Bay Cities Refuse

Marin City Newsletter

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

Save the Date! Marin City General Cleanup Day: **October 25**

- Please place material in front of your home by 6:00am (Place curbside nearest to the center of your property).
- **WAIT THERE IS A LIMIT:** 2 Cubic Yards per Household (equal to 14 – 32-gallon plastic bags)
  Place all general waste in plastic bags or boxes or cans. **NO LOOSE ITEMS**!
- Any larger items SUCH AS furniture, mattress' etc. May require an additional fee.
  YOU MUST CALL OUR OFFICE ahead of time to schedule this 415-332-3646.
- **NO Hazardous waste, rocks, dirt, cement, wood, ashes, heavy metal, paint, green-waste or similar material will be collected.**
- Any items that may damage the packing mechanism of the trucks will not be collected.

Which is Better – Compostable or Biodegradable?

Both terms describe a natural process for recycling organic waste. All compostable products are biodegradable, but biodegradable products are not always compostable.

The main difference is that compostable products have undergone strict testing to ensure that they break down within a specific time frame and do not release anything harmful into the environment. Biodegradable products have no such requirements, meaning that they may not be as beneficial as they first appear.

Compostable packaging will:

- Break down within the time needed by the composting environment
- Not release harmful toxins as it decomposes
- Create healthy compost that enriches the soil

Compostable packaging must adhere to strict standards and has been rigorously tested. Packaging labeled only as biodegradable cannot be composted and must therefore be sent to a landfill.

No Bamboo or Palm Fronds in Green Cart!

Bamboo and palm fronds include a compound called lignin. Lignin is similar to cellulose and is what make bamboo and palm fronds tough and wood-like. This material doesn't break down in the composting process. Please place in your **GRAY (LANDFILL CART)**.

Compostable Bags in GREEN CART?

Yes, please use *"Bio Bag"* brand or any other *"BPI"* certified compostable bags

Extra Green Waste?

Fill green cart first then, use:

- Paper lawn bags
- Garbage cans with handles/lids (if it rains)
- Bundle or tie in manageable bundles
- You can also request an additional Green cart, if needed

The Basics on Recycling Organic Waste.

Why recycle organic waste?

SB 1383, establishes methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in various sectors of California's economy. SB 1383 establishes targets to achieve a 75% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste by 2025.

Organic waste includes both food waste and other green waste, such as yard trimmings. Part of this law requires cities to maintain organics recycling programs to all properties, including single-family residential properties, multifamily residences, and businesses. For more information, visit **baycitiesrefuse.com**.

Is everyone required to recycle organic waste?

Yes, all single-family residences, multi-family properties, and commercial businesses in California are required to recycle their organic waste per SB 1383.

Can I opt out of the organics recycling program/what if I do not produce any organic waste?

There are no waivers or exemptions for residential locations. Per SB 1383, the City must provide organics collection service to all residents, regardless of waste generation. All residents will be required to receive and participate in this service.

Have more questions? We have Answers! Contact us: **415-332-3646** | **info@baycitiesrefuse.com**

CLIP AND SAVE FOR FUTURE USE!

ORGANICS

NO PLASTIC BAGS
NO PET WASTE

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RECYCLABLES

NO LOOSE PLASTIC BAGS
NO PET WASTE

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LANDFILL/ GARBAGE

PET WASTE OK

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Get A Kitchen Pail

Call or email us for one
415-332-3646
info@baycitiesrefuse.com

Pick up Compost

The compost pile is regularly restocked by the MLK Tennis courts at Coloma Street, Sausalito. Bring your own Can/Bags.

Compost for urban gardeners! When applied to your garden and flower beds, improves soil health and acts as a natural sponge. Reducing the need for irrigation in times of drought also using compost helps to combat soil erosion. Come and get the nutrient enriched compost.