

MARIN COUNTY SELF-HAULING GUIDE

Recycling and composting correctly is not only good for the Earth, but it's also REQUIRED BY STATE LAW

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What is "self-haul"?

Self-haul is generally defined as a resident or business bringing their own waste to a sorting/recycling facility. It also applies to debris/roll-off boxes hauled by non-franchised waste haulers (i.e., any company that is not Marin Sanitary Service, Recology, Mill Valley Refuse, or Bay Cities Refuse). In Marin County, we have two facilities for self-hauling non-hazardous waste: Marin Resource Recovery Center (MRRC) and Redwood Landfill. In Novato self-haul is only permitted for residents and contractors that haul as part of their business, such as roofers or landscapers.

Residents often self-haul when moving in or out, spring cleaning, or doing a renovation of their house or property. Landscapers represent the majority of commercial self-haulers in Marin County, but construction and demolition waste is often self-hauled by contractors as well. Self-hauled waste that is considered "hazardous" must be dropped off at one of the two hazardous waste facilities in Marin.

What is required?

State Law SB 1383 requires that residents and businesses self-hauling materials to a processing facility separate out the organic waste (paper, cardboard, landscaping trimmings, food waste, etc.) from the non-organic recyclables and landfill before they arrive.

SB 1383 also requires commercial organic waste generators (including landscapers) to maintain certain records when self-hauling their generated organic waste. (Title 14, Chapter 12, Article 3, Section 18984.9) Record keeping is not required for residential self-haulers, but contractors hauling material on your behalf will need to keep records, as they are considered a commercial entity.

The records commercial businesses that self-haul must keep are:



Delivery receipts and weight tickets from each entity receiving organic materials, including the amount of organic material in cubic yards or tons.



If the organic waste is transported to a site that does not have scales or that employs scales incapable of weighing the waste received, the self-hauler is not required to record the weight of material. However, the self-hauler must maintain a record of the entity that received the organic waste.



Submit records to your jurisdiction's Building Department annually.

Learn more about self-hauling record keeping requirements by visiting CalRecycle's website: calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/recordkeeping

What can be self-hauled?

The Marin Resource Recovery Center (MRRRC) and Redwood Landfill accept most types of non-hazardous waste for self-haul drop-off. Bolinas-Stinson Resource Recovery Project at 25 Olema-Bolinas Road also accepts green waste only for drop-off.

ORGANIC WASTE/COMPOSTABLES

• Food & Food-Soiled Paper

- Food waste includes vegetables, fruits, meat, bones, fish, dairy, bread, plate scrapings, spoiled food, and more
- Food-soiled paper includes napkins, paper towels, paper plates, pizza boxes, coffee filters, wooden silverware and chopsticks



• Landscaping Materials

- Clean yard debris like grass clippings, leaves, branches, flower trimmings, and hedge trimmings
- Logs and tree sections



IMPORTANT: All Organics must be separated from non-organic waste. It's the Law!

HOUSEHOLD & BULKY RECYCLABLES

• Curbside Recyclables (ONLY MRRRC)

- Clean paper
- Aluminum, tin, and bi-metal cans
- Plastic bottles and jugs
- Glass bottles and jars

• Cardboard

• Bulky Items

- Appliances
- Bathroom fixtures (sinks, toilets, tubs, etc.)
- Mattresses and furniture (ONLY MRRRC)
- Carpet and carpet padding
- Electronic Items (ONLY MRRRC)
- Tires (ONLY MRRRC)

REFUSE (GARBAGE/LANDFILL)

Landfill is only materials that are not recyclable or compostable:

- Bagged or loose household trash
- Painted/Stained Wood
- Mattresses and furniture (Redwood)



CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION AND CONTRACTOR DEBRIS

Source-separated materials are cheaper to drop off and easier to recycle!

- Mixed Debris*
- Household debris
- Sheetrock
- Concrete (with or without rebar)
- Plaster
- Asphalt
- Tile
- Brick
- Stucco
- Dirt and Rock
- Non-treated wood (like pallets)



How can hazardous waste be dropped-off?

