

MSS FALL UPDATE

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COMPOST & RECYCLING TIPS! Simple Steps to Help Curb Climate Change.



GREEN CART TIPS:

- Store Food Scraps in a Kitchen Compost Pail.
- Freeze Food Scraps to Reduce Smells.
- Layer in Paper Bags, Napkins, Paper Towels & Yard Waste to Soak Up Liquids.



IF YOU NEED TO USE BAGS, USE PAPER BAGS.

**- OR -
EMPTY THE CONTENTS OF YOUR BAG INTO THE GREEN CART.
(REUSE OR DISPOSE OF YOUR BAG IN THE TRASH)**

THE "COMPOSTABLE" PLASTIC PROBLEM

When food scraps, yard waste and food-soiled paper, like napkins and pizza boxes, decompose in a landfill, they emit Methane - a greenhouse gas 80x more potent than Carbon Dioxide that greatly contributes to Climate Change. Composting helps reduce Methane emissions while also returning water and nutrients back into the soil to help local farmers grow crops here in Northern California.

However, items like plastic bags, cling wrap, clamshells, twist ties, rubber bands, styrofoam and many common "Compostable" Plastics, like biobags, cups and utensils, are not suitable for creating organic compost. These items often contain toxic, petroleum based chemicals that contaminate the soil used to grow crops for human consumption.

If your Green Cart contains non-compostable contaminants like plastic, metal, glass or "Compostable Plastics," you will be asked to either remove these items or have the contents processed as trash for an additional fee. Contaminated compost, like in the example above, will be sent to landfill, where they will contribute to climate change.

Marin Sanitary Service and it's partners are here as a resource to help you navigate the nuances of recycling and composting to ensure a sustainable future for all. For more composting tips and resources, please visit MarinSanitaryService.com or follow us @mssrecycles on all social media.



COMPOSTABLES



FOOD SCRAPS
DESECHOS DE COMIDA



SOILED PAPER
PAPEL MANCHADO
CON COMIDA



YARD WASTE
DESECHOS DE JARDÍN



NO PLASTIC BAGS
NO BOLSAS PLÁSTICAS
NO COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC
NO PLÁSTICO COMPOSTABLE
NO PET WASTE / DIAPERS
NO EXCREMENTOS

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CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 9AM-2PM
535 JACOBY ST, SAN RAFAEL

- FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY
- RECYCLING FACILITY TOURS
- TEXTILE RECYCLING DROPOFF
- COMPOST & RECYCLING CLASSES





PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER
 100% POST-CONSUMER CONTENT
 USING VEGETABLE-OIL BASED INK
 PLEASE RECYCLE ME!

NOT ALL PLASTICS ARE RECYCLABLE!

Whether an item is recyclable or not depends on there being someone that is willing to buy and use (or in this case reuse) the specific type of material that item is made of.

Plastics, glass and metals are commodities much like soy, wheat or oil that are subject to the ever-changing supply and demands of their global markets.

Marin Sanitary Service only collects items in our recycling carts that we know are truly recyclable and have a market.



The Following Items are **NOT** Recyclable with Marin Sanitary:



- Salad Containers
- Berry Containers
- Plastic Cups
- Plastic Straws
- Plastic Mail Pouches

- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Potato Chip Bags
- Coffee Cups & Lids
- Take-out Food Containers

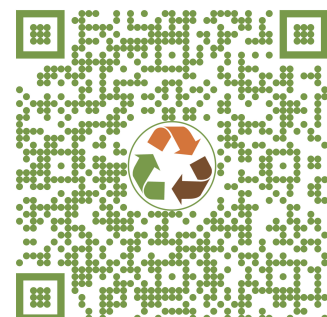
- Styrofoam
- Toothpaste Tubes
- Plastic Utensils
- Cosmetic Tubes
- Plastic Bags*

***PLEASE DO NOT PUT PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLING. (THEY JAM THE MACHINERY)**

EMPTY THE CONTENTS OF YOUR BAG INTO THE RECYCLING CART.

TRASH? RECYCLING? COMPOST? SEE WHAT BIN IT GOES IN WITH WHERE DOES IT GO, JOE!

DOWNLOAD THE APP!



FOOD IS NOT TRASH



50% of What Marin Sends to Landfill Could Be Recycled or Composted.