NOVATO'S REUSE & RECYCLING GUIDE

A reference Guide to local recycling and reuse facilities and services for Novato residents
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Novato Recycles!

Since 1990, Novato has cut the amount of waste going to our landfills by over 60%. By 2005, Novato had diverted and recycled over 65% of the total waste generated in our community. We have surpassed the state’s goal in achieving 50% waste reduction by the year 2000!

Although we’ve made great progress, we can do even more. On average, each person in Novato still disposes of .80 per tons of waste each year. Each of us has a stake in preserving resources for future generations and reducing the amount of waste we send to landfill.

This Guide provides information on recycling and reuse facilities in Novato, Marin County and the greater Bay Area. We have attempted to include as much current information as possible. However, given the changing nature of recycling markets, it’s always a good idea to call the facility or service, first. We’ve also included some basic tips and resources to make it easier for you to recycle and reduce your waste.

Please do your part. Your individual actions can make a significant difference on reducing our waste.

The following chart illustrates the types of materials recycled and/or diverted in Novato in 2005.
Recycling Terms

CA Redemption Value (CRV)

In California, certain beverages sold in aluminum, glass, plastic or bimetal containers are eligible for a redemption payment. This payment can be collected at any certified redemption center. The following beverages that are sold in aluminum, glass, plastic and bimetal beverage containers are included in the program:

- Beer and other malt beverages
- Wine coolers
- Carbonated and noncarbonated water, soda and mineral waters
- Carbonated and noncarbonated fruit drinks that contain any percentage of fruit juice
- Coffee and tea drinks
- Carbonated fruit drinks

Redemption Center

Novato Disposal Services currently operates 2 redemption centers for CRV containers located at the Novato Recycling Center, 7576 Redwood Blvd and at The Square Shopping Center, behind Bell Market and the Shell Service Station.

Drop-Off

Novato Recycling Center and other recycling facilities will accept materials on a drop-off basis. The Recycling Center, located at 7576 Redwood Boulevard, is open Tuesday – Sunday, 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Curbside Pickup

Novato Disposal Services provides weekly curbside pickup services for newspaper, mixed paper, cardboard, glass bottles and jars, metal cans, aluminum, plastic bottles and yard waste. For more information about materials picked up at the curb, see the Curbside Recycling Guide on page 3.

Commercial Recycling

Novato Disposal Services provides regular pick-up of recyclables for Novato businesses. Call Novato Disposal at (415) 897-4177 for more information.
Curbside Recycling

Novato Disposal Services offers a convenient way to recycle – single stream recycling. Now all your recyclables can be placed in a single container for automated pick up. No need to worry about sorting your paper from your cans or plastics – now it’s even easier to recycle more! Check the chart below to learn what is recycled. For more information on Novato Disposal’s curbside recycling program call 415-897-4177 or visit their website at www.novatodisposal.com

Place the Following Materials Together in your Blue Cart

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<th>MATERIAL</th>
<th>What IS Accepted</th>
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<td>Cardboard &amp; Mixed paper</td>
<td>✓ Cardboard&lt;br&gt;✓ Newspaper and Inserts&lt;br&gt;✓ Mixed Paper – junk mail, magazines, catalogs, paperbacks, phone books, etc.&lt;br&gt;✓ Office Paper – white &amp; colors, all envelopes, post-it notes, etc.&lt;br&gt;✓ Paperboard – Single-layer cardboard, egg cartons, cereal, shoe boxes, etc.</td>
<td>✗ No food waste paper&lt;br&gt;✗ No soiled paper, i.e., paper towels, tissue&lt;br&gt;✗ No waxed cardboard&lt;br&gt;✗ No blueprints&lt;br&gt;✗ No photographic paper&lt;br&gt;✗ No laminated paper&lt;br&gt;✗ No hardcover books</td>
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<td>Milk Cartons &amp; Juice Boxes</td>
<td>✓ Milk &amp; juice cartons&lt;br&gt;✓ Drink boxes – juice, soy and other aseptic packaging&lt;br&gt;✓ Frozen food packaging - no plastic lining</td>
<td>✗ Remove plastic pop-tops and straws&lt;br&gt;✗ Empty all containers before recycling</td>
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<td>Glass Bottles &amp; Jars</td>
<td>✓ Food &amp; Beverage glass – all clear and colored food beverage bottles and jars&lt;br&gt;Please empty containers before recycling</td>
<td>✗ No window glass&lt;br&gt;✗ No mirrors or light bulbs&lt;br&gt;✗ No ceramics&lt;br&gt;✗ No drinking glasses</td>
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<tr>
<td>Plastic Containers</td>
<td>✓ All Rigid Plastic containers&lt;br&gt;✓ Beverage bottles- milk, water, soda, juice&lt;br&gt;✓ Shampoo &amp; detergent bottles&lt;br&gt;✓ Plastic food “tub” containers&lt;br&gt;✓ Pasta &amp; deli trays&lt;br&gt;Wash, squash and empty before recycling</td>
<td>✗ No styrofoam&lt;br&gt;✗ No plastic bags or wrap&lt;br&gt;✗ No flower pots&lt;br&gt;✗ No plastic hangers&lt;br&gt;✗ No video tapes, floppies or CD’s</td>
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<tr>
<td>Metal cans</td>
<td>✓ Aluminum cans and foil&lt;br&gt;✓ Steel, tin &amp; bi-metal cans &amp; lids&lt;br&gt;✓ Empty aerosol cans&lt;br&gt;✓ Empty paint cans – no free-flowing paint; please remove the top before recycling&lt;br&gt;Wash, squash and empty before recycling</td>
<td>✗ No scrap metal&lt;br&gt;✗ No metal hangers – donate to local dry cleaners&lt;br&gt;✗ No propane tanks – bring to HHW facility&lt;br&gt;✗ No fire extinguishers – bring to HHW facility</td>
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Place the following materials in Your Green Cart

