



## MARIN COUNTY STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM



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# 2015 CALENDAR



# The Choices You Make, Make a World of Difference



## OUR WATER – OUR WORLD

Sixteen local stores partner with the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (MCSTOPPP) to help inform their customers about less-toxic pest-management products. Staff in the following stores can assist you in choosing products that are better for you, your pets, and the environment:

- Ace Building Supply Center, Pt. Reyes Station
- Bayside Garden Center, Belvedere
- Fairfax Lumber & Hardware, Fairfax
- Goodman Building Supply, Mill Valley
- The Home Depot, San Rafael
- Jackson's Hardware, San Rafael
- Marin Ace Hardware, San Rafael
- Orchard Supply Hardware, San Rafael
- Pini Ace Hardware, Novato
- Sloat Garden Centers, Kentfield, Mill Valley, Novato, San Rafael
- Sunnyside Nursery, San Anselmo
- Toby's Feed Barn, Pt. Reyes Station

*Pesticide-free gardens are welcome havens for honeybees.*



K. Jones

Far Out Flora



Doniel Ellis



## CHOOSE A BAY-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPER!

MCSTOPPP and the Marin Municipal Water District have trained more than 140 landscape professionals through the 20-hour Bay-Friendly Professional Landscape Maintenance Training and Qualification Program. Graduates of the Bay-Friendly program in Marin County can help you create a landscape that protects our creeks, bays, and ocean. For a list of Marin's Bay-Friendly-qualified professional landscapers, and to learn more about Bay-Friendly gardening, visit [www.bayfriendlypro.org](http://www.bayfriendlypro.org).

### Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program

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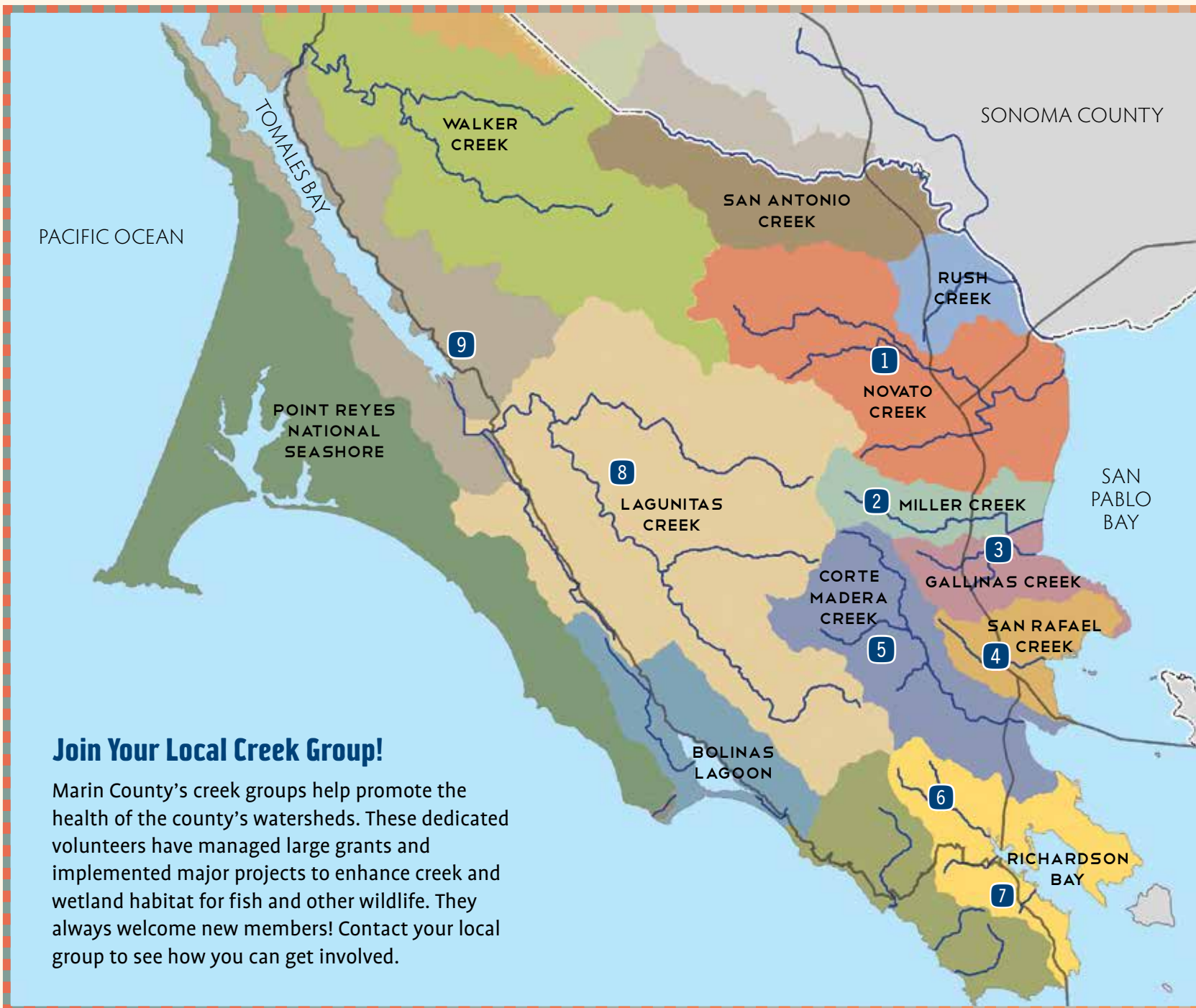
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- 2 Miller Creek Watershed Stewards**  
Ray Lorber, (415) 479-9193  
raylorber@yahoo.com
- 3 Gallinas Watershed Council**  
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Russ Greenfield, (415) 578-2580
- 4 San Rafael Creek**  
City of San Rafael Volunteer Program, (415) 485-3071
- 5 Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed**  
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Sandy Guldman, (415) 456-5052
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www.friendsofthecreek.org  
Steve Moore, (415) 730-0089
- 8 Salmon Protection and Watershed Network (SPAWN)**  
www.spawnusa.org  
(800) 859-7283
- 9 Tomales Bay Watershed Council**  
www.tomalesbaywatershed.org  
Neysa King, (415) 446-8233

