



Fall 2016

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**Contact Us:**  
**Redwood Empire Disposal**  
(800) 243-0291



Online Chat at:  
**unicycler.com**

#### Phone Hours

Monday - Friday 7am-6pm  
Saturday - Sunday 7am-3pm



[/NorthBayUnicycler](https://www.facebook.com/NorthBayUnicycler)

## Upcoming Events:

### West Marin Cleanup

September 5th-9th:

**Christmas Tree Recycling**  
December 26th - January 15th

#### Bolinas and Stinson Beach

Drop off only  
(curbside collection not offered)

Drop-off Location:  
Monday - Saturday 9am-5pm  
25 Olema Bolinas Rd.

#### West Marin

Drop off only  
(curbside collection not offered)

Drop-off Location:  
December 26th - January 15th  
Daily 8am-5pm at the following locations:

- Point Reyes Fire Station, 4th & B streets
- Tomales Fire Station, 599 Dillon Beach Rd.
- Woodacre Fire Station, 33 Castle Rock Rd.



Yardwaste service has increased to every week on your normal curbside garbage and recycle service day.

## Reducing Food Waste by Planning Ahead

Food. A lot of our time, money, self-image, social contacts, even childhood memories are bound up with food in some way. Unfortunately, food also plays a big role in the mounds of waste taken to your local landfill each and every day. Much--if not most--of this food-related waste could, and should, never even make it into your waste basket.

The simplest way to reduce food waste, of course, is to reduce the potential for waste right up front. Buy the kinds and amounts of food which you anticipate that you, and any likely eating companions, can consume in a reasonable period of time. Be imaginative with leftovers. Freeze excess items before they spoil. When some discards are unavoidable, consider using a garbage disposal or a compost pile. If you begin composting, be sure to check on recommended methods with the (City/County Waste Management Department), the library, garden center, or book store.

When eating out, order appropriately sized portions if there's a choice. Share items at places you know tend to have bigger portions than you can eat alone. Suggest that the restaurant not serve you a side dish if you know you don't want it. (Assure them that there will be other customers who are crazy about macaroni and cheese or those funky looking vegetables from outer space.) Encourage the manager or chef to offer variously sized portions--or sharing--if these options aren't available.

Bring leftovers home in a "doggie bag" (preferably not a giant-sized nonrecyclable container), or, if you pride yourself on being the supreme waste preventer, bring your own doggie bag to the restaurant.

And don't forget to recycle any containers that might be left after food and beverages are consumed - for example, pickle, salsa, or peanut butter glass jars, aluminum or plastic soda containers, tin cans, or fiberboard boxes.

Finally, if you're going on a picnic or having a group in for a casual meal, try using reusable utensils or buying recycled paper products. This helps prevent waste and reduces the number of natural resources that we use in a ritual that most of us look forward to three times a day.



## E-Waste, Household Appliance & Scrap Metal Pickup



#### Accepted in Blue Cart:

- Anything without a screen that can fit in the blue cart
- Computer accessories
- VCR/DVD players
- Stereo equipment
- Telephones & Cell phones (No Batteries)
- Digital cameras, Ipods, etc. (No Batteries)
- Household appliances

#### Prohibited in Cart:

- Household debris
- Fluorescent bulbs & tubes
- Household batteries
- Paint & thinners
- Pesticides & herbicides
- Household cleaners
- Motor oil
- Vehicle tires
- All types of hazardous waste

#### Accepted by Appointment Only:

- (Charges May Apply)
- Televisions (Tube, plasma, LCD or projection)
  - Computer monitors
  - Bicycles & BBQs (No Tanks)
  - Scrap metal
  - Anything too large to place in the blue cart
  - Printers
  - Refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, etc.

## 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 as possible after they have been serviced as is practical.



- 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 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](http://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 800-243-0291 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.

## Bulky Item Pickups

The Ratto Group - A family of companies local hauler (Redwood Empire Disposal) offers Bulky Item Pickup for items that are too large for your cart.

Items such as mattresses, couches, and household electronics can be picked up for a fee for single-family residential customers. Call Redwood Empire Disposal at 800-243-0291 to schedule a pickup.