| Greenwaste                | ✓ Lawn clippings, weeds, leaves<br>✓ Brush and branches smaller than 3” in diameter & less than 4 ft. long | ✗ No pet waste<br>✗ No rock, dirt, concrete<br>✗ No treated wood |
Special Disposal
Many items require special handling and disposal. Some of these items are listed below.

Appliances
Large household appliances include items such as stoves, microwaves, refrigerators, freezers, washing machines and dryers and water heaters. Before disposing of an old working appliance, contact your local thrift shop or appliance dealer. Some appliance dealers will purchase or pickup your appliance if it’s in good working condition. Novato Disposal Services provides pick-up of old appliance during their semi-annual Clean-Up weeks. A fee is charged for removing freon from any type of refrigeration unit, such as freezers, refrigerators or air conditioners. All other appliance will be billed a fee for removal of capacitors, mercury switches or gear oil.

Under state law, all appliances are banned from landfill disposal. In addition, federal and state law requires that hazardous materials contained in appliances, such as freon, be removed prior to recycling. In addition to freon, appliances can also contain transmission oil and components that may contain mercury and PCB’s. These materials must be removed by a trained operator – never attempt to do this yourself.

Household Hazardous Waste
Many products that can be easily purchased at your local store are considered hazardous and require special handling when you dispose of them. Leftover paints, pesticides, household cleaners, automotive products and other everyday items we use in our homes can be hazardous. Check the product label for words such as "DANGER", "POISON", "CAUTION", "WARNING", "TOXIC", "FLAMMABLE" or "CORROSIVE". These materials may contaminate the environment if dumped on the soil, poured down a drain or discarded in the garbage. It’s harmful and illegal to put these materials in the trash.

Novato operates a household hazardous waste program free of charge for Novato residents where you can safely dispose of these hazardous materials. See page 10 to find out more about the programs and collection dates or call the Household Hazardous Waste hotline at 415-892-7344. For more information on business hazardous waste collection contact the Business Hotline at 415-892-6395.

Motor Oil and Oil Filters
Every year more than 240 million gallons – nearly 60% - of the used motor oil generated by do it yourself oil changers is disposed of in ways that damage our environment. Only one quart of motor oil dumped down a storm drain can contaminate over 250,000 gallons of water. If you change your own motor oil you can make a difference by recycling your oil and oil filters. See the chart on page 8 for a list of convenient locations in Novato.
Materials Exchange

A materials exchange is a great way to promote re-use of products or materials. By reusing things we save valuable resources, since manufacturing new products consumes energy and raw materials. It really is true that one person’s trash is another person’s treasure. Some of the exchanges listed deal with large quantities of materials intended for business use.

MarinMax

www.marinmax.org
MarinMax is a free service designed for use by Marin County businesses, non-profits, schools and individuals. The site offers residents a convenient place to swap, barter or exchange items that are no longer needed or to acquire goods someone else is trying to get rid of.

iReuse

888-IREUSE-1
www.ireuse.com
iReuse is a for profit business that facilitates the reuse of unwanted products among residents, businesses and nonprofits. It’s a “one-stop” shop for finding and getting rid of stuff from your home or office, and donating to non-profits, too! iReuse saves you time, money, and energy by making reuse easy.

