
NOVATO'S REUSE & RECYCLING GUIDE



**A reference Guide to local recycling
and reuse facilities and services
for Novato residents**

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Novato Recycles!

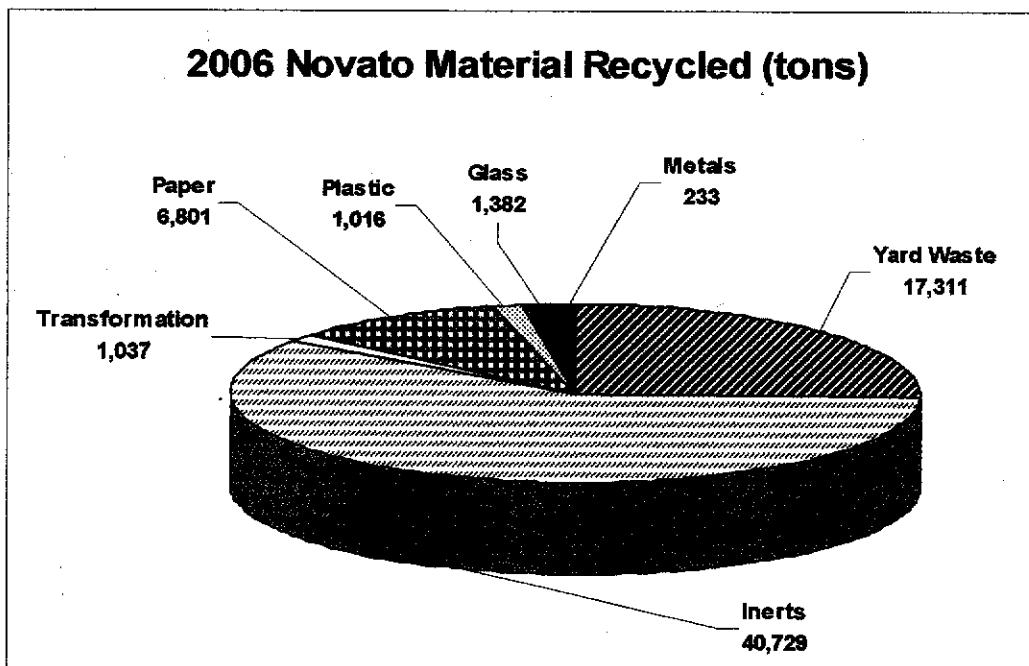
Since 1990, Novato has cut the amount of waste going to our landfills by over 60%. By 2006, Novato had diverted and recycled nearly 60% of the total waste generated in our community. We have surpassed the state's goal in achieving 50% waste reduction by the year 2000!

Although we've made great progress, we can do even more. On average, each person in Novato still disposes of .90 per tons of waste each year. Each of us has a stake in preserving resources for future generations and reducing the amount of waste we send to landfill.

This Guide provides information on recycling and reuse facilities in Novato, Marin County and the greater Bay Area. We have attempted to include as much current information as possible. However, given the changing nature of recycling markets, it's always a good idea to call the facility or service, first. We've also included some basic tips and resources to make it easier for you to recycle and reduce your waste.

Please do your part. Your individual actions can make a significant difference on reducing our waste.

The following chart illustrates the types of materials recycled and/or diverted in Novato in 2006



Recycling Terms

CA Redemption Value (CRV)

In California, certain beverages sold in aluminum, glass, plastic or bimetal containers are eligible for a redemption payment. This payment can be collected at any certified redemption center. The following beverages that are sold in aluminum, glass, plastic and bimetal beverage containers are included in the program:

- Beer and other malt beverages
- Wine coolers
- Carbonated and noncarbonated water, soda and mineral waters
- Carbonated and noncarbonated fruit drinks that contain any percentage of fruit juice
- Coffee and tea drinks
- Carbonated fruit drinks

Redemption Center

Novato Disposal Services currently operates 2 redemption centers for CRV containers located at the Novato Recycling Center, 7576 Redwood Blvd and at The Square Shopping Center, behind Bell Market and the Shell Service Station.

