

GOT WASTE QUESTIONS? WE'VE GOT ANSWERS!



Can I put large or bulky items out for collection and is there a fee?

Bulky items require a separate scheduled pickup. Residential customers get two free collections per year (up to two items each). Fees may apply for items over 60 lbs or six feet. Call us at (415) 456-2601 to schedule.

Gently used items can be donated to Goodwill, Make It Home, or posted on Nextdoor!



If this plastic has a recycling symbol on it, can I put it in my recycling cart?

Not necessarily! The number inside the recycling symbol only identifies the type of plastic, it doesn't mean it's recyclable. A good rule of thumb: tubs, bottles, and jugs are generally accepted.

When in doubt, use our online "Where Does it Go, Joe" tool to look up a specific item.



Can I put plastic bags in my recycling cart?

No! Plastic bags and stretchy plastics like cling wrap jam recycling machinery and are not recyclable. Always reuse what you can. Some local stores offer plastic bag drop-off bins.

Carry reusable bags with you and save money!



What can go in my compostables cart?

Your green compostables cart is for all food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings. See the back of this newsletter for a handy guide to what goes in. And remember: no "compostable plastic"!

Keep your cart fresh by layering yard clippings or paper under your food scraps, freezing scraps until collection night, or sprinkling in a little baking soda to absorb odors.



What special programs and services does MSS offer?

INDOOR PUBLIC DUMP

Marin Resource Recovery Center
marinresourcerecoverycenter.com

565 Jacoby St., San Rafael

Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Marin Recycling Center
marinrecycling.com

535 Jacoby St., San Rafael

Mon. - Fri.
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FREE RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE CLEAN-UPS

Marin Sanitary Service
(415) 456-2601

Find your twice-yearly curbside clean-up dates on the MSS website!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Marin HHW Facility
marinhhw.com

565 Jacoby St., San Rafael
Tues. - Sat.
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

JOE GARBARINO JR.'S LASTING IMPACT

Joe Garbarino Jr., founder of Marin Sanitary Service and pioneer of the first county wide curbside recycling program, was a beloved community leader whose vision for waste reduction and environmental innovation continues to guide our work today. Marin Sanitary Service is proud to carry forward his legacy of service and stewardship of our planet.



DRIVER SPOTLIGHT: JOSE CERDA'S WINNING PERFORMANCE



In the garbage industry, a driver who is a "jack of all trades" is invaluable. In seven years, Jose Cerda has earned the trust of both his fellow drivers and the management team.

In October Jose got first place at the Louie Pellegrini IV Memorial Safety-Road-e-o in Pleasanton where he competed against professional drivers from all over Northern California.

Trained at Marin Sanitary Service, Jose expertly navigates tight streets and challenging routes. Now, all of Northern California knows what we already did: Jose Cerda is a true master of the road.

FOOD IS NOT GARBAGE



California's organic waste recycling law (SB 1383) requires everyone from households to businesses to sort food scraps and yard waste out of the garbage. **Here's what you need to know:**

SEPARATE YOUR ORGANICS

Place food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard waste in your green compostables cart—never in the garbage.

REDUCE AT HOME

Plan meals, utilize leftovers and participate in curbside collection. You can also join a community compost program.

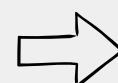
WHY?

Organic waste in landfills releases methane, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change and is harmful to public health.

THE IMPACT

Recycling organics cuts methane emissions and turns waste into valuable compost and renewable energy for our community.

"COMPOSTABLE" PLASTICS ALWAYS GO IN GARBAGE!



LEARN WHY

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PLEASE RECYCLE!
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WE DON'T NEED PLASTIC BAGS!

California's new plastic bag ban (SB 1053) went into effect January 1, 2026, eliminating plastic bags at checkout.



The law strengthens the state's original 2014 bag law and maintains the 10-cent fee on paper bags which must contain at least 50% recycled paper.

How do you remember your reusable shopping bags?



**FIRE DANGER
 BATTERIES DON'T BELONG
 IN YOUR CARTS**



Recent battery fires in our trucks have put workers and our community in danger. Lithium-ion batteries (in phones, vapes, e-bikes, etc.) can cause dangerous fires when crushed in garbage trucks or at our processing facility.

Safe disposal is free and easy for Marin County residents. Tape terminals and drop batteries at the Marin Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

Learn more at marinhhw.com.



TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

LANDFILL

All plastic bags go in garbage!



RECYCLE

Clean Paper & Cardboard



RECYCLE

Bottles, Cans, Jars, Jugs



COMPOSTABLES

Use paper bags for compostables!