Freecycle

www.freecycle.org
The Freecycle Network™ is made up of many individual groups across the globe. The Network provides individuals and non-profits an electronic forum to "recycle" unwanted items.

East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse

(510) 547-6470
East Bay Depot is a non-profit organization that collects and warehouses materials that can be used by schools and art groups. Materials available for a fee.

CALMAX

916-255-2369
www.ciwmb.ca.gov/CalMAX/
CalMAX is a free service designed to help businesses find markets for materials they have traditionally discarded. CalMAX helps businesses, industries, and institutions save resources and money. CALMAX provides listings of usable materials, both available and wanted.

KidMAX

www.ciwmb.ca.gov/CalMAX/KidMax.htm
KidMAX is the catchphrase for promoting CalMAX in California's schools. Its purpose is to provide a free source of used materials to California’s schools.
Reducing Junk Mail

Bothered by all that “junk mail” you’ve been getting? Are you filling up your recycling buckets with these unwanted pieces of paper? Well there IS something you can do about it.

1. Call the 800 number listed in catalogues and magazines and request that your name be removed from their mailing list.

2. Get off national mailing lists. Go to www.stopjunkmail.org to learn about ways to remove your name from national mailing lists. Download their Stop Junk Mail Kit for sample letters you can mail to several marketing organizations to request your name be removed from their lists. Stopjunkmail.org also has ideas for reducing junk faxes and spam email.

3. When you buy from catalogues or online, make sure to let the company know: “DO NOT SELL MY NAME and DO NOT SEND ME PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL!”

4. Request charities to not distribute your information. When you make a donation to a charity or nonprofit group, enclose a note requesting that the organization not rent, sell or exchange your name with any other organization.

5. To stop receiving “pre-approved” credit card offers, call the credit bureaus at 1 -888-567-8688.
All collection centers accept used motor oil for free. Some also accept oil filters and antifreeze. Visit centers only during business hours. Leaving oil after hours is illegal. Most centers accept no more than 5 gallons of oil at a time. Do not mix your oil with other wastes.

**Novato Recycling Center**
7576 Redwood Highway
Novato, CA  94947
897-4177
Hours:  Tues - Sun 10-4
Oil filters accepted
Antifreeze accepted

**Pennzoil 10 Min. Oil Change**
908 Diablo Avenue
Novato, CA  94947
898-5823
Hours:  M- Fri 9-6
CA certified center
Oil Filters accepted

**Kragen Auto Parts**
1400 South Novato Blvd.
Novato, CA  94947
897-5338
Hours:  Mon-Sun 8-8
CA certified center

**Oil Changer**
133 Vintage Way
Novato, CA  94945
897-0134
Hours:  M-Sun 9-5
CA certified center
Oil filters accepted

**Ron Cromwell Chevron**
1549 South Novato Blvd.
Novato, CA  94947
892-5393
Hours:  Mon-Sun 7-6
CA certified center
Oil filters accepted

*CA certified center*: California Certified Oil collection Centers offer 16 cents per gallon (4 cents per quart) for used oil
Household Hazardous Waste Facility

The Novato Sanitary District and the City of Novato operate a permanent drop-off facility for household and small business hazardous waste. Located at the Novato Recycling Center, the facility is open BY APPOINTMENT ONLY on the first and third Sundays and Mondays of each month.

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT CALL 892-7344.

Many products that can be easily purchased at your local store are considered hazardous and require special handling when you use or dispose of them. Products labeled “DANGER”, “POISON”, “CAUTION”, “WARNING”, “TOXIC”, “FLAMMABLE”, or “CORROSIVE” are considered hazardous and require special handling.

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<td>✓ Automotive Products - brake and transmission fluid, old gasoline (with container), waxes and polishes</td>
<td>x Explosives or ammunition. Call your local police or County Sheriff</td>
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<tr>
<td>✓ Household Cleaners - ammonia, bleach, disinfectants, polishes, tub, tile and toilet bowl cleaners, oven and drain cleaners, spot removers, metal cleaners, rug cleaners</td>
<td>x Asbestos in large amounts. We can only accept up to 2 30 gallon size trashbags of asbestos</td>
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<td>✓ Paint and Building Products - oil-base paint, paint thinners and removers, spray paints, wood preservatives and stains, turpentine, cements and sealers, solvents</td>
<td>x Radioactive waste.</td>
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<tr>
<td>✓ Lawn and Garden Products - pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, ant and roach baits, snail and slug baits</td>
<td>x Medical or biological wastes. Call the County Health Department</td>
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<tr>
<td>✓ Miscellaneous - pool chemicals, photo chemicals, flea products, moth crystals, small amounts of asbestos double-bagged, small propane tanks, CRT’s(TV’s or monitors), fire extinguishers, sharps (in approved containers).</td>
<td>x Business or commercial waste. Call the Novato Business Hotline at 892-6395</td>
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This facility is open BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Call 892-7344 to schedule an appointment