### Join Your Local Creek Group!

Marin County's creek groups help promote the health of the county's watersheds. These dedicated volunteers have managed large grants and implemented major projects to enhance creek and wetland habitat for fish and other wildlife. They always welcome new members! Contact your local group to see how you can get involved.



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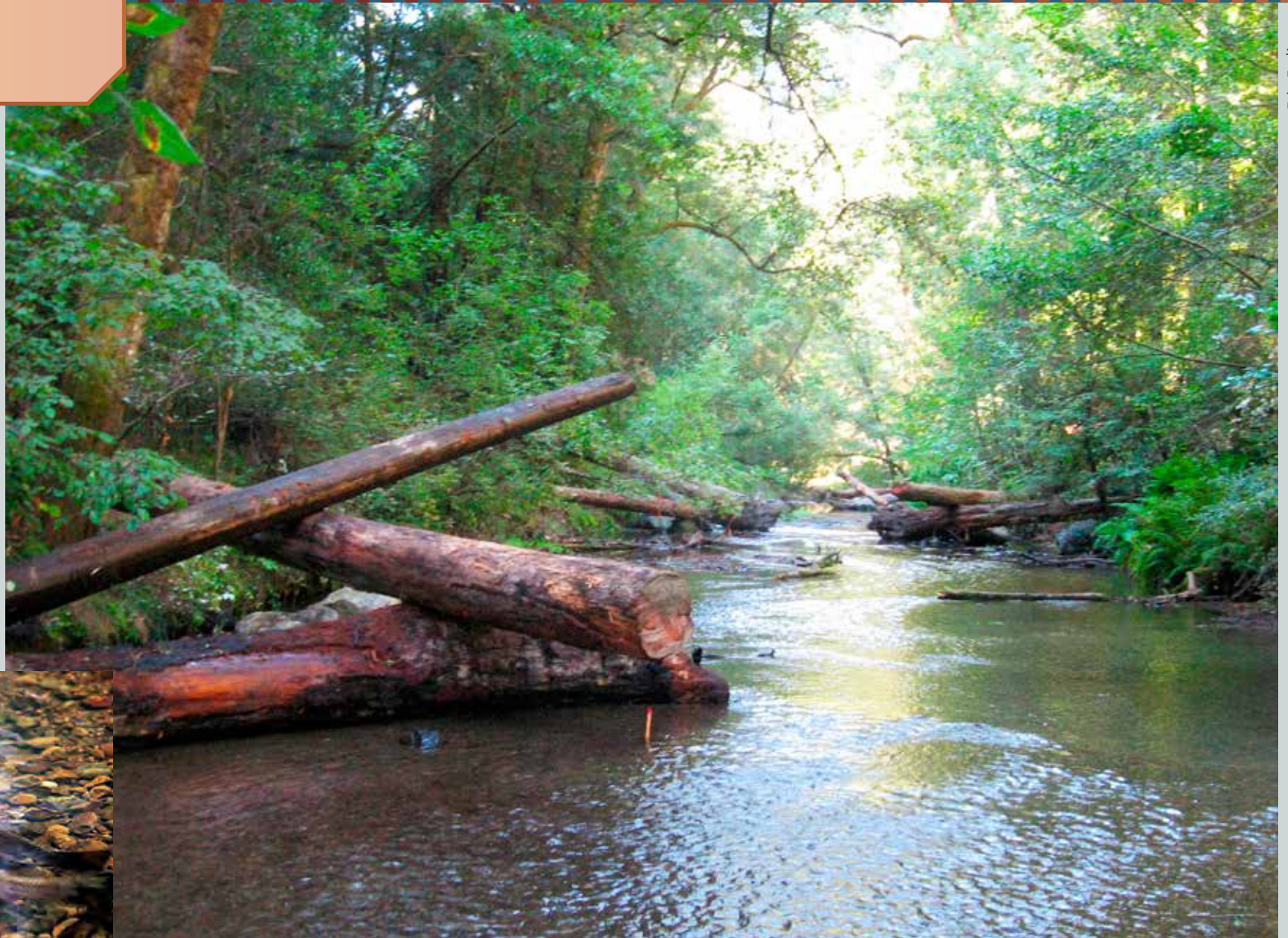
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# Support Critical Salmon Habitat

Marin's coho salmon hatch and live in the Lagunitas Creek watershed for one to two years, then migrate out to sea. At age three, they return to their home tributary to spawn. Last spring's migration of 20,000 juvenile coho from Lagunitas Creek was the largest recorded since 2006. Protecting and restoring local water quality and creek habitat is critical to the survival of these ancient, federally endangered fish.



Eric Ettlinger

Richard James | coastodian



The Lagunitas Creek watershed is home to the largest remaining wild run of coho salmon on the Central California coast.

