MILL VALLEY REFUSE SERVICE

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY FOR OVER 120 YEARS

# NEWSLETTER WINTER 2026

## CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF SERVICE

Founded in 1906, MVRS began with horse-drawn wagons serving Mill Valley. Over the years, we've grown alongside the communities we serve. From introducing curbside recycling in 1981 to becoming the first Marin hauler to collect food scraps for composting, we've continued to find new ways to serve our community.
**We're proud of our history and grateful to serve you.**

## HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

We provide collection service year-round, with the only exceptions being Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Our office will also be closed on December 25 and January 1.

### WEEK OF CHRISTMAS

| NORMAL COLLECTION DAY | MONDAY 12/21/26 | TUESDAY 12/22/26 | WEDNESDAY 12/23/26 | THURSDAY 12/24/26 | FRIDAY 12/25/26 |
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| COLLECTION MOVES TO | no change | no change | no change | no change | SATURDAY 12/26/26 |

### WEEK OF NEW YEAR'S

| NORMAL COLLECTION DAY | MONDAY 12/28/26 | TUESDAY 12/29/26 | WEDNESDAY 12/30/26 | THURSDAY 12/31/26 | FRIDAY 1/1/27 |
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| COLLECTION MOVES TO | no change | no change | no change | no change | SATURDAY 1/2/27 |



## CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP: JANUARY 4–15

Place your tree at the curb on your regular green compost cart pickup day during the collection period. After January 15, 2027 additional fees may apply.

✓ Remove all stands, ornaments, decorations, tinsel and lights.

Cut trees into pieces no longer than four feet. Oversized pieces will not be collected.

✗ Do not put out plastic or flocked trees. They cannot be composted and belong in the garbage.

Do not leave oversized pieces. They will not be collected.

## TIPPING YOUR COLLECTORS

If you'd like to tip your collectors, you can hand them a gift directly or send it to our office. Please don't leave gifts outside where they could be stolen.

Include your service address so we can make sure your collectors receive your gift.

Sending a check? Please email us first, and we'll provide your collectors' names. **Make checks payable directly to them, not MVRS.**

**Mill Valley Refuse Service**
*Attn: Nicole*
112 Front St.
San Rafael, CA 94901
customer@millvalleyrefuse.com




## KEEP CARTS LIGHT & SAFE

We lift every cart by hand. If it's hard for you to roll, it's hard for us to lift!



Please Keep each cart under 60 pounds to avoid breakage and reduce the risk of injury for our collectors. Heavy yard waste can add weight quickly.

## FLATTEN THOSE CARDBOARD BOXES!

Flatten boxes to make more room in your recycling cart. Still have too much? Bundle cardboard (up to 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 1 ft.), tie with twine, and leave it next to your cart.



## NEED EXTRA TRASH PICKUP?

Have more trash than will fit in your cart? Your service includes 2 or 4 FREE curbside cleanups each year, depending on where you live.

Call 415-457-9760 at least 24 hours before your regular pickup day to schedule, or email customer@millvalleyrefuse.com.



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# BATTERIES & NEEDLES: DISPOSE OF THEM SAFELY

Improperly disposed batteries can cause fires, while loose needles can injure collection crews. Keep both out of your curbside carts and take them to an approved drop-off location.



## GLP-1 & OTHER MEDICAL NEEDLES

Place sharps in an approved, puncture-resistant container with a secure lid. Drop off at the Marin HHW Facility or a participating Marin County pharmacy.




## BATTERIES

Alkaline (AA, AAA, C and D), 9-volt, button and rechargeable batteries, including lithium-ion, can be taken to the Marin HHW Facility or an approved battery drop-off location.

### MARIN HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

565 Jacoby St., San Rafael | (415) 456-2665
Residential Drop-off: Tues. – Sat., 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
No appointment needed

Visit **marinhhw.com** for additional drop-off locations and disposal instructions.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
& TREE COLLECTION
INFORMATION

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# SB 1383: COMPOSTING HELPS FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

Every home, apartment, school, business and organization in California is **required by law** to separate organic waste, including food scraps and food-soiled paper, from the garbage.

## REDUCE FOOD WASTE

Plan meals, use leftovers, and store food properly to avoid unnecessary waste.

## SORT IT RIGHT

Food scraps, food-soiled paper and plant trimmings belong in your green cart.

## WHY IT MATTERS

When organic waste breaks down in landfills, it produces methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. Composting reduces emissions and keeps valuable materials in use.

## FROM CART TO COMPOST

MVRS takes collected organics to the WM EarthCare of Marin composting facility at Redwood Landfill, where it is processed into compost.



**COMING TO MVRS | JANUARY 2027**

New invoice look and new online portal are on the way.
Watch for setup instructions coming soon. Your collection days are not changing.