**Transport Tips:**

⇒ Bring your waste in its original container
⇒ Do not mix wastes together
⇒ Transport waste in your trunk, away from passengers and pets
⇒ Make sure containers are NOT leaking and packed to prevent spills
⇒ Do not transport more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds at one time
Electronics Recycling

Many common electronic products such as computers, televisions, VCR's, stereos, printers, copiers, and fax machines can damage the environment if disposed of improperly. Often called E-Waste, many of these products can be reused, refurbished, or recycled. Unfortunately, E-Waste is one of the largest growing segments of our nation's waste stream.

E-Waste is considered hazardous and CANNOT be disposed of in the trash. Certain components of e-waste can contain up to 7 pounds of lead and could contaminate the soil and water if disposed of improperly.

Novato residents can properly dispose of E-Waste at the following locations.

**Novato Goodwill Donation centers:**
936 Seventh Street, or
Vintage Oaks Shopping Center, behind Marshalls
Hours: Daily 8:30am-12:30pm, 1:00-5:00pm
Goodwill accepts working and non-working electronics for reuse and recycling

**Marin Computer Resource Center**
www.mcrc.org
60 Leveroni Court, Suite 200B
Novato CA 94949
415-883-1428
This organization accepts computers and electronic components of any kind; also accepts TV's, phones, copiers and VCR's; fees charged

**Computers for Education & Computer Recycling**
www.crc.org
3227 Santa Rosa Ave. Santa Rosa, CA
707-570-1600
This organization will accept ALL computer equipment. Call or check website for fees charged.

**Household E-Waste Events.** Novato conducts special E-Waste recycling events. Watch for a special mailer for the dates and times.

**Household Hazardous Waste Facility.** Accepts up to 5 monitors or TV's ONLY from Novato residents. Please call 892-7344 for an appointment.

**Helpful Websites**

www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Electronics
www.earth911.com
www.erecycle.org
REUSE & RECYCLING DIRECTORY OF MATERIALS

AEROSOL CANS
Novato Disposal Services accepts all empty aerosol cans, free of propellant, for curbside recycling and at the Novato Recycling Center.

United Cancer Research Society
(800) 443-4224
Pickup service

1-800-GOT-JUNK
(800) 468-5865
Pick up and fee charged; most appliances

ALUMINUM
Novato Disposal Services accepts all aluminum cans, foil, and food trays at curbside for recycling. Novato Recycling Center and buybacks accept CRV aluminum cans.

Novato Disposal Services
(415) 897-4177
Pick-up services; Fee charged for removing freon from appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners

ANTIFREEZE
Most antifreeze is made with a petroleum product called ethylene glycol. It's hazardous to pets as well as the environment.

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd.
Novato, CA
Drop-off; CRV buyback

ASBESTOS
Small amounts of asbestos are accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call 892-7344 for appointment. For removal and disposal information call the County Office of Waste Management at 499-6647 or go to www.marinrecycles.org

Redwood Landfill
8950 Redwood Hwy.
Novato, CA
(415) 892-2851
Non-friable asbestos; fee charged

NWS Hayroad Landfill
6426 Hay Rd.
Vacaville
707-678-5692
Friable & non-friable asbestos

ASPHALT/CONCRETE/INERTS
Redwood Landfill
8950 Redwood Hwy.
Novato, CA
(415) 892-2851
Recovers asphalt & concrete; fee charged

Dutra Materials
1600 Petaluma Blvd., South
Petaluma, CA
(707) 763-0991
www.dutragroup.com
Drop off and fee

AUTOMOBILES
Check with your favorite charity to see if they accept automobile donations.

Arnold’s Auto Dismantlers
864 Vallejo Ave.
Novato, CA
(415) 892-3900
Buy used cars; pickup available

Mac-Andy Used Auto Parts
310 Deer Island Ln.
Novato, CA  94945
(415) 892-0993
Buy used cars and parts

BATTERIES - AUTOMOTIVE
Check with your local service station or auto parts store for disposal options. State law requires that dealers take back used lead-acid batteries when you buy a new one.