# January

Large, woody debris provides resting and hiding places for fish. These debris structures in Lagunitas Creek help restore critical habitat.



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## Develop Fish-Friendly Habits

- ✱ To respect fish nurseries, stay out of creeks when fish are laying eggs and/or hatching (October through May).
- ✱ Fine sediment can smother fish eggs and fill in deep pools needed for fish survival. To help reduce erosion in creeks, direct stormwater on your property to landscaped areas, and use mulch to keep soil in place.
- ✱ Native plants provide food and shelter for young fish. Maintain existing native vegetation along creeks. Plant native trees and shrubs where soil is exposed to help stabilize creek banks.
- ✱ Before placing anything in, over, or near a creek or its banks, contact MCSTOPPP ([mcstoppp@marincounty.org](mailto:mcstoppp@marincounty.org)) for information on permits and creek-setback requirements.

### Learn more

Watch a video from the State Water Resources Control Board on how to manage stormwater on your property: [www.waterboards.ca.gov/stormfilm/slow\\_the\\_flow.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/stormfilm/slow_the_flow.shtml).

John McMillan | NOAA



Juvenile coho salmon require clear, deep pools in creeks for survival.

Greg Andersen



Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed used grant funds to install the Lansdale Station fish ladder. Now, fish can migrate upstream.



## Letting It Soak In

One inch of rain falling on a 1,000-square-foot roof equals approximately 600 gallons of usable water! Redirecting this water to a rain barrel or cistern makes it available for later use in the garden. Alternatively, routing this water to a landscaped area or to a rain garden allows it to seep into the ground, where it eventually flows into local creeks, providing cool water for local animals during the warm summer months.



Costello Kennedy Landscape Architecture

Joe Mabel



Divert the water from your roof to your garden with an ordinary downspout or a work of art.

# FEBRUARY

*Permeable pavers and landscaping in this water-wise garden slow runoff and allow it to permeate into the soil.*

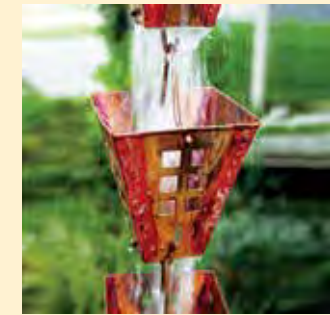


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## Soaking-It-Up Tips

Runoff during storms carries pollutants and can erode streams. Rethink drainage to prevent this.

- \* Disconnect downspouts to let water run off your roof onto a splash block and into landscaped areas.
- \* Slow down your roof runoff by connecting rain chains to your roof gutters.

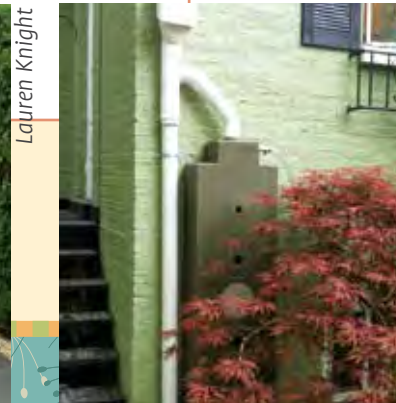


\* Use mulch on plant beds to slow the flow in areas where water can seep in.

\* Consider planting a rain garden. For guidance, visit [www.mcstoppp.org](http://www.mcstoppp.org) and look under General Public, then Informational Brochures and Rainwater Management at Home.



Replacing a paved patio or driveway with permeable features allows water to soak into the ground.



Lauren Knight

A slim water-storage tank will fit against the wall in many places around your home. It can even be installed flat under a deck.

**Learn more**

Ready to disconnect your downspouts? Get information and instructions by watching *Make the Water Go—Disconnecting Downspouts* on YouTube.



## Clean Home, Healthy Environment

Consider selecting cleaning products for your home that are approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Safer Product Labeling Program. Products with the "Design for the Environment" label have been reviewed to ensure the ingredients are safer for you, your family, and the environment. A list of products meeting these qualifications can be found at [www.epa.gov/dfe/products](http://www.epa.gov/dfe/products).



*Peppermint oil has air-freshening properties. Add it to your favorite homemade spray.*



# MARCH

*Essential oil from lavender is often added to homemade cleaning solutions to provide a pleasant scent without the use of artificial fragrances.*



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## Make Your Own Nontoxic Cleaners

Did you know wastewater-treatment systems generally aren't designed to remove synthetic chemicals used in household cleaning products? Low levels of these chemicals may eventually end up in the bay.

You can help the environment by making your own cleaning products with simple ingredients, such as white vinegar, baking soda, lemon juice, and mild (e.g., castile) soap.

Another alternative to cleaning chemicals is to use microfiber cloths—either dry or with water. These cloths are designed to trap dirt, grease, and dust. A high-quality cloth can last for many years.

### Learn more

Get more information on environmentally preferable cleaners and links to recipes for making your own cleaning solutions; Go to [zerowastemarin.org/zero-waste-101/less-toxic-alternatives](http://zerowastemarin.org/zero-waste-101/less-toxic-alternatives).

Safer, effective cleaners can be made using simple and inexpensive ingredients like lemon juice, vinegar, and baking soda.



Look for this label when choosing cleaning products.





# Compost to Rejuvenate Your Soil

Did you know that 41% of the materials found in the waste stream are organic and compostable? By composting, you keep organic materials out of the landfill and return them to their natural environment. Composted materials added to soil as an amendment improve soil quality, help it retain moisture, and provide nourishment to plants.