Drop-Off

Novato Recycling Center and other recycling facilities will accept materials on a drop-off basis. The Recycling Center, located at 7576 Redwood Boulevard, is open Tuesday – Sunday, 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Curbside Pickup

Novato Disposal Services provides weekly curbside pickup services for newspaper, mixed paper, cardboard, glass bottles and jars, metal cans, aluminum, plastic bottles and yard waste. For more information about materials picked up at the curb, see the Curbside Recycling Guide on page 3.

Commercial Recycling

Novato Disposal Services provides regular pick-up of recyclables for Novato businesses. Call Novato Disposal at (415) 897-4177 for more information.

Curbside Recycling



Novato Disposal Services offers a convenient way to recycle – *single stream recycling*. Now all your recyclables can be placed in a single container for automated pick up. No need to worry about sorting your paper from your cans or plastics – now it's even easier to recycle more! Check the chart below to learn what is recycled. For more information on Novato Disposal's curbside recycling program call 415-897-4177 or visit their website at www.novatodisposal.com

Place the Following Materials Together in your Blue Cart

MATERIAL	What IS Accepted	What is NOT Accepted
Cardboard & Mixed paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cardboard ✓ Newspaper and Inserts ✓ Mixed Paper – junk mail, magazines, catalogs, paperbacks, phone books, etc. ✓ Office Paper – white & colors, all envelopes, post-it notes, etc. ✓ Paperboard – Single-layer cardboard, egg cartons, cereal, shoe boxes, etc. <p>Please place shredded paper in paper bags</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> × No food waste paper × No soiled paper, i.e., paper towels, tissue × No waxed cardboard × No blueprints × No photographic paper × No laminated paper × No hardcover books
Milk Cartons & Juice Boxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Milk & juice cartons ✓ Drink boxes – juice, soy and other aseptic packaging ✓ Frozen food packaging – no plastic lining 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> × Remove plastic pop-tops and straws × Empty all containers before recycling
Glass Bottles & Jars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Food & Beverage glass – all clear and colored food beverage bottles and jars <p>Please empty containers before recycling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> × No window glass × No mirrors or light bulbs × No ceramics × No drinking glasses
Plastic Containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All Rigid Plastic containers ✓ Beverage bottles- milk, water, soda, juice ✓ Shampoo & detergent bottles ✓ Plastic food "tub" containers ✓ Pasta & deli trays <p>Wash, squash and empty before recycling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> × No styrofoam × No plastic bags or wrap × No flower pots × No plastic hangers × No video tapes, floppies or CD's
Metal cans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Aluminum cans and foil ✓ Steel, tin & bi-metal cans & lids ✓ Empty aerosol cans ✓ Empty paint cans – no free-flowing paint; please remove the top before recycling <p>Wash, squash and empty before recycling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> × No scrap metal × No metal hangers – donate to local dry cleaners × No propane tanks – bring to HHW facility × No fire extinguishers – bring to HHW facility

Place the following materials in Your Green Cart

Greenwaste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lawn clippings, weeds, leaves ✓ Brush and branches smaller than 3" in diameter & less than 4 ft. long 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> × No pet waste × No rock, dirt, concrete × No treated wood
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Special Disposal

Many items require special handling and disposal. Some of these items are listed below.

Appliances

Large household appliances include items such as stoves, microwaves, refrigerators, freezers, washing machines and dryers and water heaters. Before disposing of an old working appliance, contact your local thrift shop or appliance dealer. Some appliance dealers will purchase or pickup your appliance if it's in good working condition. Novato Disposal Services provides pick-up of old appliance during their semi-annual Clean-Up weeks. A fee is charged for removing freon from any type of refrigeration unit, such as freezers, refrigerators or air conditioners. All other appliance will be billed a fee for removal of capacitors, mercury switches or gear oil.

Under state law, all appliances are banned from landfill disposal. In addition, federal and state law requires that hazardous materials contained in appliances, such as freon, be removed prior to recycling. In addition to freon, appliances can also contain transmission oil and components that may contain mercury and PCB's. These materials must be removed by a trained operator – never attempt to do this yourself.