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd.
Novato, CA
Drop-off

ASPECTIC PACKAGING
Novato Disposal Services accepts all milk cartons, juice boxes and other aseptic packaging for curbside recycling and at the Novato Recycling Center.

Salvation Army
www.satruck.com
1-(800)-95-TRUCK
Drop-off or pickup; donate on line or call for an appointment

United Cancer Research Society
(800) 443-4224
Pickup service

1-800-GOT-JUNK
(800) 468-5865
Pick up and fee charged; most appliances

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd.
Novato, CA
Drop-off; CRV buyback

Small amounts of asbestos are accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call 892-7344 for appointment. For removal and disposal information call the County Office of Waste Management at 499-6647 or go to www.marinrecycles.org

Redwood Landfill
8950 Redwood Hwy.
Novato, CA
(415) 892-2851
Non-friable asbestos; fee charged

NWS Hayroad Landfill
6426 Hay Rd.
Vacaville
707-678-5692
Friable & non-friable asbestos

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd.
Novato, CA
Drop-off

Check with your local service station or auto parts store for disposal options. State law requires that dealers take back used lead-acid batteries when you buy a new one.

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd.
Novato, CA
Drop-off
Rechargeable batteries are typically found in cordless and cell phones, laptops, power tools and cameras. Types include lithium ion, NiCad, nickel metal hydride and small sealed lead-acid batteries. Please dispose of all household batteries properly.

All types of household batteries are accepted at the Novato Recycling Center and Novato Fire Stations. Please tape the ends of lithium ion batteries prior to disposal.

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd.
Novato, CA
(415) 897-4177
Drop-off; all types of household batteries

Novato Fire Stations
All locations
Drop-off; all types of household batteries

Cellular World
132 Vintage Way
Novato, CA
(415) 898-5555
Drop-off; rechargeables only including lithium ion; NiCads; nickel metal hydrides

Kragen Auto Parts
1400 S. Novato Blvd.
Novato, CA
(415) 897-5338
Drop-off; rechargeables only including lithium ion; NiCads; nickel metal hydrides; small sealed lead acid batteries

RBRC toll-free helpline
www.rbrc.org
1-800-822-8837
Database of rechargeable battery recycling locations

Radio Shack Stores
930 Diablo Ave.
Novato, CA
(415) 897-4564
Drop-off; rechargeables only including lithium ion; NiCads; nickel metal hydrides; small sealed lead acid batteries only

Novato Goodwill Industries
936 Seventh Street, or Vintage Oaks Shopping center, behind Marshalls
Hours: Daily 8:30am-12:30pm; 1:00-5:00pm

Novato Human Needs
1523 S. Novato Blvd.
Novato, CA
(415) 892-2172
Drop off; bicycles in good condition

Many libraries, thrift stores and used bookstores accept books. Other agencies accepting books include the Novato Senior Center, churches and some schools. Look in your local yellow pages.

Friends of the Marin County Library
Drop-off

The Global Book Exchange
(415) 883-BOOK(2665)
Collects text & library books for distribution
http://bookexchange.marin.org

CARDBOARD
Novato Disposal Service provides curbside recycling services for small cardboard boxes. For large quantities of cardboard, such as moving boxes, call Novato Disposal at 897-4177 for a special free pick-up.

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd.
Novato, CA
(415) 897-4177
Drop-off; flattened boxes; all sizes

CARPET
Local animal shelters often use small amounts of old carpet for bedding

Marin Humane Society
171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd.
Novato, CA
(415) 883-4621
Old carpet and foam padding

CELL PHONES
The CA Cell Phone Recycling Act of 2004 requires all cell phone retailers to take back cell phones for recycling for free. You may also donate cell phones to non-profit organizations dealing with emergency situations or victims of domestic violence.