We make any attempt to reduce, reuse and recycle your bulky items and keep them out of the landfill. Help us out by trying to donate your item before disposing of it.

### Please Remember:

- We are unable to pick up hazardous waste. Visit [www.unicycler.com](http://www.unicycler.com) or [www.marinrecycles.org](http://www.marinrecycles.org) for more information.
- Please direct reusable items to thrift or second hand stores.



Dear Unicycler,

The other day I saw one of your trucks pick up the trash and then dump the recycling into the same truck. I work really hard to separate my recycling and green waste from the trash. What gives?

## Diligent Debris Divider

Dear Diligent Debris Divider,

What you saw was one of our split-body collection trucks! Even though it looks like the materials were being mixed together because they were dumped into the same hole on top of the truck, there are actually two compartments inside that keep each material completely separate. So rest assured, the materials you work so diligently to keep separate are not being mixed together. Just like you, we want to keep the recycling and green waste as clean and contamination-free as possible.



The split-body collection trucks are actually super eco-friendly. Because they're collecting two materials at one time, it decreases the number of trips in your neighborhood by one-third, which also decreases fuel use and reduces wear and tear on the streets. These trucks also have reduced emissions, exceeding state standards with Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel.

So the next time you see two materials go into the same truck, just remember that it's our split-body collection vehicles hard at work!

## Unicycler



### PARTICIPATING RETAILERS:

- Bolinas Bay Lumber & Landscape**  
1 Olema-Bolinas Rd, Bolinas (415) 868-2900
- Building Supply Center**  
11280 State Route 1, Pt. Reyes (415) 663-1737
- Marin Ace**  
180 Merrydale Rd, San Rafael (415) 479-9393
- Goodman Building Supply**  
775 Redwood Hwy, Mill Valley (415) 388-6233
- Jackson's Hardware**  
435 Du Bois St, San Rafael (415) 454-3740
- Jim Corbet's Ace Hardware**  
800 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur (415) 924-7013
- Knight's Hardware**  
1650 Tiburon Blvd, Tiburon (415) 435-4603
- Good Earth Natural Foods**  
720 Center Blvd, Fairfax (415) 454-0123
- Waterstreet Hardware**  
318 Caledonia St, Sausalito (415) 332-4318
- Novato Builders Supply**  
800 Sweetser Ave, Novato (415) 892-1651



Marin County  
Hazardous and Solid Waste Management  
Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

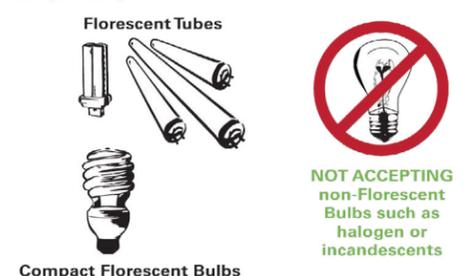
### BATTERIES (of 4 lbs or less)

Any common everyday battery used in the home such as cell phone, cordless electric devices, laptop computers, power tools, rechargeable batteries including standard size AAA through D and those found in watches and hearing aids.



NOT ACCEPTING large lead acid Automotive batteries found in cars, trucks, boats or motorcycles

### BULBS



NOT ACCEPTING non-Fluorescent Bulbs such as halogen or incandescents

[MarinRecycles.org](http://MarinRecycles.org)  
[ZeroWasteMarin.org](http://ZeroWasteMarin.org)

## YardWaste 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, plate scrapings and kitchen prep scraps, bread, grains, pasta, baked goods, 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.
- Acceptable (except in Bolinas & Stinson Beach) - Meat, bones, dairy & seafood including shells.

## 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

✂ 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 (No Clamshells)**  
Recipientes Para el Hogar de Plástico Vacíos Así Como los Artículos de Plástico Rígido (No Envases Para Empaque de Poliester 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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**No Trash**  
**No Basura**

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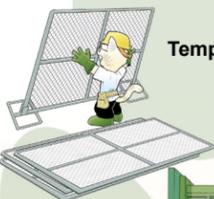
### Unicycler Offers Full Construction Services!