Laura Lovett



Use a compost turner, pitchfork, or shovel to aerate your pile every two weeks by mixing up the contents, as if you were tossing a salad.

# APRIL

Good compost is the secret to the lush and highly productive vegetable gardens at the Larkspur Community Garden.



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## Tips for Your Backyard Compost Pile

- ✳ To speed up the composting cycle, place your compost bin in an area that will receive full sun.
- ✳ Transfer organic waste (banana peels, egg shells, coffee grounds, apple cores, etc.) to your backyard compost pile as often as possible.
- ✳ Add grass clippings, raked leaves, and wood chips from landscaping.
- ✳ Don't add materials that have been treated with pesticides and/or herbicides to your compost bin.
- ✳ Don't add meat scraps, fish bones, bacon fat, pet waste, or diseased plants. These materials may attract pests and spread disease.
- ✳ Place food scraps that you can't compost at home (meat, pizza boxes) in your green yard-waste bin. Check Who Is My Hauler at [www.zerowastemarin.org](http://www.zerowastemarin.org) to see what items your trash hauler accepts.

**ZERO  
WASTE  
MARIN**

Kiel Gillis



Zero Waste Marin provides free food-scrap shuttles to Marin residents. Check out [www.zerowastemarin.org/compost](http://www.zerowastemarin.org/compost) to find out about shuttles and free composting courses.

### Take Action

Reduce your waste by adding your newspaper to the compost bin. It is best to shred it to speed up the composting process. Better yet, switch to online newspapers and eliminate this waste stream.



# Migratory Birds Depend on Marin

Marin County is located within the Pacific Flyway, a migration path stretching from Alaska to Central America traversed by a billion birds each year. Marin's creeks and gardens provide food, water, and shelter that migratory birds need to thrive along the way.

Nearly 500 bird species have been observed at the Palomarin Field Station, a renowned migratory-bird research and teaching facility at Point Reyes. Researchers there band birds to track migration paths, and visitors observe bird-banding demonstrations.



Bob Gunderson



R.J. Roush

*A juvenile sharp-shinned hawk captured for banding at the Palomarin Field Station.*

# may

*The brilliant blue of a male indigo bunting is a treat to see during spring and fall migration time.*







## Wash It Wisely

Whether you have a custom hot rod, a classic VW Bug, or a car you just love to see shine, you can wash your car wisely to save water and protect creeks. When allowed to run down the street, the wash water carries everything that was on the car—dirt, metals, and oil—into local creeks.

When possible, take your car to a commercial car wash to save water and protect water quality in your local creeks.



Washing your car at a commercial car wash saves water, as these businesses recycle the water they use.

# June

Wash your car wisely, and keep both your car and our local creeks beautiful!



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## Water-Wise Washing Tips

- ★ Conserve water—use a hose with a shut-off nozzle.
- ★ When you wash your car at home, choose a spot where the water can soak into the ground instead of running into a storm drain. This serves two purposes—cleaning your car and watering your landscape!
- ★ Soap, including biodegradable soap, can hurt fish in our creeks and bays.



## Learn more

Download a copy of “Car Washing—the Fish Friendly Way.” Go to [www.MCSTOPPP.org](http://www.MCSTOPPP.org) and click on General Public, then Informational Brochures.



Planning a car wash fundraiser? Borrow a creek-friendly car wash kit from MCSTOPPP. Call (415) 473-6583.