Cellular World
132 Vintage Way
Novato, CA
(415)-898-5555
Free drop-off; any brand

Cingular Wireless
104 Vintage Way,A-1
Novato, CA
(415) 898-8255
Free drop-off; any brand

BOOKS

CELLOPHANE

BICYCLES

CLOTHES

CLOCK BATTERIES

CLOCK CASES

COFFEE CANS
Creative Wireless
936 7th Street
Novato, CA
(415)-899-1666
Free drop-off; any brand

Novato Wireless
2009 Novato Blvd.
The Square Shopping Center
Novato, CA
(415) 899-1077
Free drop-off; any brand

Radio Shack
930 Diablo Ave.
Novato, CA
(415) 897-4564
Free drop off; any brand

Sprint PCS
208 Vintage Way, K-17
Novato, CA
(415) 878-0355

Call To Protect c/o Motorola
1580 E. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108
(202) 785-0081
Mailback; Working or non-working cellular PCS; nationwide program to collect & repair cell phones and distribute to victims of domestic violence
www.wirelessfoundation.org

CHRISTMAS TREES
Novato Disposal Service provides curbside pickup recycling for Christmas trees. Call Novato Disposal at 897-4177 for dates.

CLOTHES
Donate clothes to thrift stores, fundraising events or sell on consignment. Check in your local phone directory under Thrift Shops, Consignment Services or Clothing-Resale

COMPUTERS
Computers and related electronics are banned from landfill disposal. For a directory of computer recycling centers go to
www.erecycle.org or www.earth911.com

Computers for Education & Computer Recycling Center
3249 Santa Rosa Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA
(707) 570-1600
Accepts all computers and accessories; fees charged
www.crc.org

Novato Goodwill Locations
936 Seventh Street, or Vintage Oaks Shopping Center, behind Marshalls
Hours: Daily 8:30am-12:30pm, 1:00-5:00pm

Marin Computer Resource Center
60 Leveroni Court, Ste. 200B
Novato, CA
(415) 883-1428
Donates computers and related equipment to non profits, school libraries, and low income families; fees charged for monitors and TV’s
www.acrc.org

Household Hazardous Waste Facility
(415) 892-7344
Computer monitors only; call for appointment

Ecodisk
888-797-7638
www.ecodisk.com
Mail back program; C.D.’s, tapes; call for instructions

Instashred Security Services, Inc.
800-967-4733
Pick-up; business only!
www.instashred.com

ELECTRONICS
Commonly called E-Waste, electronics are considered hazardous waste and cannot be thrown in the trash. Also see page 9.

Electronics Recycling

Computer Recycling Center/Computers & Education
3249 Santa Rosa Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA
(707) 570-1600
Most household consumer electronics; drop-off and fees
www.crc.org

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Hours: Daily 8:30am-12:30pm, 1:00-5:00pm

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www.acrc.org

Household Hazardous Waste Facility
(415) 892-7344
Accepts old TV’s & computer monitors ONLY; call for appointment

COMPUTER DISKS/LASER C.D.’S
Green Disk
800-305-3475
Mail Back; send C.D.’s and computer disks for recycling; call for instructions
www.greendisk.com

Household Hazardous Waste Facility
(415) 892-7344
Accepts old TV’s & computer monitors ONLY; call for appointment
**EYE GLASSES**

Lions Clubs  
(925) 708-4833  
[www.lionsinsight.org](http://www.lionsinsight.org)

Collects, cleans & repairs prescription, reading and sunglasses. Call for drop-off locations.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

Household fire extinguishers are accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call 892-7344 for appointment.

Santa Rosa Fire Equipment Service  
(707) 546-0797  
Drop-off; Full & empty extinguishers.

**FLUORESCENT BULBS**

Fluorescent bulbs contain mercury vapor and cannot be disposed in the trash. Some of the following businesses provide mail back container programs for used fluorescent bulbs. Contact individual company for service.

**FOOD DONATIONS**

Marin Food Bank  
75 Digital Drive  
Novato, CA  
(415) 883-1302  
Drop-off; accepts donations of canned good, dried goods and produce; call first - [www.marinfoodbank.com](http://www.marinfoodbank.com)

**GLASS**

Novato Disposal Services accepts all glass bottles and jars at curbside for recycling. Novato Recycling Center and buybacks accept CRV glass for recycling and redemption value.

**FUEL**

Any type of fuel, including old gasoline, kerosene and diesel is accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call 892-7344 for an appointment.

**FURNITURE**

Many local thrift and antiques stores accept furniture. Look in the phone book under Thrift Stores and Antiques.

**FOOD DONATIONS**

United Cancer Research Society  
800-443-4224  
Call for free pick-up

1-800-GOT-JUNK  
1-800-468-5865  
[www.1-800-GOT-JUNK.com](http://www.1-800-GOT-JUNK.com)  
Household, office and yard furniture; fees and pick-up

**HANGERS**

Most dry cleaners will accept metal hangers. Most scrap metal recyclers will also accept hangers.

