

MSS HOLIDAY UPDATE

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WHAT ARE WE CURRENTLY THROWING AWAY?

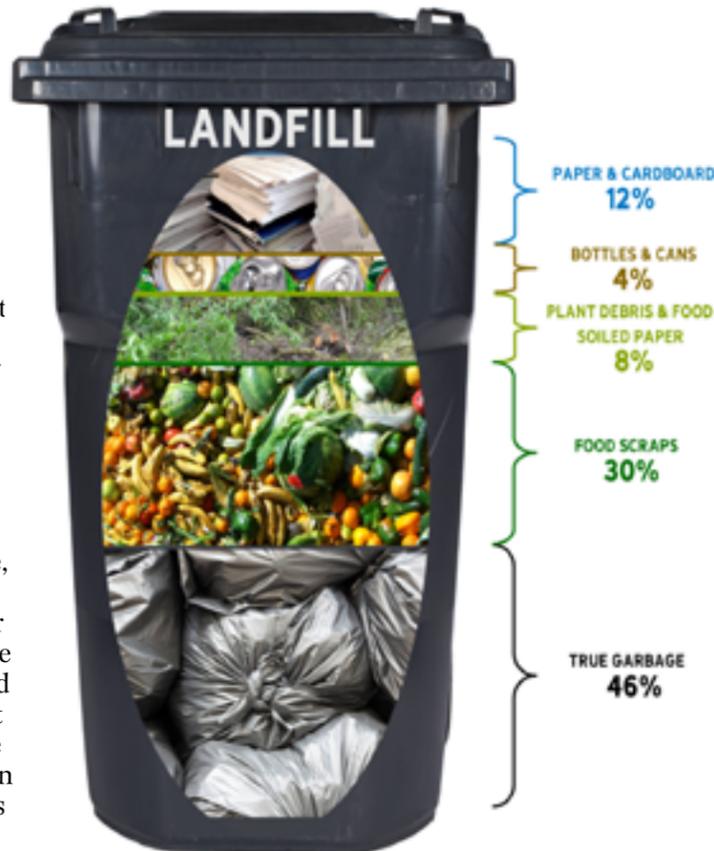
According to Marin Sanitary Service's study on what people put in their landfill cart, approximately 54% of the material could have been recycled or composted. Unfortunately, everything put in the landfill cart is sent directly to the landfill and is not sorted.

Nearly 38% of Marin's landfilled material can be placed in the green cart and converted into compost. Please help Marin reach its zero waste goal by composting and recycling as much as possible.

COMPOSTING & CLIMATE CHANGE

When landfilled, organic materials like food, yard trimmings, and paper slowly break down and release methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.

Putting your organic materials in your green cart for composting prevents those methane emissions from being produced and creates a nutritious soil amendment for farmers. This makes composting one of the easiest actions our community can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help reduce our climate impact.



Example of typical garbage cart contents.

RECYCLING ONE CAN SAVES...

The energy saved by recycling a single aluminum can would power a TV for three hours. In fact, it takes 95% more energy to make aluminum from raw materials than to recycle old aluminum into new. Don't forget to also recycle clean aluminum foil and trays.



FOOD 2 ENERGY UPDATE

Marin Sanitary Service, in partnership with Central Marin Sanitation Agency, officially launched the Food 2 Energy program in January 2014. Since then, this program has enrolled 196 restaurants, cafeterias, and grocery stores. To date, 6,300 tons of food scraps have been diverted from the landfill and avoided 5,533 metric tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere. This is equivalent to removing 14,335 cars from the road!



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

CURBSIDE COLLECTION: Christmas trees can be placed at the curb for collection from January 2 (Tuesday) through January 15 (Monday) on your regularly scheduled service day. Trees will not be collected curbside after this date. Any trees over 6 ft in length must be cut in half to fit inside the collection trucks. Trees that are flocked, decorated, or still attached to the tree stand will not be collected.

DROP-OFF: Residents can bring up to 2 unflocked trees to the Marin Resource Recovery Center at 565 Jacoby Street in San Rafael at no charge during the entire month of January. Flocked trees with fake snow will be subject to the normal facility rate. Additional drop-off sites around Marin are posted on our website.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE TREES? Some of the holiday trees are ground up and used as mulch or further composted to



create a nutritious soil amendment. Other trees are chipped and used as a biomass fuel source at a Co-Generation power plant. These trees replace traditional fossil fuel sources like coal and are considered a

WHY DOES MSS HAVE PIGS?

In addition to our Composting and Food 2 Energy programs, MSS runs a small pig farm to put food waste to a good use. The pigs are fed excess produce and bread that was not able to be sold at local grocery stores, food banks, and bakeries. The farm also anchors our facility tours and demonstrates that food should never be thrown in the landfill; there are always better alternatives!



NEW PACKAGING INSIGHTS

With the prominence of online retailers and food delivery services, Marin's recycling stream is changing. While traditional cardboard will always be recyclable, new packaging and insulation materials are making recycling more complicated. Here are some tips to demystify packaging materials.

- 1. If you're unsure, check with us!** Even if the material says it's recyclable, it may not be compatible with all recycling systems.
- 2. Insulators go in the Landfill Cart:** If it resembles or looks like foam or other insulation, it should always go in the Landfill Cart. Even if it says otherwise.
- 3. Icepacks always go in the Landfill Cart:** Liquids and plastic wrap cannot be recycled in your curbside cart.
- 4. MSS only accepts rigid container plastics:** Plastic bags and flexible packaging must go in the landfill cart.

LET US HELP YOU CREATE A DEFENSIBLE SPACE



Creating defensible space is essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. It's the buffer you create between your home and the grass, shrubs, or any wildland area that surrounds it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and helps protect your home from catching on fire.

MSS offers weekly organics removal services and debris boxes that can help you get rid of brush to create a defensible space.

Green Carts

You can always utilize your green cart for brush removal. We just ask that you follow the green cart rules and make sure the lids are closed. You may also rent up to 5 additional green carts for a nominal fee.

Debris Boxes

Rent a debris box for large brush clean-ups that do not fit in your green carts. Let us know if you are only putting plant material inside and we'll apply a 15% discount!

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HOLIDAY TIPS TO REDUCE WASTE AND INCREASE RECYCLING



1. Use LED Holiday Lights

LED lights last up to 10 times longer and use 80% less energy than traditional incandescent lights. Also, never place any holiday lights in your recycling cart.



4. Wrap it to be Recycled

MSS cannot recycle wrapping paper. Get creative and use alternatives like comics, maps, or posters! Be even greener by using reusable holiday bags or boxes!



2. Re-Charge it!

Replace your alkaline batteries with rechargeable ones. Save money and help the environment by ditching disposable batteries.



5. Make Gatherings Zero Waste

Use reusable tableware instead of disposables. If you don't have enough place settings, borrow some from a friend or check a local thrift shop.



3. Freeze Food Scraps for Broth

Save your veggie and meat scraps from big holiday meals in your freezer and then turn them into delicious broths for soups later in the year!



6. Try a Potted Tree

Consider using a potted tree that can be replanted to decorate this year. If you're using a natural cut tree, make sure it isn't flocked with fake snow so it can still be recovered.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US
AT MARIN SANITARY SERVICE!**



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HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR RECYCLING, ORGANICS & GARBAGE

Collection for recycling, organics and garbage WILL NOT occur on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Collection for all service days will be moved to the following day. The service schedule will return to normal the week after New Year's Day, January 8-12, 2018.

YOUR REGULAR COLLECTION DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	December 25 January 1	December 26 January 2	December 27 January 3	December 28 January 4	December 29 January 5
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