Household Hazardous Waste

Many products that can be easily purchased at your local store are considered hazardous and require special handling when you dispose of them. Leftover paints, pesticides, household cleaners, automotive products and other everyday items we use in our homes can be hazardous. Check the product label for words such as "DANGER", "POISON", "CAUTION", "WARNING", "TOXIC", "FLAMMABLE" or "CORROSIVE". These materials may contaminate the environment if dumped on the soil, poured down a drain or discarded in the garbage. It's harmful and illegal to put these materials in the trash.

Novato operates a household hazardous waste program free of charge for Novato residents where you can safely dispose of these hazardous materials. See page 10 to find out more about the programs and collection dates or call the Household Hazardous Waste hotline at 415-892-7344. For more information on business hazardous waste collection contact the Business Hotline at 415-892-6395.

Motor Oil and Oil Filters

Every year more than 240 million gallons – nearly 60% - of the used motor oil generated by do it yourself oil changers is disposed of in ways that damage our environment. Only one quart of motor oil dumped down a storm drain can contaminate over 250,000 gallons of water. If you change your own motor oil you can make a difference by recycling your oil and oil filters. See the chart on page 8 for a list of convenient locations in Novato.

Materials Exchange

A materials exchange is a great way to promote re-use of products or materials. By reusing things we save valuable resources, since manufacturing new products consumes energy and raw materials. It really is true that one person's trash is another person's treasure. Some of the exchanges listed deal with large quantities of materials intended for business use.

MarinMax

www.marinmax.org

MarinMax is a free service designed for use by Marin County businesses, non-profits, schools and individuals. The site offers residents a convenient place to swap, barter or exchange items that are no longer needed or to acquire goods someone else is trying to get rid of.

iReuse

888-IREUSE-1

www.ireuse.com

iReuse is a for profit business that facilitates the reuse of unwanted products among residents, businesses and nonprofits. It's a "one-stop" shop for finding and getting rid of stuff from your home or office, and donating to non-profits, too! iReuse saves you time, money, and energy by making reuse easy.

Freecycle

www.freecycle.org

The Freecycle Network™ is made up of many individual groups across the globe. The Network provides individuals and non-profits an electronic forum to "recycle" unwanted items.

East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse

(510) 547-6470

East Bay Depot is a non-profit organization that collects and warehouses materials that can be used by schools and art groups. Materials available for a fee.

CALMAX

916-255-2369

www.ciwmb.ca.gov/CalMAX/

CalMAX is a free service designed to help businesses find markets for materials they have traditionally discarded. CalMAX helps businesses, industries, and institutions save resources and money. CALMAX provides listings of usable materials, both available and wanted.

KidMAX

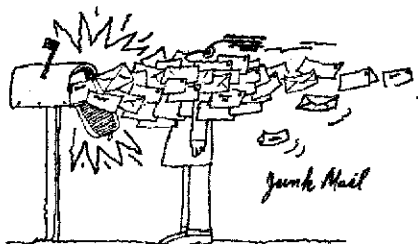
www.ciwmb.ca.gov/CalMAX/KidMax.htm

KidMAX is the catchphrase for promoting CalMAX in California's schools. Its purpose is to provide a free source of used materials to California's schools.

Reducing Junk Mail

Bothered by all that "junk mail" you've been getting? Are you filling up your recycling buckets with these unwanted pieces of paper? Well there IS something you can do about it.

1. Call the 800 number listed in catalogues and magazines and request that your name be removed from their mailing list.
2. Get off national mailing lists. Go to www.stopjunkmail.org to learn about ways to remove your name from national mailing lists. Download their Stop Junk Mail Kit for sample letters you can mail to several marketing organizations to request your name be removed from their lists. Stopjunkmail.org also has ideas for reducing junk faxes and spam email.
3. When you buy from catalogues or online, make sure to let the company know: "DO NOT SELL MY NAME and DO NOT SEND ME PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL!"
4. Request charities to not distribute your information. When you make a donation to a charity or nonprofit group, enclose a note requesting that the organization not rent, sell or exchange your name with any other organization.
5. To stop receiving "pre-approved" credit card offers, call the credit bureaus at 1 -888-567-8688.





