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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,

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING
Place your Christmas tree in/or next to your green cart. Cut in half if over 7 feet tall. Remove stand and ornaments. No flocked trees.

Sustainable Winter Wardrobe

During the chilly months many of us are grabbing our warmest clothes or looking for a new winter wardrobe staple. However, fast fashion and ever-changing trend cycles led to vast amounts of clothing waste. Studies have found that 80 billion items of clothing are purchased globally every year, with the average clothing item only being worn 7 times!

Instead of buying new items this winter you can prevent textile waste and still acquire stylish items by taking these actions instead:

- **Mend and Repair:** Have a hole in your favorite sweater or a broken zipper on your coat? Instead of tossing those items, learn to repair these items using sewing materials that can be found at your local craft store. You can find quick YouTube tutorials or find a sewing workshop to attend.
- **Shop second hand:** Before heading to the mall or shopping online for a new item, check your local thrift store. Thrift stores are full of coats, warm pants, and boots that can be given a second life. You can also check out online secondhand stores such as Buy Nothing groups, Ebay, or Depop.
- **Host a Clothing Swap:** Looking for an indoor activity to do with your friends? Have everyone bring clothing items they no longer wear and host a clothing swap party! Shopping your friends' closets is a fun way to get something "new".

For more information, check out the Reuse and Repair Resources page on the **Zero Waste Marin website**.

Upcoming Events

Sausalito Repair Fair/Clothing Swap
January 31, 10am – 1pm
Sausalito City Hall Edgewater Room
420 Litho St, Sausalito

E-Waste Recycling Event
Conservation Corp North Bay
February 7, 9am – 1pm
Marin Center, San Rafael

New Year. New Laws

California's SB 1053, signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom, aims to eliminate plastic bags at store checkouts and promote the use of recycled paper bags starting January 1, 2026.

Key Provisions of SB 1053

1. Ban on Plastic Bags: The bill prohibits the distribution of most plastic carryout bags at grocery store checkouts, closing a loophole that allowed thicker plastic bags to be used despite previous bans.

2. Recycled Paper Bags: Starting January 1, 2026, stores will be allowed to offer recycled paper bags for a minimum charge of 10 cents per bag. By January 1, 2028, these bags must contain at least 50% postconsumer recycled materials.

3. Consumer Impact: Consumers will no longer be asked if they want paper or plastic at checkout; instead, they will be asked if they need a paper bag if they haven't brought their own reusable bags.

4. Environmental Goals: The legislation aims to reduce plastic pollution in California, addressing the environmental concerns associated with single-use plastic bags and encouraging the use of reusable bags.

Recycle electronics easily at your convenience.

Renew Computers

M-F: 9am - 5pm
446 DuBois St
San Rafael, CA
415-457-8801
www.renewcomputers.com

The following is a list of items they will accept at no charge.

- **Electronics & Computing:** Computers, laptops, monitors (CRT & LCD), TVs (CRT, plasma, LCD, LED, rear-projection; no broken glass, mounts, stands, or cabinets), smartphones, tablets, cameras/camcorders, CCTV equipment, networking gear (modems, routers, switches), peripherals, accessories, remote controls, UPS battery backups, oscilloscopes, phones and phone equipment.
- **Audio/Video Equipment:** VCRs, DVD players, projectors, stereo amplifiers, receivers, mixers, turntables, speakers, and subwoofers.
- **Appliances (Small):** Kitchen appliances (toasters, toaster ovens, blenders), bathroom appliances (electric toothbrushes, hair tools, shavers), small vacuums and Dustbusters, room heaters, room fans, ceiling fan motors only (no blades).
- **Lighting & Electrical:** Lamps (no bulbs), Christmas lights, wires and cables.
- **Media (Limits Apply):** CDs, DVDs, cassette tapes (limit 100/week), VHS tapes (limit 100/week).
- **Office & Miscellaneous:** Household paper shredders (no paper), sealed ink/toner cartridges (no leaks), packing materials (bubble wrap, peanuts).

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No bamboo or palm fronds

Be sure to use your green cart first before placing out additional paper lawn bags or cans.

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