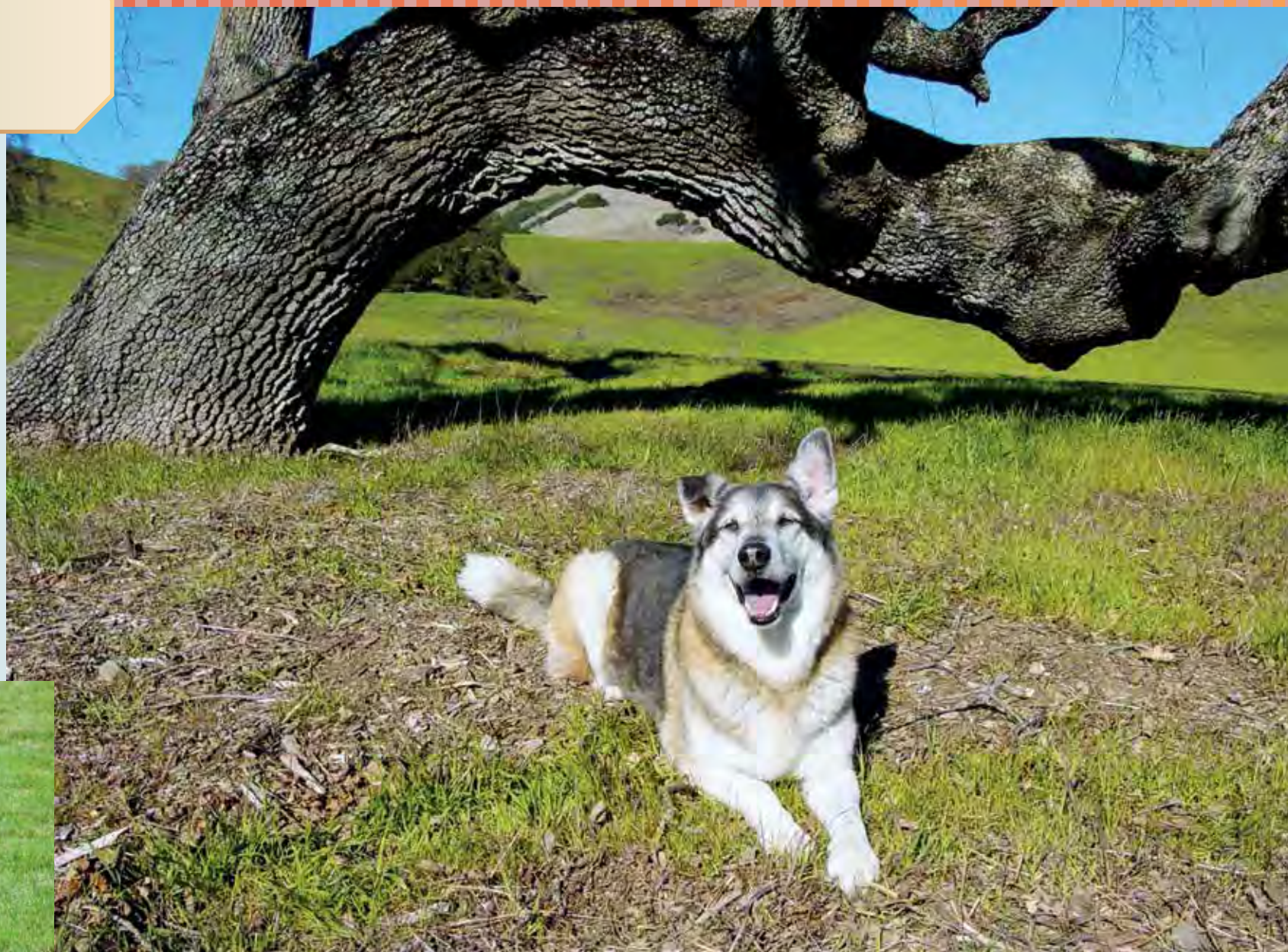


S. Novik



# Help Your Pet Leave No Trace

Cherished pets and companions, our dogs are part of our families, but they aren't part of our local natural environment. To protect local water quality and the native creatures of our beautiful region, bag your pet's waste and throw it away in the trash. Pet waste won't fertilize the plants, and it can harm our creeks and beaches.



Craig Solin

Marin Humane Society



There are many local dog parks and open-space fire roads to sniff out in Marin.

# JULY

While enjoying one of Marin's many dog-friendly hikes, remember to always pick up and pack out.



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## Tips for Pet Owners

- ★ Thanks for disposing of pet waste in the trash! Remember, it is illegal to hose pet waste into storm drains.
- ★ Because pet waste is not fertilizer, take care to keep it out of your compost and remove it from your local park.
- ★ Recycle! You can reuse plastic bags to pick “it” up.
- ★ Keep a few bags near your dog’s leash, and grab one as you and your furry friend head out.
- ★ Please don’t flush kitty litter. Cats may carry disease that can’t be removed at the treatment facility and can spread to sea otters.
- ★ Horse owners are encouraged to visit [www.mcstoppp.org](http://www.mcstoppp.org) for information on creek-friendly manure management.
- ★ Equestrian facilities in West Marin can contact West Marin Compost for information on their bedding and manure composting program.

### Learn more

Ready to hit the outdoors with Fido? Check out [www.dogfriendly.com](http://www.dogfriendly.com) for a comprehensive guide to dog-friendly locations in Marin and the North Bay.

Gravin D.



Western snowy plovers nest on local beaches. Help protect these threatened birds by respecting leash laws.



Jerry Ting



# Oil Recycling Doesn't Stop at the Oil Jug

In California, only one in five do-it-yourself oil changers recycles their oil. About 98 million gallons of oil is recycled statewide annually, which is re-refined and available in auto parts stores as conventional and synthetic blends. Buying re-refined oil is more environmentally friendly *and* often less expensive; it can be found in five-quart jugs for \$3 per quart. So if you like to get your hands dirty, remember to recycle your used oil and filters!

Kiel Gillis



Get a free oil-change kit from the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in San Rafael.



Mason Cummings

# august

Recycling all the oil filters sold annually in the United States would recover enough steel for approximately two Golden Gate Bridges.



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## Get a Free Oil-Change Kit

Zero Waste Marin provides Marin residents with everything they need to safely recycle used motor oil and filters. The free kit includes a collection jug that doubles as a drain pan, a funnel, an oil-filter drainer, latex gloves, shop towels, and Information on oil recycling locations. Check out [www.zerowastemarin.org/MOFR](http://www.zerowastemarin.org/MOFR) for tips, special promotions, and recycling opportunities.

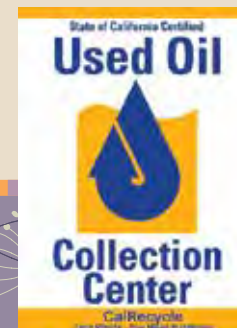
### Remember:

- ✳ Never pour used oil onto the ground, into a storm drain, or down a sanitary-sewer drain!
- ✳ Find out how frequently you need to change your oil. Google “check your number” to find out your vehicle’s recommended oil-change interval.
- ✳ Choose re-refined oil for your oil changes. Shop around and put in a special order, if needed.

lessismore.org



425 million used oil filters are generated annually, which produce about 160,000 tons of recycled steel.