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. The majority of this 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**



**Private Street Sweeping**



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

### Why is it Important to Recycle Used Motor Oil and Oil Filters?

- Used oil can contain contaminants such as lead, magnesium, copper, zinc, chromium, arsenic, cadmium and chlorinated compounds.
- Don't pour used motor oil down the drain or on the ground. One gallon of used motor oil can pollute one million gallons of drinking water.
- Used motor oil represents more than 40 percent of the oil pollution in our country's waterways.
- Used oil is easy to recycle. It can be re-refined into usable motor oil.
- Recycle your used oil filter. Even after draining, used oil filters contain about 10 ounces of used oil, as well as one pound of reusable steel.
- All the used oil filters sold annually in California could be recycled into 67 million pounds of steel, enough to build three large football stadiums!

Here in Marin County we recycle 3,800 gallons of oil per year. Recycling used oil and filters reduces our dependence on foreign oil, saves valuable resources, protects the health of our families, and is the only legal way to dispose of them! You haven't finished changing your oil until you've taken this last important step. There are convenient options for recycling used oil and filters in West Marin:

**Curbside recycling service for used motor oil and filters!**

Call Customer Service at 800-243-0291 or go to [unicycler.com](http://unicycler.com) and chat live to request a free oil recycling kit. Transfer the used oil into the provided oil recycling container. Place the filter in the provided bag. Then call our office to request a pickup. Place oil and filter at the curb next to (not in) your recycling cart for pickup on your regular collection day. The driver will leave a replacement container when your full one is collected.

**Drop-off Recycling Locations!**

There are many locations in Marin County that accept motor oil for recycling. Most also take filters. To find a list of locations nearest you, visit [www.marinrecycles.org](http://www.marinrecycles.org). Or check your Sonoma County Recycling Guide in the AT&T Phone Book. Find it behind the tab under Recycling in the AT&T Yellow Pages.



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.



**Redwood Empire Disposal**

PO Box 14609  
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Tel (800) 243-0291  
Fax (707) 586-5543

# Kids Korner

Help the Unicycler by coloring in the garbage and recycling truck to have it look like your weekly truck. Be as creative as you want to be. After, take a picture and email it to [greenteam@unicycler.com](mailto:greenteam@unicycler.com) and we'll upload it to our facebook page. Then try and find all the words in the word search. Good luck, and happy hunting.



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# Recycling Leftover Paint is the Only Way to Go!

PaintCare Inc. is a non-profit organization established by the American Coatings Association to implement California's Paint Stewardship Law and is establishing hundreds of drop-off sites for postconsumer (leftover) paint at retailers and other sites throughout California. On October 19, 2012, the first day of the California PaintCare Program, 340 new sites started accepting paint from the public. PaintCare will continue to set up additional sites throughout California.

Due to the overwhelming response to the program at the beginning, please call the site prior to bringing them your leftovers to make sure they are able to accept your paint and to check on the quantity of paint they will accept.

The drop off sites near you are listed below:

- Kelly Moore- 881 Olive Ave, Novato, CA 94945 - (415) 897-5151
- Dunn-Edwards- 717 Francisco Blvd E, San Rafael, CA 94901 (415) 259-0302
- Kelly Moore- 601 E Francisco Blvd, San Rafael, CA 94901 (415) 258-0627
- Sherwin-Williams- 444 Du Bois St, San Rafael, CA 94901 (415) 485-6739



# Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Options

**Marin HHW Facility: 565 Jacoby Street, San Rafael**

**Operating Hours:**

- Business: By appointment only, (415) 485-5648
- Residential: Tuesday-Saturday, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, (415) 485-6806

**Types of HHW accepted:**

- oil based paints, stains & thinners • household & car batteries • fluorescent bulbs & tubes • pesticides, insecticides • propane tanks • computer monitors & TVs + other electronic waste • motor oil & filters • engine cleaners/brake fluid • poisons, bait & sprays • pool chemicals • mercury thermometers & switches • approved sharps containers • latex paint • household cleaners • asbestos with special handling. Call for instructions

## Toxic Away Days

One day drop off events are scheduled periodically in West Marin. Sponsored by the Marin JPA, Marin & San Rafael Fire Departments and Phillips Services. For more information, call the San Rafael Fire Department at (415) 485-3309.

