



BETTER TOGETHER

CONSERVATION. OUR EARTH. OUR MISION. OUR JOB.

Conservation is a shared responsibility. Every resident, employee, school, and community partner contributes to a cleaner, more sustainable Marin for future generations. Together, our collective efforts create a lasting impact.
We are Better Together.

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JOIN US FOR CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

You're Invited!

Every year, we open our doors and invite our community behind the scenes for a day of discovery, connection, and fun.



Sunday, September 27



9am – 2pm



535 Jacoby Street, San Rafael



Fun for the whole family



THE RECYCLED INSTRUMENTS ORCHESTRA OF CATEURA

11:30am to 12:15pm

Experience an inspiring performance by student musicians from Paraguay playing handcrafted instruments made from recycled materials.

All Day Activities • 9am – 2pm



FREE COMPOST

Bring a container and take home up to 64 gallons while supplies last.



DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Securely shred up to one banker box or grocery bag for FREE.



TEXTILE DROP-OFF

Bring gently used clothing, shoes, and household textiles for reuse and recycling.



MORE TO ENJOY

Meet local nonprofits, ask questions, and discover ways to get involved.



FACILITY TOURS

9:45am & 12:30pm

Go behind the scenes and discover how our community works together to give recyclables a second life.

DRIVER SPOTLIGHT

THANK YOU, ALVIN FOR 51 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

For more than five decades, Alvin Digesti has helped make Marin Sanitary Service stronger.

When he was a young man working in the pit, bailing cardboard, sweeping the yard, packing cans in the Canal, or driving his route in Peacock Gap, San Rafael, he built the work ethic and dependability that have defined his career. Over those five decades, Alvin adapted as technological advances and automated equipment transformed an industry once powered almost entirely by the strength of a person's back and character.

Alvin is resourceful, careful, and determined. He has provided excellent service to our customers.

Alvin Digesti has stood the test of time. His ability to rarely miss a day of work has set an example worthy of imitation. After more than 50 years of faithful, loyal service to Marin Sanitary Service, Alvin has become a cornerstone of the company.



FROM FURTHER TOGETHER TO BETTER TOGETHER



In June, the Marin Sanitary Service Drill Team (better known as a group of employees who enjoy having fun together) proudly joined the Further Together Fairfax Festival. Their creativity, teamwork, and community spirit earned the team the Best Local Merchant Float award.

But what inspired us most was the festival's message. It celebrated the same belief that has always guided Marin Sanitary Service: protecting our environment and serving our community happen best when we work together.

We look forward to seeing you at the next community event!





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Food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings work better together.

Place them in your **green compostables cart** to create compost instead of landfill waste.



PLEASE RECYCLE ME!

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EVERYDAY ITEMS. SAFE DISPOSAL.

Marin residents (except Novato) may drop off common household hazardous waste for free at the Marin Household Hazardous Waste Facility.



🕒 565 Jacoby St, San Rafael
📍 Tues – Sat 8:00am- 3:30pm



Call **415-456-2665** or visit marinhhw.com to see a complete list of accepted materials and disposal guidelines.

Handle with Care

Never place household hazardous waste in your garbage, recycling, or compost carts. Keep products in their original containers, never mix chemicals, and transport items securely.

MORE DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Need to recycle batteries, bulbs, motor oil, marine waste, or solar panels?

Zero Waste Marin offers additional programs throughout Marin County. Learn more at zerowastemarin.org/hhw



BETTER TOGETHER IN ACTION

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUSTAINABILITY

How Coleman Elementary Turned Small Actions into Big Results

San Rafael's Coleman Elementary began its sustainability journey five years ago when individually wrapped lunches revealed how much waste the campus produced. "We weren't just creating a lot of waste—we also weren't sorting recycling and compost effectively," said Laura McGivern, Green Team Lead.

Starting with just 10 students, the Green Team has grown to 46 members, and every TK-5 student now participates in daily waste reduction efforts. Clearly marked sorting stations and student leaders help classmates recycle and compost correctly.

The school has reduced its weekly landfill waste from 15 to 6 cubic yards, earning Platinum status in Zero Waste Marin's Schools Program, and is only the second school in Marin County to achieve this distinction. Now, Coleman plans to mentor other schools on their own zero waste journeys.

"The biggest changes come from lots of small actions, especially when students are empowered to lead." —Laura McGivern, Green Team Lead

How Coleman Students Reduce Waste

- ✓ Take only the food you're going to eat.
- ✓ Sort organics, recycling, and trash correctly.
- ✓ Choose reusable bottles and utensils whenever you can.

GO BEHIND THE SCENES

Ever wonder what happens to your garbage, recycling, and compost after it leaves the curb?

Join us for a free behind-the-scenes tour of Marin Sanitary Service. See where your materials go, visit Flying Can Ranch, and get your recycling questions answered.

Free • Registration Required



Scan here to attend one of our upcoming community tours!



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