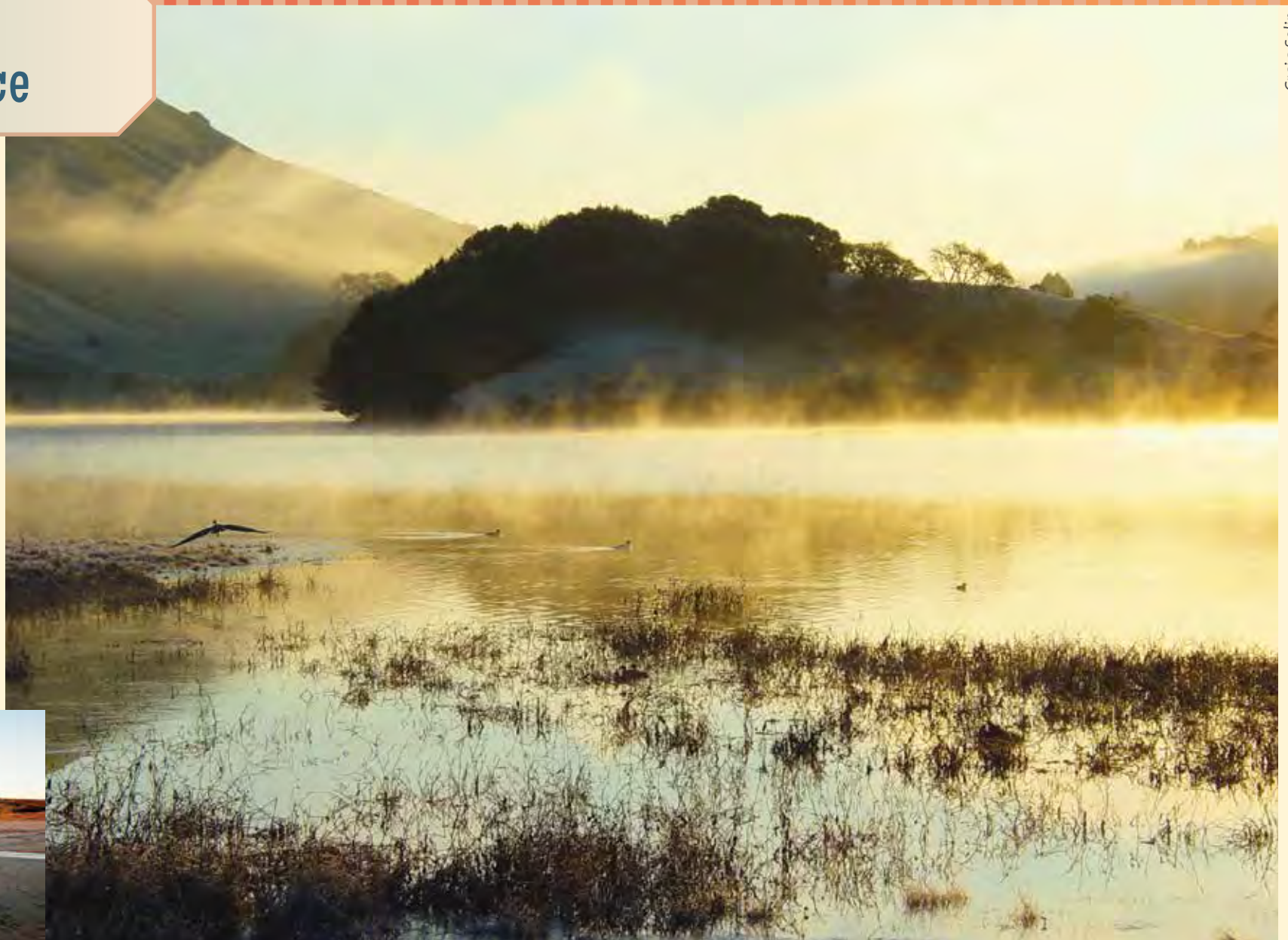
### Cost-Saving Tip

Change your oil when necessary, not just at that mythical 3,000-mile mark.



# Your Efforts Make a Difference

Volunteers are contributing their time and energy to keep Marin litter-free! In September 2013, Marin County parks volunteers spent 1,033 hours picking up trash, restoring habitat, and removing non-native plants in the county. On Coastal Cleanup Day in 2013, 988 volunteers county-wide collected 4,635 pounds of trash and 998 pounds of recyclables. These impressive efforts help keep the local waterways beautiful for all to enjoy.



Craig Solin



Richard James | coastodian

*In one year, one person collected enough plastic water bottles on the beach at Point Reyes to make five nine-foot-high sculptures of our abandoned trash.*

# SEPTEMBER

*Stafford Lake County Park in Novato is one of several parks beautified by Marin County parks and open space volunteers.*



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## Volunteer to Keep Our Streets and Creeks Litter-Free

Did you know that people are less likely to litter in clean areas than in already-littered areas? You may have a positive influence on other people's behavior by simply picking up litter and placing it where it belongs—in the trash or recycling bin.

Municipalities, local creek groups, and other volunteers clean up creeks throughout the year. See the inside cover of this calendar for information on joining a local creek group! Or join one of Marin's litter-abatement groups, including

- ✦ San Rafael Clean: email [carla.koop@cityofsanrafael.org](mailto:carla.koop@cityofsanrafael.org)
- ✦ Clean Mill Valley: email [locustmv@pacbell.net](mailto:locustmv@pacbell.net), or visit [www.cleanmv.org](http://www.cleanmv.org)
- ✦ City of Novato Streetscape Maintenance Coalition: email [streetscapecoalition@novato.org](mailto:streetscapecoalition@novato.org)

### Take Action

Help keep trash out of our local creeks and the Pacific Ocean! Volunteer on California Coastal Cleanup Day. Go to [www.coastalcleanupday.org](http://www.coastalcleanupday.org).