**MAGAZINES**

Donate your magazines to share with others, such as hospitals, doctor offices, senior centers, and nursing homes. Novato Disposal Services provides curbside recycling for all used magazines.

**Hospice of Marin**  
Hodgepodge II  
910 Grant Ave.  
Novato, CA  
(415) 893-9036

**FURNITURE**

[Novato Recycling Center](https://www.novatoreyclingcenter.org)  
7576 Redwood Blvd.  
Novato, CA  
Buyback: CRV materials

**MAGAZINES**

[Novato Recycling Center](https://www.novatoreyclingcenter.org)  
7576 Redwood Blvd.  
Novato, CA  
Drop-off, households only
MATTRESS/BOX SPRING
1-800-GOT JUNK
Pick up; Fee charged
www.1800gotjunk.com
Redwood Landfill
8950 Redwood Hwy.
(415) 892-2851
Drop off; fees charged

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
RACORSE NETWORK
510-251-2273
415-487-5405
Drop-off and pick-up of surplus medical supplies and equipment;

MERCURY PRODUCTS
All mercury-containing products are banned from landfill disposal. Common mercury-containing products such as thermometers, switches, blood pressure gauges, thermostats and fluorescents are all accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call 892-7344 for an appointment.

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd
Novato, CA
Fluorescent tube & bulbs only

METAL, SCRAP
Scrap metal consists of 2 main types: ferrous, i.e., contains iron such as steel, & non-ferrous, does not contain iron, such as aluminum, brass & copper.

Novato Disposal Services
(415) 897-4177
Pick-up scrap metals for fee

AJ Scrap Metal Recycling
Santa Rosa, CA
(707) 539-6270
Buyback & pick-up; ferrous and non-ferrous metals

West Coast Scrap Metal
10439 Old Redwood Hwy
Windsor, CA
(707) 838-9731
Buyback & drop-off; ferrous and non-ferrous metals

PACKAGING MATERIALS
Many packaging and shipping services will accept packing peanuts, cardboard boxes and bubble wrap for reuse.

Eco-Express
85 Galli Dr., Ste. E
Novato, CA
800-733-3495
Accepts clean styrofoam peanuts; Call first

Novato Disposal Services
(415) 897-4177
Call for pick-up of large moving boxes.

The UPS Store
448 Ignacio Blvd.
Novato, CA
(415) 883-1988
Drop-off; accepts styrofoam peanuts, sheets; bubble wrap

The UPS Store
936-B 7th St.
Novato, CA
(415) 899-1686
Drop-off; accepts styrofoam peanuts, sheets; bubble wrap

Novato Moving & Storage
390 Bel Marin Keys Blvd.
Novato, CA
(415) 883-4779
Recycled moving boxes & packaging materials

Postal Annex Plus
926A Diablo Ave.
Novato, CA
(415) 898-3511
Styrofoam peanuts only

F.P. International
Redwood City
(650) 261-5300
Mailback or drop-off; clean packaging (PS#6 only); peanuts or block styrofoam
www.fpintl.com
PAINT, LATEX

Empty paint cans, dried & not dripping, can be put in your recycling. Make sure to take the lids off, first.

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd.
Novato, CA
Drop-off; latex and water-based paint ONLY

PHOTO CHEMICALS

Household photo chemicals are accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call 892-7344 for appointment

Photo Waste Recycling
2980 Kerner Blvd.
San Rafael, CA
(415)459-8807
Pickup service; business only

PLASTIC

Novato Disposal Services provides curbside recycling services for all plastic containers marked with #1 through #7 on the bottom; no styrofoam

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd.
Novato, CA
Free drop-off

PLASTIC BAGS

Beginning July 1, 2007 grocery stores and other retailers will be required to accept plastic bags for recycling. Go to www.plasticbagrecycling.org for more information.

PALLETS

Oakland Pallet
Oakland, CA
510-278-1291
www.oaklandpallet.com
Pickup; businesses only!

Commercial Pallet
510-632-8519
Pickup; businesses only!

PAPER

Novato Disposal Services provides curbside recycling services for newspaper, cardboard, mixed paper, junk mail, magazines, paper bags and phone books

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd.
Novato, CA
Free drop-off

PHARMACEUTICALS

Do not flush unused medicines down the drain. Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat these low levels of synthetic pollutants, which can cause harm to fish and wildlife. It’s currently recommended that you crush solid medications or dissolve in water and mix them with kitty litter or any absorbent material, place in a sealed bag and deposit in the trash. The following locations may accept your old medications.