NOVATO USED OIL COLLECTION CENTERS

All collection centers accept used motor oil for free. Some also accept oil filters and antifreeze. Visit centers only during business hours. Leaving oil after hours is illegal. Most centers accept no more than 5 gallons of oil at a time. Do not mix your oil with other wastes.

Novato Recycling Center

7576 Redwood Highway
Novato, CA 94947
897-4177

Hours: Tues - Sun 10-4
Oil filters accepted
Antifreeze accepted

Pennzoil 10 Min. Oil Change

908 Diablo Avenue
Novato, CA 94947
898-5823

Hours: M- Fri 9-6
CA certified center
Oil Filters accepted

Kragen Auto Parts

1400 South Novato Blvd.
Novato, CA 94947
897-5338

Hours: Mon-Sun 8-8
CA certified center

Oil Changer

133 Vintage Way
Novato, CA 94945
897-0134

Hours: M-Sun 9-5
CA certified center
Oil filters accepted

Ron Cromwell Chevron

1549 South Novato Blvd.
Novato, CA 94947
892-5393

Hours: Mon-Sun 7-6
CA certified center
Oil filters accepted

CA certified center. California Certified Oil collection Centers offer 16 cents per gallon (4 cents per quart) for used oil

Household Hazardous Waste Facility



The Novato Sanitary District and the City of Novato operate a permanent drop-off facility for household and small business hazardous waste. Located at the Novato Recycling Center, the facility is open on the first and third consecutive Sundays and Mondays of each month from 8:30am – 1:30pm, excluding holidays. NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY! Now it's easier than ever to dispose of your household hazardous waste.

Many products that can be easily purchased at your local store are considered hazardous and require special handling when you use or dispose of them. Products labeled "DANGER", "POISON", "CAUTION", "WARNING", "TOXIC", "FLAMMABLE", or "CORROSIVE" are considered hazardous and require special handling.

Accepted

- ✓ **Automotive Products** - brake and transmission fluid, old gasoline (with container), waxes and polishes
- ✓ **Household Cleaners** - ammonia, bleach, disinfectants, polishes, tub, tile and toilet bowl cleaners, oven and drain cleaners, spot removers, metal cleaners, rug cleaners
- ✓ **Paint and Building Products** - oil-base paint, paint thinners and removers, spray paints, wood preservatives and stains, turpentine, cements and sealers, solvents
- ✓ **Lawn and Garden Products** - pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, ant and roach baits, snail and slug baits
- ✓ **Miscellaneous** - pool chemicals, photo chemicals, flea products, moth crystals, small amounts of asbestos double-bagged, small propane tanks, CRT's(TV's or monitors), fire extinguishers, sharps (in approved containers).

NOT Accepted:

- x **Explosives or ammunition.**
Call your local police or County Sheriff
- x **Asbestos in large amounts.**
We can only accept up to 2 30 gallon size trashbags of asbestos
- x **Radioactive waste.**
- x **Medical or biological wastes.**
Call the County Health Department
- x **Business or commercial waste.** Call the Novato Business Hotline at 892-6395

Questions? Call the HHW hotline at 892-7344

RECYCLABLE HAZARDOUS WASTES ACCEPTED EVERY DAY!

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Boulevard
Open Tuesday – Sunday, 10-4

The Recycling Center accepts the following materials every day:

- ⇒ Latex (Water based) Paint
- ⇒ Used motor oil & oil filters
- ⇒ Auto batteries
- ⇒ Household batteries – all types
- ⇒ Antifreeze
- ⇒ Fluorescent tubes and bulbs



Transport Tips:

- ⇒ Bring your waste in its original container
- ⇒ Do not mix wastes together
- ⇒ Transport waste in your trunk, away from passengers and pets
- ⇒ Make sure containers are NOT leaking and packed to prevent spills
- ⇒ Do not transport more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds at one time

Electronics Recycling

Many common electronic products such as computers, televisions, VCR's, stereos, printers, copiers and fax machines can damage the environment if disposed of improperly. Often called *E-Waste*, many of these products can be reused, refurbished or recycled. Unfortunately, *E-Waste* is one of the largest growing segments of our nation's waste stream.