Jude Stalker



Volunteers provide an important service by remediating wetlands (left) and removing trash along the Sausalito/Mill Valley multi-use pathway (right).

Kirk Schroeder





## Lose Your Lawn

Fall is a perfect time to replace thirsty turf with beautiful native and drought-tolerant plants, as winter rains will help your new plants get established. It's an easy way to save thousands of gallons of water every year. Replacing your lawn has other benefits, including creating habitat for birds and beneficial insects, reducing the need for fertilizers and pesticides, saving fossil fuels needed to power mowers and edgers, and adding color and interest to your garden.



Ann Vallee / MMWD

Ann Vallee / MMWD



*Turn your unused lawn into a productive space for growing your own local, organic food and more.*

# OCTOBER

*Lose your lawn to make space for colorful, water-wise plantings.*



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## Sheet Mulching

Sheet mulching is a simple and inexpensive way to replace unwanted turf grass. In this layered mulch system, a biodegradable weed barrier (such as cardboard or newspapers) is placed over the existing lawn and topped with a thick layer of mulch. Over time, the old lawn and other layers decompose, enriching the soil and becoming food for new plantings.



MMWD

Melanie Moran



Following sheet mulching, this lawn in Bel Marin Keys became a lovely garden by the following summer.



Gina Purin

### Learn more

Ready to lose your lawn and upgrade to a water-wise garden? Find step-by-step sheet-mulching instructions at [www.marinwater.org](http://www.marinwater.org).



**MARIN MUNICIPAL  
WATER DISTRICT**



# The Bay Is Only a Drain Away!

Marin's wastewater-treatment plants protect the health of residents and the environment by cleaning and treating wastewater from showers, sinks, toilets, and other indoor drains before it is discharged to the bay. Products like herbicides, pesticides, solvents, and pharmaceuticals should never be flushed down toilets or other drains. Some of the chemicals in them pass right through the treatment plant and enter our local waterways.



*Bring pharmaceuticals and controlled substances to one of many Marin locations for disposal (see back cover).*



Vincent Zammit

# NOVEMBER

*Protect the beauty and health of the bay by properly disposing of wastes.*



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## Dispose of It Right

To keep them out of the bay, residents and businesses must take pesticides, herbicides, paints, pool/spa chemicals, cleaners, copper algaecides, copper root-control chemicals, cyanide, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) to a local hazardous-waste facility (see back cover).

\* Exchange your mercury thermometer for a digital thermometer! Call 1-800-SAV-R-BAY for more information.

\* Fluorescent tubes can also be brought to a local hazardous-waste facility or taken to the Bulb and Battery TakeBack Program (households only). Learn more at [www.zerowastemarin.org/bnb](http://www.zerowastemarin.org/bnb).

### Learn more

Use the information in this calendar to find out how to properly dispose of or recycle excess chemicals and medicines. Visit [www.savrbay.com](http://www.savrbay.com) for more information on disposal or to find out more about wastewater treatment in Marin.



Fats, oil, and grease clog pipes and should be kept out of drains. Keep your system flowing by properly disposing of food grease.



"Flushable" wipes cause sewer pipes to clog and should not be flushed.



# Protect Your Soil, Protect Our Waters

Protecting the soil on your property helps protect water quality, fish, and bugs in our local creeks! If you are planning a construction project or any activity that disturbs soil, include erosion and sediment control as part of the project so that soil remains in place. Exposed soil is a significant source of sediment that can harm fish in our local creeks by smothering their eggs and making it harder for them to breathe and find food.



Aaro Yitaro

Sam Wilson



*Use blankets and fiber rolls that are made of natural fibers and that don't contain plastic nets, which could trap wildlife.*

# DECEMBER

*The clarity of the creeks in Marin depends on smart landscaping and construction practices that control sediment runoff.*







## DISPOSAL of USED MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS

The following locations accept used motor oil, filters, batteries, and antifreeze as indicated. Call centers for hours of operation and quantities accepted.

- Do NOT mix used oil with any other substance, including antifreeze. Doing so may mean the used oil can't be recycled. Keep used motor oil in a separate container.
- If your oil is contaminated with another substance, bring it to your local hazardous-waste facility.

**KEY CODE:** O = Used motor oil  
F = Oil filters  
A = Antifreeze  
B = Car batteries



CITY	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	KEY CODE
Corte Madera	D & K Auto Services	34 Corte Madera Ave.	924-3510	O F A B
Mill Valley	Jiffy Lube	374 Miller Avenue	383-6416	O F
Novato	O'Reilly Auto Parts	1400 S. Novato Blvd.	897-5338	O F B
	Novato Recycling Center	7576 Redwood Blvd.	892-7344	O F A B
	Oil Changers	133 Vintage Way	897-0134	O
	Pennzoil 10 Min Oil Change	908 Diablo Avenue	898-5823	O F A B
	Ron Cromwell Chevron	1549 S. Novato Blvd.	892-5393	O F
Pt. Reyes Station	Bracken Auto Service	11401 State Route 1	663-0633	O F A B
San Rafael	Heyneman European	3155 Kerner Blvd.	499-1234	O F A B
	O'Reilly Auto Parts	812 Francisco Blvd. W	454-5881	O F B
	O'Reilly Auto Parts	1323 Second Street	454-2963	O B
	HHW Facility	565 Jacoby Street	485-6806	O F A B
	Pennzoil 10-Min Oil Change	1524 Second Street	457-5823	O F A B
	RAB Motors	540 Francisco Blvd. W	637-2333	O F

## DISPOSAL of HOUSEHOLD PHARMACEUTICALS, SHARPS, AND SYRINGES

For the most up-to-date list, go to <http://tinyurl.com/96l98vy>. Drop-off locations for sharps provide free collection containers.

