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Upcoming Events:

April 18th - 22nd:

West Marin Cleanup

Summer 2016:



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

Backyard Composting Classes Offered

Hands-on classes being offered for Marin residents in April, May, and June

Marin County residents will have another chance to “get all the dirt” on backyard composting at a series of classes offered by Zero Waste Marin.

The classes are April 9, May 7, and June 4 in Novato and cost \$10. From 10 a.m. to noon, participants will be taught several composting methods to create a soil amendment system at your home.

“Home composting classes have become quite popular in Marin” said Steve Devine, Zero Waste Program Manager. “These classes offer the opportunity to not only reduce your garbage service and save money on your bill, but promote fertile soil in your garden for a healthier environment.”

The classroom portion of the course will cover the basic science behind composting and the soil food web, and the hands-on element will apply that knowledge to the participant’s needs. After completing the course, there will be an option to purchase a SoilSaver Composting Bin or Wriggly Ranch Worm Bin at a discounted price of \$25.



Zero Waste Marin, also known as the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Authority, was created in 2006 when community members began to wonder if a 100 percent sustainable lifestyle was possible. That led to the creation of the Zero Waste Marin by 2025 initiative. Residents are challenged to single out items that generate the most waste in our landfills and help Marin advance a step closer to eliminating waste by 2025.

Come join us for a fun-filled class led by an expert in composting!

The classes will be at the Green Gage Farm, 489 Gage Lane, Novato.

Register and learn more at www.zerowastemarin.org/compost.



Free 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:

- 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.

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 or www.marinrecycles.org for more information.
- Please direct reusable items to thrift or second hand stores.



Ask the Unicycler

Dear Unicycler,

What is one of the easiest ways to reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill each month?

Signed,

Randy Reducer

Dear Mr. Reducer:

One of the best ways to reduce your waste is by composting your food scraps! Residents can now put ALL food scraps in their yard debris cart. Almost 30% of residential garbage is food waste. By sending your food scraps to be composted instead of land filled you are preserving landfill space and allowing the resource to be used as soil-enriching compost rather than buried forever in a landfill. This includes: meat/fish bones, cheese, food leftovers (be sure to remove all packaging), fruits, vegetables, & their peelings, pasta, rice, bread, coffee grounds (filters too!), tea bags, soiled paper towels and egg shells. This in addition to the usual items accepted such as: weeds, leaves, landscape pruning, grass clippings, tree branches less than 4" in diameter by 2' long.

In order for this program to be successful, we need to work together to keep contaminants out of our yard debris cart. That means NO: glass, plastic bags (even so-called "compostable" plastics), poison oak, cactus, palm fronds, pampas grass, bamboo, Sudden Oak Death infested material, sod, dirt, rocks, animal waste, tree stumps, or any other refuse.

For a complete list of yes & no items please visit our website unicycler.com

BULB AND BATTERY TAKE BACK PROGRAM



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



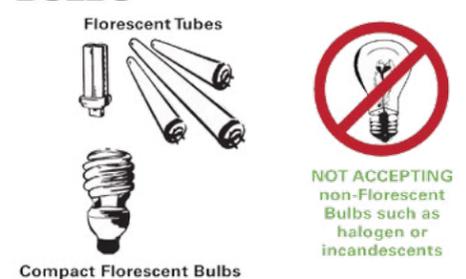
Marin County
Hazardous and Solid Waste Management
Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

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.



BULBS



MarinRecycles.org
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



No Plastic Bags
No Bolsas de Plastico

Questions? Not sure which bin?

¿Preguntas? ¿No estoy seguro que contenedor?

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No Trash
No Basura

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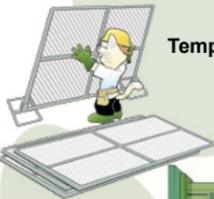
Unicycler Offers Full Construction Services!

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 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 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. 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 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.



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A Message From The Ratto Group

Dear Valued Customer,

The Ratto Group, a family of companies, is proud to have served the Sonoma County residents for many decades. Providing refuse and recycling services requires a great many dedicated individuals. This is the perfect opportunity to recognize a very special group of employees. Because of their hard work and dedication to the Community they love The Ratto Group has been able to provide great service for years on end. The beneficiary of this dedication has been the Cities and Communities that make up Marin County. The special employees listed below have all been with our family of companies for over 25 years, some as long as 40 years! We all owe them a debt of gratitude.

Agustin Barajas	Jerry Roy, Jr.	Leonard Cox	Ramon F. Vega, Jr.
Agustin G. Rico	Jerry Roy, Sr.	Leonel Fabian Rodriguez	Raul Barajas Carbajal
Armando Tapia	Jerry Wimmer	Lino Laranjo	Richard L. White
Arturo Morales	Jesus Garfia	Lorenza M. Sanchez	Robert Dieckmann
Bertha Sotelo	Jody Ann Weiland	Loretta Shaw	Rogelio Guzman
Charles Giovanetti	John L. Roy	Luis Beltran Campos	Rogelio Roman
Cheryl Ferina	John Scoma, Jr.	Manuel Escandon	Salvador Garcia
Daniel Clark	Jose De La Pena	Manuel Laranjo	Salvador Sanchez
David Estupinan	Jose Gomez-Rizo	Mark Steiner	Santiago Magdaleno-Enriquez
Eliseo B. Jacques	Jose Guadalupe Sotelo-Arias	Michael A. Tournahu	Stanley G. Pronzini
Fidel Medina-Barajas	Jose L. Robles	Michael Lockwood	Susan L. Nelson
Francisco Gonzalez	Jose L. Solorio	Nicholas J. Mattos	Walter (Dutchy) Myers
Henry V. Overbay, Jr.	Jose Meza-Reyes	Octavio Estupinan Guerrero	
Ismael Rico	Jose Palomino Pareja	Pedro Gomez	
Javier Sotelo-Arias	Juan Garcia	Phyllis Hand	



This group of special employees and the entire Ratto Team work diligently each and every day to provide these great services to the Community. We are proud to recognize their contribution to our company and the community as a whole. - Rick Downey - General Manager and The Ratto Family

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.