E-Waste is considered hazardous and CANNOT be disposed of in the trash. Certain components of *e-waste* can contain up to 7 pounds of lead and could contaminate the soil and water if disposed of improperly. Novato residents can properly dispose of *E-Waste* at the following locations.

Novato Goodwill Donation centers:

936 Seventh Street, or
Vintage Oaks Shopping Center, behind Marshalls
Hours: Daily 8:30am-12:30pm, 1:00-5:00pm
Goodwill accepts **working and non-working** electronics for reuse and recycling

Marin Computer Resource Center

www.mcrc.org
60 Leveroni Court, Suite 200B
Novato CA 94949
415-883-1428



This organization accepts computers and electronic components of any kind; also accepts TV's, phones, copiers and VCR's; fees charged

Computers for Education & Computer Recycling

www.crc.org
3227 Santa Rosa Ave. Santa Rosa, CA
707-570-1600

This organization will accept ALL computer equipment. Call or check website for fees charged.

Household E-Waste Events. Novato conducts special E-Waste recycling events. Watch for a special mailer for the dates and times.

Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Accepts up to **5 monitors or TV's ONLY** from Novato residents. Please call 892-7344 for an appointment.

Helpful Websites

www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Electronics

www.earth911.com

www.ecycle.org

REUSE & RECYCLING DIRECTORY OF MATERIALS

AEROSOL CANS

Novato Disposal Services accepts all empty aerosol cans, free of propellant, for curbside recycling and at the Novato Recycling Center.

ALUMINUM

Novato Disposal Services accepts all aluminum cans, foil, and food trays at curbside for recycling. Novato Recycling Center and buybacks accept CRV aluminum cans



Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd.
Novato, CA
Drop-off; CRV buyback

ANTIFREEZE

Most antifreeze is made with a petroleum product called ethylene glycol. It's hazardous to pets as well as the environment

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood Blvd.
Novato, CA
(415) 897-4177
Free drop-off

APPLIANCES

Many thrift and resale stores will accept small working appliances. Look in your yellow pages.

Salvation Army
www.satruck.com
1-(800)-95-TRUCK
Drop-off or pickup; donate on line or call for an appointment

United Cancer Research Society
(800) 443-4224
Pickup service



1-800-GOT-JUNK
(800) 468-5865
Pick up and fee charged; most appliances

Novato Disposal Services
(415) 897-4177
Pick-up services; Fee charged for removing freon from appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners



ASBESTOS

Small amounts of asbestos are accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Facility. For removal and disposal information call the County Office of Waste Management at 499-6647 or go to www.marinrecycles.org

Redwood Landfill
8950 Redwood Hwy.
Novato, CA 94945
(415) 892-2851
Non-friable asbestos; fee charged

NWS Hayroad Landfill
6426 Hay Rd.
Vacaville
707-678-5692
Friable & non-friable asbestos

ASEPTIC PACKAGING

Novato Disposal Services accepts all milk cartons, juice boxes and other aseptic packaging for curbside recycling and at the Novato Recycling Center

ASPHALT/ CONCRETE/INERTS

Redwood Landfill
8950 Redwood Hwy.
Novato, CA
(415) 892-2851
Recovers asphalt & concrete; fee charged

Dutra Materials
1600 Petaluma Blvd., South
Petaluma, CA
(707) 763-0991
www.dutragroup.com
Drop off and fee

AUTOMOBILES

Check with your favorite charity to see if they accept automobile donations



Arnold's Auto Dismantlers
864 Vallejo Ave.
Novato, CA
(415) 892-3900
Buy used cars; pickup available

Mac-Andy Used Auto Parts
310 Deer Island Ln.
Novato, CA 94945
(415) 892-0993
Buy used cars and parts

BATTERIES - AUTOMOTIVE

Check with your local service station or auto parts store for disposal options. State law requires that dealers take back used lead-acid batteries when you buy a new one.

Novato Recycling Center
7576 Redwood
Novato, CA
Drop-off

