste or hazardous materials

There is a charge for Freon appliances such as freezers, refrigerators, AC units, etc.

If you have a question you'd like to see answered, send us an Email at [greenteam@unicycler.com](mailto:greenteam@unicycler.com). We may use it in the next newsletter!

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 all 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.

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



✂ Cut Out This Handy Recycle Guide ✂

# ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING ONLY

## ACEPTADO PARA RECICLAR SOLAMENTE



**Metal & Aluminum Cans**  
Latas de Metal y Aluminio



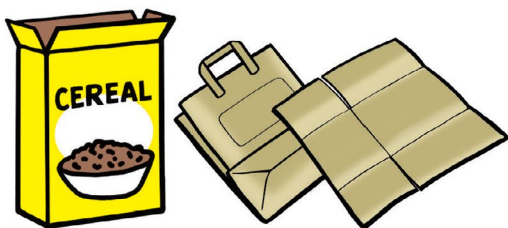
**Glass Bottles & Jars**  
Jarras y Botellas de Vidrio



**Plastic Bottles (with lid)**  
Botellas de Plástico (con Tapa)



**Empty Household Plastic Containers & Rigid Plastic Items**  
Recipientes Para el Hogar de Plástico Vacíos Así Como los Artículos de Plástico Rígido (No Envases Para Empaque de Poliéster Tipo Almeja)



**Paper (No Shredded Paper), Paper Bags, Cereal Boxes, Cardboard (Flattened)**  
Papel (No Papel Picado), Bolsas del Papel, Cajas de Cereales, Carton (Aplaste Todas las Cajas),



**Milk Cartons, Soy/Rice Milk & Juice Boxes**  
Cartones de Leche, de Soya/Arroz y Cajas de Jugo



**Newspaper, Magazines, Office Paper, Catalogs & Telephone Books**  
Periódicos, Revistas, Papel de Oficina, Catálogos y Guías Telefónicas

### Questions? Not sure which bin?

¿Preguntas? ¿No estoy seguro que contenedor?

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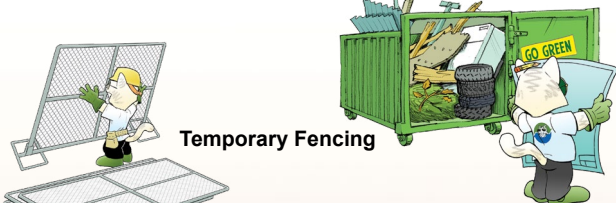
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## Unicycler Offers Full Construction Services

The Unicycler has been busy as of late. 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 disposal of the construction and demolition materials which the majority is diverted from the landfill. Exchanges of debris boxes can even be done same day. We now offer a full array of the following:

### Home & Business Cleanouts



Temporary Fencing

### Recycling & Debris Boxes



**Chat Live Now!**

Private Street Sweeping

Give us a call at 707-585-5222 or visit us at [unicycler.com](http://unicycler.com) for more information on what we can do to help out your jobsite.

**Chat Live Now!**

No need to spend your time on the phone. Simply go to [unicycler.com](http://unicycler.com) during business hours and click on the "Chat Now" option on the right side. A Customer Service Agent will be able to handle whatever situation you may have. Or, if it's past business hours, click on "Leave a message" and we'll get back to you within 24 hours.



**Novato Disposal Service**  
[unicycler.com](http://unicycler.com)

## 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](http://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

2017

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>
January 8	January 9
January 15	January 16
February 5	February 6
February 19	February 20
March 5	March 6
March 19	March 20
April 2	April 3
April 16	April 17
May 7	May 8
May 21	May 22
June 4	June 5
June 18	June 19
July 2	July 3
July 16	July 17
August 6	August 7
August 20	August 21
September 10	September 11
September 17	September 18
October 1	October 2
October 15	October 16
November 5	November 6
November 19	November 20
December 3	December 4
December 17	December 18

# 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

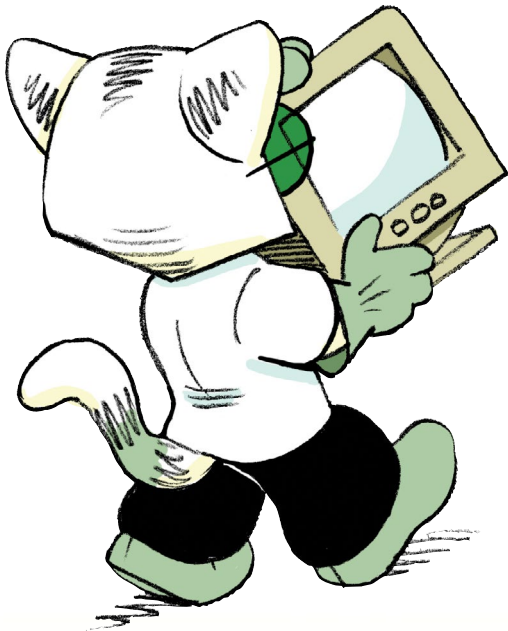
Saturday, April 22nd- Monday, April 24th  
10 am - 3 pm  
Novato Recycling Center  
7576 Redwood Blvd.

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 [unicycler.com](http://unicycler.com) or [www.novatosan.com](http://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.

**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.