



NEWSLETTER WINTER 2025

As a family-owned business, we're thankful to have served our community since 1906. We look forward to continuing to work together to care for our environment through responsible waste management in 2026 and beyond!

IMPORTANT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE

There is no collection service on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

If your service day falls on a Thursday or Friday that week, it will be delayed by one day.

Our office will be closed on 12/25/25 and 1/1/26.



NORMAL COLLECTION DAY	MONDAY 12/22/25	TUESDAY 12/23/25	WEDNESDAY 12/24/25	THURSDAY 12/25/25	FRIDAY 12/26/25
COLLECTION MOVES TO	no change	no change	no change	FRIDAY 12/26/25	SATURDAY 12/27/25



NORMAL COLLECTION DAY	MONDAY 12/29/25	TUESDAY 12/30/25	WEDNESDAY 12/31/25	THURSDAY 1/1/26	FRIDAY 1/2/26
COLLECTION MOVES TO	no change	no change	no change	FRIDAY 1/2/26	SATURDAY 1/3/26



CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP: JANUARY 5–16, 2026

Place your tree at the curb on your regular green compost cart pickup day any time between January 5 and 16, 2026. After that time, additional fees may apply.

- Remove stands and all ornaments, decorations, tinsel and lights.
- Tree must be cut into pieces no bigger than four feet in length. Oversized pieces will not be collected.
- Plastic or flocked trees cannot be composted—they go in the garbage. To schedule a pickup, call our office. A special pickup will be required, and an additional fee will apply.

THESE ITEMS GO IN THE GARBAGE CART



TIPPING YOUR COLLECTOR

If you would like to tip your collectors, please do not leave a gift out where it can be the target of thieves. If you feel comfortable, you may hand your gift directly to them.

You may also send your check, cash, or package to our office. Please include your service address so we can make sure your collectors receive your thoughtful gift.

If sending a check, do not make it out to us, instead, send us an email and we'll provide you with the names of your collectors.

Please send your gifts to:

Mill Valley Refuse Service

Attn: Holiday Gift

112 Front St.

San Rafael, CA 94901

customer@millvalleyrefuse.com

WE LIFT EVERY CART BY HAND. PLEASE DON'T OVERLOAD THEM!

Keep each cart under 60 pounds to avoid breakage and reduce the risk of injury for our collectors.

If you're cramming yard waste into the green cart, it's likely too full. Please keep it light and safe – we appreciate it!

BREAKDOWN YOUR CARDBOARD BOXES!

Get in the habit of flattening boxes – it'll free up space in your recycling cart.

If they still don't fit, bundle them up (max 3 feet x 3 feet x 1 foot), tie with twine, and leave them by your cart. We'll handle the rest!

HAVE EXTRA TRASH THAT WON'T FIT IN YOUR CART? NO PROBLEM!

Just call or email our office **before your regular pickup day** to schedule an extra trash collection.



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DO NOT PUT BATTERIES IN ANY OF YOUR CARTS OR BINS!

Batteries—especially Lithium Ion batteries—are flammable hazardous waste and can cause fires, posing serious risks to people and machinery during collection and at processing facilities.

You can safely drop off old batteries at the Marin Household Hazardous Waste Facility, located at 565 Jacoby Street in San Rafael. Visit marinhhw.com for details.

Residential customers may also request a free Household Hazardous Waste pickup by calling our office at (415) 457-9760.

NEED A DUMPSTER?

Whether you’re tackling a backyard cleanup or managing a large construction site, we have the right dumpster for the job. Our debris boxes range from 4-yard to 40-yard sizes, perfect for handling:



- ✓ Dirt & rock
- ✓ Construction debris
- ✓ Household clean outs
- ✓ And more!

No matter the project size or material type, we’ve got a solution that fits. Contact us today to get the right debris box delivered to your site.

EMAIL US TODAY FOR A QUOTE
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NEED A PORTA POTTY?

With various models available, we offer portable toilets for your job site, remodel, or event. We provide prompt delivery, cleaning, pump-out, and restocking.



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CALIFORNIA’S SB 1383: A REMINDER TO SORT FOR A GREENER FUTURE

Since 2022, California’s **SB 1383 law** has been helping to keep food and other compostable materials out of landfills. This law requires all waste generators—businesses, public agencies, and residents in both single and multifamily homes—to sort their waste properly. Here’s what you need to know:

- **ORGANICS:** Place food, food-soiled paper, and plant debris in your green compost cart.
- **RECYCLABLES:** Sort paper, cardboard, cans, and bottles into your recycling cart(s).

The good news? Mill Valley Refuse has included compost, recycling, and garbage collection as part of your regular service for years. All you need to do is keep sorting your waste correctly to make a difference for our community and environment!

Learn more about SB 1383 on CalRecycle’s website:
calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp



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FOOD SCRAPS
RESTOS DE COMIDA



FOOD-SOILED PAPER
PAPEL SUCIO CON RESTOS



PLANT TRIMMINGS
PLANTAS

DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES

NO COLOQUE MATERIALES RECICLABLES EN BOLSAS



NO DIRT OR ROCK
NO PIEDRAS O TIERRA



NO COMPOSTABLE
OR PLASTIC BAGS
NO BOLSAS COMPOSTABLES
O PLASTICAS



NO COMPOSTABLE
PLASTICS
NO PLASTICOS
COMPOSTABLES



NO DIAPERS
NO PET/HUMAN WASTE
NO PAÑALES, RESIDUOS DE
MASCOTAS/HUMANOS