

# MSS FALL UPDATE

SERVING CENTRAL MARIN COUNTY SINCE 1948

SEPTEMBER 2022

## COMPOST: FROM YOUR KITCHEN TO MARIN FARMS

*Your Food Scraps and Yard Waste are used to Grow Food and Nourish Local Soil.*



### FROM YOUR KITCHEN

**Food Scraps & Yard Waste are Collected Separately from all Other Waste.**

California law (SB 1383) requires that every home, apartment complex, and commercial business collect their food waste, yard waste, and paper separately from all other waste. Make this easy for your household by collecting your food scraps in a kitchen compost pail or bowl and frequently emptying it into your green compostables cart.



### TO THE CURB

**MSS Collects and Transports your Organic Material.**

All your compostables — food waste, yard waste, and food-soiled paper — should go in your green cart for curbside collection by MSS. Thank you for making sure that only accepted organic material is placed in your green cart!



**ACCEPTED ORGANIC MATERIAL**  
food, food-soiled paper, yard waste, small branches (under 4ft long & 3in diameter)



**NOT ACCEPTED**  
compostable or bio-degradable plastics of any kind, palm/bamboo, oils, grease, liquids



### TO THE COMPOSTING FACILITY

**Organic Material is Aerobically Composted.**

Rather than going to a landfill to decay into methane gas, MSS delivers your organics to Redwood Landfill's Covered Aerobic Static Pile (CASP) composting facility where it is composted following the US Composting Council's Testing Assurance protocol.



### INTO FARMER'S SOIL

**Certified Organic Compost is Available for Farming.**

The state-of-the-art CASP facility at the Redwood Landfill produces WM EarthCare™ Homegrown Compost which is approved for organic farming by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) and is a California Department of Food and Agriculture certified Organic Input Material. Compost derived from your food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard waste is used by local farmers and ranchers.

### YOUR COMPOST AT WORK AT A MARIN COUNTY RANCH

Find out how **Straus Home Ranch** uses WM EarthCare Homegrown Compost to ensure a steady supply of naturally grown grass for their dairy cows.



### WHY COMPOSTABLE OR BIO-PLASTICS CANNOT GO IN YOUR GREEN CART

We cannot accept any plastics labeled as compostable or bio-degradable. If we did, the quality compost WM EarthCare produces would lose its organic farming certification. Their compost is certified by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI). OMRI doesn't allow compostable or bio-degradable plastics as many are actually petroleum based and just break down into micro plastics. Others don't break down rapidly enough and it is hard to differentiate between compostable and non-compostable plastics.

**Please put your compostable plastics or bio-degradable items in your garbage cart.**



**JOIN US FOR AN AWESOME DAY OF ACTIVITIES!**



## CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 9AM-2PM**  
**535 JACOBY ST, SAN RAFAEL**

- FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY
- RECYCLING FACILITY TOURS
- TEXTILE RECYCLING DROPOFF
- GREEN CART COMPOSTING CLASS



# IMPORTANT HOLIDAY INFORMATION

## CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION January 2 - January 13, 2023

- Christmas trees can be placed at the curb for collection from January 2 (Monday) through January 13 (Friday) on your regularly scheduled service day. Trees set out after this date may be collected for \$5.00.
- Any trees over 6 feet in length must be cut in half to fit inside the collection trucks.
- If you are placing a cut up tree in your cart, remember the lid must close!
- Trees that are flocked, decorated, or still attached to a tree stand will not be collected
- **DROP OFF OPTIONS:** For the entire month of January 2023, residents may drop off up to two (2) unflocked trees at no charge at the Marin Resource Recovery Center, 565 Jacoby Street in San Rafael. There is a charge for flocked trees.

**REMEMBER  
TO REMOVE  
ALL TRIM,  
ORNAMENTS,  
LIGHTS,  
TINSEL, &  
TREE STANDS!**



### HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

**MARIN SANITARY SERVICE** Office Closed 11/24, 11/25, 12/23, 12/26 & 1/2  
No service interruption (see right)

**MARIN RESOURCE RECOVERY** Office Closed 11/24, 12/26, & 1/2  
Drop off Closed: 12/26 & 1/2

### NO SERVICE INTERRUPTION THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The only days we do not offer collection are Christmas Day & New Year's Day. Because both holidays fall on Sundays this season, there will be no service interruption.

**Put your garbage, compostables, & recycling carts out as usual the night before your regular collection day.**



### PREVENT FIRES!

**BATTERIES & BATTERY  
POWERED ELECTRONICS  
IGNITE UNDER PRESSURE!**

**KEEP HAZARDOUS WASTE  
OUT OF YOUR TRASH  
& RECYCLING BIN!**

### BRING BATTERIES & HAZARDOUS WASTES TO THE HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY!

**ADDRESS:** 565 Jacoby St, San Rafael, CA 94901

**PHONE:** (415) 485-6806

**HOURS:** Residential Drop-off:  
Tuesday-Saturday, 8am - 3:30pm  
Free residential drop-off is for Marin residents except Novato.

Commercial Drop-off:  
Tuesday-Wednesday, 8am - 3pm  
Fees apply for businesses.

Visit [MarinHHW.com](http://MarinHHW.com) to learn about materials and limits accepted.

### CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT SHREDDING SERVICES

*Drop off or our mobile service will come to you!*

#### DROP OFF

Protect yourself, your family, and your clients with confidential document shredding at the Marin Recycling Center.

#### MOBILE SERVICES

Our mobile shredding van can come to your home or business. Call (415) 456-2601 to schedule your on-site service!

**ADDRESS** Marin Recycling Center  
535 Jacoby St., San Rafael

**HOURS** Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4pm

**PHONE** (415) 456-2601

**WEB** [www.marinrecycling.com](http://www.marinrecycling.com)



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