Kaiser Permanente
97 San Marin Drive
(415) 899-7563

Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy
7514 Redwood Blvd.
Novato, CA
(415) 892-3700

PHOTO CHEMICALS

Household photo chemicals are accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call 892-7344 for appointment

Photo Waste Recycling
2980 Kerner Blvd.
San Rafael, CA
(415)459-8807
Pickup service; business only

Safeway
900 Diablo
Novato, CA
(415) 898-1503
All clean polyethylene film bags

Safeway
470 Ignacio Boulevard
Novato, CA
(415) 883-5665
All clean polyethylene film bags

PROPALE & HELIUM TANKS

Old propane barbecue or camping tanks & small helium tanks are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call 892-7344 for appointment.

Blue Rhino Grill Gas Cylinder Exchange
1-800-258-7466
www.bluerhino.com/
Cylinder exchange program; call for local retailers

Amerigas PPX
1-888-428-9779
www.amerigas.com
Cylinder exchange program; call for local retailers

West Coast Scrap Metal
10439 Old Redwood Hwy.
Windsor, CA
707-838-9731
Drop-off for fee; any size empty propane/helium tanks with valves removed
SPORTING GOODS

Play It Again Sports
55 Bellam Blvd.
San Rafael, CA
(415) 453-7223
www.playitagainsports.com
Buyback of all kinds of used sporting equipment

STYROFOAM - Peanuts
See Packaging Materials

STYROFOAM - Blocks

F.P. International
Redwood City
(650) 261-5300
Mailback or drop-off; clean styrofoam block packaging (PS#6 only) www.fpintl.com

SYRINGES/NEEDLES

Syringes/needles are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in approved red containers. Containers can be obtained at most pharmacies. Call 892-7344 for appointment.

Syringes can also be dropped off at the following locations:

Longs Drugs
1707 Grant
Novato, CA
(415) 897-4171

Longs Drugs
2035 Novato Blvd.
Novato, CA
(415) 897-9917

Novato Community Hospital
(415) 209-1420

Kaiser Permanente
97 San Marin Drive
Novato, CA
(415) 899-7563

Pharmacas Integrative Pharmacy
7514 Redwood Blvd.
Novato, CA
(415) 892-3700

TELEVISIONS

Household Hazardous Waste Facility
(415) 892-7344
See Electronics

TIRES

Many tire shops will accept tires for a fee. Check your phone book for details.

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd.
Novato, CA
Accepts limited number of tires for a fee

TONER CARTRIDGES

GMS Lazer Works
94 Galli Drive
Novato, CA
(415) 382-6681
Accepts laser printer cartridges for recycling

Hewlett Packard
www.hp.com/recycle
Laser printer cartridge “take back” program

VIDEOTAPES

Ecomedia Recycling Center
800-359-4601
Accepts used videotapes; call for mailing arrangements

GREENDISK
800-305-3475
Mailback; call for instructions www.greendisk.com

WOOD AND YARD WASTE

Novato Disposal Services provides curbside recycling for yard trimmings and small sizes of wood waste.

Redwood Landfill
8950 Redwood Hwy.
Novato, CA
(415) 892-2851
Drop off; call for prices
Novato Recycling Resources

Novato Disposal Services ................................................................. 415 - 897-4177
(Recycling and Garbage Disposal) www.novatodisposal.com

Novato Sanitary District ................................................................. 415-892-1694
www.novatosan.com

Household Hazardous Waste Hotline ........................................... 415 - 892-7344

Business Hazardous Waste Hotline ..............................................  415 – 892-6395

Used Motor Oil Recycling ........................................................... 1-800- CLEANUP

Marin County Stormwater Program ..............................................  415 - 499-6528

General Recycling Information
  In Marin County  www.marinrecycle.org
  In California and National  1-800-CLEANUP
                     www.earth911.com

CALMAX Materials Exchange ......................................................... 916-255-2369
  www.ciwmb.ca.gov/CalMAX/

Recycling Facilities

Novato Recycling Center and Buyback
7576 Redwood Boulevard (next to Shamrock Materials)
Novato, CA  94945
Hours:  Tues. - Sat. - 10 am - 4pm

Marin Resource Recovery Center
565 Jacoby Street
San Rafael, CA  94901
Hours:  Mon. -Sat. 8 am-4 pm; Sun. 9 am-4 pm

Recycling Buybacks - accepts CRV redemption materials
Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Boulevard
The Square Shopping Center
Novato Blvd. & Wilson Ave. (behind the Shell Service Station)