**P** Pharmaceuticals **S** Sharps and Syringes

Central Marin Police Authority <b>P</b>	Mill Valley Police Dept. <b>P</b>
Coastal Health Alliance <b>P</b>	Novato Comm. Hospital Lab <b>S</b>
Golden Gate Pharmacy <b>P</b>	Novato Police Dept. <b>P</b>
HHW Facility, Novato <b>S</b>	Pharmaca Integrative, Novato <b>S</b>
HHW Facility, San Rafael <b>S</b>	Ross Valley Pharmacy <b>P S</b>
Jack's Drug Store <b>P S</b>	Safeway Pharmacies <b>S</b>
Kaiser Perm. Pharmacies <b>S</b>	San Rafael Police Dept. <b>P</b>
Lucky Pharmacy, Larkspur <b>S</b>	Sausalito Police Dept. <b>P</b>
Marin AIDS Project <b>S</b>	Sheriff's Office/Coroner <b>P</b>
Marin Comm. Clinic Pharm. <b>P S</b>	Walgreens Pharmacies <b>S</b>
Marin Medical Pharmacy <b>P</b>	West Marin Pharmacy <b>P S</b>
Marin County Environmental Health Services <b>P</b>	

## DISPOSAL of CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Central Marin Police Authority  
Mill Valley Police Department  
Novato Police Department  
San Rafael Police Department  
Sausalito Police Department  
Sheriff's Office/Coroner

NOTE: All phone numbers are area code 415 unless listed otherwise.



[www.mcstoppp.org](http://www.mcstoppp.org)

## DISPOSAL of HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

Household hazardous waste such as TVs, computer monitors, pesticides, paint, antifreeze, used oil and filters, aerosol sprays, fluorescent tubes, and solvents can be brought to the facilities listed below. No fees are charged for residential drop-off.

Items not accepted include explosives, ammunition (call the police department), radioactives, compressed-gas cylinders (BBQ propane cylinders are accepted), bio-waste, infectious waste, and laboratory waste. For disposal of pharmaceuticals, sharps, syringes, and controlled substances, look elsewhere on this page. If you are unsure whether an item will be accepted, call first.

### ALL OF MARIN (Except Novato)

Marin Household Hazardous Waste Facility  
565 Jacoby Street, San Rafael. 485-6806  
*Funded by the Marin County Solid and Hazardous Waste Joint Powers Authority*

Open Tuesday–Saturday, 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

**Toxic Away Days:** Once-a-year, one-day 40-car-by-appointment events will be held at Bolinas, Point Reyes, and Woodacre. Call 485-3309 for dates.

### NOVATO RESIDENTS ONLY

Novato Household Hazardous Waste Facility  
7576 Redwood Blvd., Novato. 892-7344  
*Funded by Novato Sanitary District and City of Novato*

Open 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and Mondays of each month. For more information, call 892-7344 or go to [www.novatosan.com](http://www.novatosan.com).

### BUSINESS HAZARDOUS WASTE

Businesses generating very small amounts of hazardous waste can use the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in San Rafael or Novato by appointment. A fee will be charged at both facilities. To participate, a business must acquire and provide an EPA ID number. Numbers can be obtained at 1-800-618-6942, or get Form 1358 at [www.dtsc.ca.gov/IDManifest/ID\\_Numbers.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/IDManifest/ID_Numbers.cfm).

For Novato, call 892-6395  
For San Rafael, call 458-5549



## WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND SANITARY DISTRICTS

[www.savrbay.com](http://www.savrbay.com)

Almonte Sanitary District	388-8775
Alto Sanitary District	388-3696
Bolinas Comm. Public Utility District	868-1224
Central Main Sanitation Agency	459-1455
City of Belvedere	435-3838
City of Mill Valley	388-4033
City of Sausalito	289-4111
Corte Madera Sanitary District	927-5057
County Sewer Maintenance District	473-6524
Homestead Valley Sanitation District	388-4796
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District	472-1734
North Marin Water District	897-4133
Novato Sanitary District	892-1694
Richardson Bay Sanitary District	388-1345
Ross Valley Sanitary District	461-1122
San Rafael Sanitation District	454-4001
Sausalito-Marín City Sanitary District	332-0244
Sewerage Agency of So. Marin	388-2402
Tamalpais Comm. Service District	388-6393
Tiburon Sanitary District	435-1501

## STORMWATER CONTACTS FOR ILLEGAL DISCHARGES

To report illegal discharges to storm drains, creeks, or wetlands, call the numbers below or file a complaint online at [www.mcstoppp.org](http://www.mcstoppp.org). After normal business hours, call the county sheriff's non-emergency line at 499-7233.

Belvedere	435-3838
Corte Madera	927-5057
County of Marin	473-6528
Fairfax	453-1584
Larkspur	927-5017
Mill Valley	388-4033
Novato	899-8246
Ross	453-1453 ext. 163
San Anselmo	258-4600
San Rafael	485-3355
Sausalito	289-4100 ext. 106
Tiburon	435-7399