



Bay Cities Refuse

Sausalito Newsletter

As your service provider, Bay Cities Refuse understands the critical role our service provides in relation to maintaining a safe and healthy community.

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Carrying our Community to Sustainability

We are asking our Bay Cities Refuse customers to please remain as diligent in their recycling efforts, separating their recyclables and compostables from waste headed to the landfill during this uncertain time. We know we are not quite back to shopping with our reusable bags and using refillable coffee mugs in ways we prefer, but we still need to find a way to be diligent and help combat climate change.

Please be sure to place all recyclable material in your blue bin and any food scraps in your green bin along with yard waste. Be sure to flatten all cardboard when placing in your recycling bin.

In an effort to eliminate waste that cannot be recycled or composted, Sausalito recently passed an ordinance prohibiting single-use plastics at food establishments. Businesses will be required to switch from plastic straws, plastic bags, plastic cutlery, and plastic clamshells to fiber-based options which can be composted. To reduce waste overall, these single-use takeout items will now only be provided upon request. *See the reverse for more information about this program provided by the Sausalito Sustainability Commission.*

We're in this together, let's keep Sausalito as healthy and as green as we can!

The Crew
Bay Cities Refuse

Prevent Food from Reaching the Landfill

Californians throw away nearly 6 million tons of food scraps/waste each year. This represents about 18% of all material that goes to the landfill. Additionally, organic waste which includes paper, lumber and yard trimmings add an additional 23% to this total. In order for California to reach its goal of 75% source reduction, recycling and compost of food and organic waste must be addressed.

When organic waste is dumped in landfills, it creates methane gas, which has a heat trapping effect about 80 times greater than carbon dioxide over a 20 year period. By reducing organic waste being landfilled, we will help to avert the impacts of climate change on the environment over this 20 year period.

By redirecting organic waste to specialized plants called anaerobic digesters, they can capture the methane before it gets out in the environment and put it to a much better use. Organic waste can be composted to produce nutrient-rich soil amendments for gardens, orchards, and, when used in grazing land, can even sequester/remove carbon from the environment.

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State mandated regulations, (SB 1383) will begin to be implemented beginning January 1, 2022, with the goals of reducing organic waste sent to landfills by 75% and recover 20% of edible food that is currently landfilled by 2025. California's new mandatory commercial organic recycling law (SB 1826) currently in effect requires businesses to recycle their organic waste.

Sources: CalRecycle & Corning Observer

Reduce Single-use Plastic

- When ordering take-out, ask to "hold the utensils."
- Bag your own groceries at the store with reusable bags, OR, place items loose in your cart and bag them in reusable bags at your car.



Compost combats climate change.



- Placing your food scraps in your green waste cart allows them to become a rich nutritious compost.
- Compost pulls carbon from the atmosphere into the soil.
- Composting food scraps prevents them from producing methane gas in the landfill, and conserves landfill space.

Please ... Don't Bag Your Recyclables

Make sure your recyclables are loose so that we can sort them properly.



CLEANUP DAY

May 17—21

on your regular day.

- Limit (1) one cubic yard or equal to seven plastic lawn bags. All material must be placed in bags, boxes or containers and placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m.
- NO LOOSE ITEMS
- Large items such as furniture, mattresses, etc. can be taken for an extra charge. Call our office for quote 415-332-3646

- All material is taken to the landfill. Please recycle usable items at donations site like Goodwill or Salvation Army
- NO green waste, dirt, rocks or material that will damage the packing mechanism of the trucks

Recycling: CARDBOARD

- Cardboard **MUST** be broken down and flattened and placed in the BLUE bin
- Excess Cardboard needs to be broken down, flattened and tied or taped in bundles placed next to your recycling bin
- Soiled cardboard such as pizza boxes should be placed in your GREEN bin



Leftover Paint? Electronic Products? Batteries?



Marin Household Hazardous Waste facility accepts these items FREE with ID. Facility is located at: 565 Jacoby Street in San Rafael. Visit www.marinhhw.com or call **415-456-2665** for transport instructions.

Upon Request Only

Reducing Waste & Preventing Litter

In 2019, the City of Sausalito approved the Single-Use Plastic Ban Ordinance in a major effort to curtail plastic pollution, litter, and reduce the amount of waste going into our landfills.

The first phase of the **City of Sausalito's Single-Use Plastic Ban Ordinance** requires food vendors to provide **single-use food accessories only upon** customer request. Residents and visitors alike must ask for straws, stirrers, condiment packets, napkins, coffee sleeves, and other food accessories if they want one. With the exception of condiment packets, the mentioned **food accessories must be fiber-based**. This mandate **applies to takeout and delivery orders** as well.

How Community Members Can Help

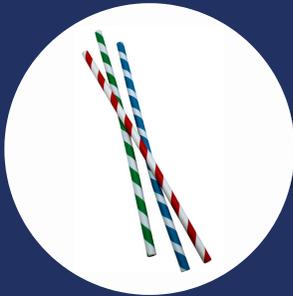
- Refuse unnecessary single-use items when ordering food for delivery or takeout.
- Bring your own cup for to-go drinks from cafes and restaurants. Always ask if it's okay to do so, ensure your cup is clean.
- When dining-in, request reusable items like coffee cups, plates, and utensils.
- Bring your own containers to cafes and restaurants for taking left-overs home.
- Dispose of your single-use items properly. Paper and fiber based products, like paper straws, napkins, and fiber-based foodware can be composted. Plastic cups and plastic cutlery including those that are "biodegradable" or labeled "compostable plastic" must go in the trash.



Phases of the Sausalito Single-Use Plastic Ban Ordinance

Phase I – Upon Request Only Requirement (Spring 2021).

Phase II – Reusable Foodware and Fiber-Based Disposable Foodware Requirement. Food Vendors must provide reusable dishware and reusable cutlery for dine-in customers. Food vendors are required to eliminate single-use petroleum-based plastic and compostable plastic foodware. Disposable foodware must be fiber-based only.



STRAWS

paper or fiber-based only



CUTLERY

fiber-based only



DRINK ACCESSORIES

cup sleeves, stirrers, fiber-based only



PAPER BAGS

plastic bags are prohibited



CONDIMENT PACKETS

REUSE IF YOU CAN!

Provide reusables, or allow customers to bring their own when appropriate

To learn more visit: <https://www.baycitiesrefuse.com/sausalito-sustainability/>
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