



Bay Cities Refuse

Sausalito Newsletter

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Recycling is Changing

Which means changes for us.

Recycling loads must be cleaner to be accepted for processing and remanufacturing.

What can you do to help?

- Take personal responsibility—keep trash out of your recycling containers.
- Put materials in the right containers
- Place recyclables loose in the recycling container.
- Plastic bags/thin films must be placed in a large clear plastic bag and tied off.
- Put food soiled paper (napkins/paper food boxes) in the organics container.
- Wipe or scrape food residue out of containers. Containers should be clean, but do not need to be spotless.
- Keep food containers, paper and plastic Empty, Clean and Dry.
- And most of all...

NO GARBAGE IN RECYCLING CONTAINERS!

Battery & Bulb TAKE BACK



WHERE TO DROP OFF:

Waterstreet Hardware
318 Caledonia, Sausalito
(415) 332-4318

Goodman Supply
775 Redwood Highway, Mill Valley
(415) 388-6233

See the reverse for more information on what types of materials can be disposed of safely.

Below are the guidelines for your weekly pick up.

COMPOSTABLES

Soiled Paper

Food Scraps

Plants

NO BARK ONLY

NO PET LITTER OR WASTE
NO DIRT OR ROCKS
NO HAZARDOUS WASTE

NO PLASTIC BAGS
NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

RECYCLABLES

Clean Paper

Plastic

Bottles & Cans

NO WAX LINED BOXES OR STYROFOAM

NO PLASTIC BAGS OR COMPOSTABLE BAGS

TRASH CAN/BIN

Your trash will be greatly reduced by composting and recycling.

NO LIGHT BULBS OR HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

NO PAINT OR HAZARDOUS WASTE

Call our office at **415-332-3646** or visit **www.BayCitiesRefuse.com** with any questions.

Bay Cities Refuse—Carrying Our Community to Sustainability

Providing Residential & Commercial Service | Curbside Waste Removal | Recycling & Organics Collection
Debris Box Rental | Assistance with California Commercial Recycling Regulations

Bulb & Battery Take Back

There is a safe, legal and convenient method to dispose of small quantities of household bulbs and batteries at a number of participating businesses throughout the county.

The Bulb and Battery Take-Back Program is designed to encourage Marin County residents to properly recycle their used household batteries, compact fluorescent lamps, and fluorescent tubes – free of charge – at convenient retail locations. Residents can simply drop these items off on their way to replace spent items.

Batteries and fluorescent bulbs are considered household hazardous waste because they contain toxic heavy metals and have corrosive properties. They can pose a serious threat to public health when combined with household garbage and have been banned from disposal at all landfills statewide.

This program is designed for Marin County residents only. Businesses should continue to dispose of their hazardous waste at the hazardous waste facilities in San Rafael or Novato.

Large quantities of bulbs and batteries should be delivered to the **Marin Household Hazardous Waste Facility** at Marin Sanitary Service in San Rafael; please call **(415) 485-6806** for more info.



Where Do Your Organics Go?

Have you ever wondered where your organic materials go if they are not buried in a landfill?



Organics make up more than two-thirds of the daily solid waste stream and these compostable materials can be diverted and used to make soil amendment products.

The organics that are collected each week are comprised of many different elements that include yard waste, food scrap, food soiled paper, cardboard and compostable bags.

In order to conserve landfill space and benefit the environment, organics are transferred to a processing facility where they go through a series of steps to become compost. These materials that otherwise would be landfilled will become useful products in a few short months.

When the compostable materials are initially delivered to the organics processing facility they are ground up and placed in static piles.

After this process, the compostable materials are moved into what are called “windrows” where they are turned every few days and watered down to control the heat generated by the decomposition process. The organics will be processed for a total of 50-60 days and once a windrow reaches a temperature of about 145 degrees it is ready to be screened.

During the screening process non-compostables such as glass and plastic are removed to prevent contamination of the finished compost. The finished product is a rich soil material that resembles ground coffee and can be sold for use by local residents, gardeners and farmers.

Recycling Myth — Are Pizza Boxes Recyclable?

There's a widespread misconception pizza boxes go in your recycling bin because they're cardboard.

- Pizza boxes are made from corrugated cardboard, which is **NO LONGER RECYCLABLE** when soiled with cheese, grease and other foods.
- Only clean paper and cardboard can be made into new products. That dirty box creates a larger problem when it's placed in the recycling container because it can contaminate items that are recyclable—sending them to the landfill instead of a recycling facility.
- Make sure your pizza boxes are put in the green organic waste container and **NOT THE BLUE RECYCLING CONTAINER.**