There are two main facilities in Marin that accept self-hauled materials from the public. The Marin Household Hazardous Waste (MHHW) Facility is located in San Rafael and is available to all Marin residents *except for Novato*, and the Novato Household Hazardous Waste Facility (NHHW) which only serves residents of Novato. Businesses generating a very small amount of hazardous waste can also self-haul by appointment and for a fee.

Note: There are limits on allowable drop-off amounts of hazardous waste; for details, visit the webpage for the respective facility. QR codes and links are listed on the next page.

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- Electronic Products
- Household Batteries
- Bulbs
- Household Cleaning Products
- Personal Care Products
- Paint Related Products
- Gardening Products
- Auto Care Products
- Asbestos
- Sharps (Residents ONLY)
- Cooking Oil (MHHW ONLY)
- Pressurized Cylinders (Propane)
- Less Common Wastes
 - Mercury-containing devices: thermostats, thermometers, switches, and relays
 - Pool chemicals (5-gallon limit once a week)
 - Photo chemicals (fixers and developers)
 - Road Flares (Up to 5 flares per household. We DO NOT accept marine flares)
 - Fire extinguishers (3 extinguishers per household)
 - E-cigarettes/Vape pens (MHHW ONLY)

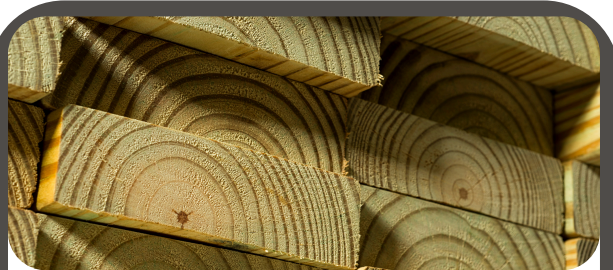


ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Household Items
- Business Equipment
- Medication
- Hair Products (MHHW ONLY)
- Tapes and CDs
- Explosives
- E-Cigarettes (NHHW ONLY)
- Toys
- Sharps from Businesses
- Pressure Treated Wood*



NOTE ON TREATED WOOD:



*Pressure Treated Wood can only be Taken to certain locations. Follow the QR code below to find your best disposal option.





Facility Locations & General Information

 **Marin Resource Recovery Center**
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Marin Resource Recovery Center (MRRC)

 **Location:**
565 Jacoby Street
San Rafael, CA, 94901

 **Hours:**


- Monday – Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.


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

 **Website:**
<https://marinresourcerecoverycenter.com/>



Marin Household Hazardous Waste Facility*

 **Location:**
565 Jacoby Street
San Rafael, CA, 94901

 **Hours**


- Residential Drop-off Hours:
 - Tuesday – Saturday: 8am – 3:30pm
 - Sunday and Monday: Closed
- Commercial Drop-off Hours (By Appointment ONLY):
 - Tuesday and Wednesday: 8am – 3pm


 **Contact:** (415) 456-2665


 **Website:** <https://marinhhw.com/>

ONLY for Marin County Residents (excluding Novato)

Redwood Landfill & Recycling Center

 **Location:**
8950 Redwood Highway
Novato, CA, 94945


 **Hours:**
Monday – Friday: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

 **Contact**
Main Line: (415) 408-9052

 **Website:**
<https://redwoodlandfill.wm.com/index.jsp>




Novato Household Hazardous Waste Facility*

 **Location:**
7576 Redwood Blvd
Novato, CA, 94945

 **Hours:**
Every 1st and 3rd Sundays and Mondays of each month by Appointment ONLY

- Sundays: 8:30am – 1:30pm
- Mondays: 8:30am – 12pm
- Small businesses by appointment ONLY, fees apply

 **Contact:** (415) 892-7344

 **Website:**
<https://novatosan.com/services/household-hazardous-waste-program/>

ONLY for Novato Residents and Small Businesses