

**Where to Donate  
Electronics for  
Reuse or Recycling**

**Goodwill Donation Centers**

Accepts most electronics  
**WORKING OR NOT**  
(2 locations in Novato)

(415) 897-5144  
www.goodwill.org

**Computer & Technology  
Resource Center**

Accepts most electronics  
& small appliances  
**WORKING OR NOT**

(415) 883-1428  
www.mcrc.org

**Renew Computers**

Accepts most electronics  
& small appliances  
**WORKING OR NOT**

(415) 457-8801  
www.renewcomputers.com

**Novato HHW Facility**

Accepts up to 5 monitors or  
TV's from Novato residents  
for FREE.

(415) 892-7344  
www.novatosan.com

**FREE HOUSEHOLD E-WASTE DROP OFF**

Sponsored by Novato Sanitary District and Novato Disposal Service

**Saturday, April 23rd – Monday, April 25th**  
**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Novato Recycling Center, 7576 Redwood Blvd.**

**Both working and non-working electronics accepted.**

**(See list of accepted items below)**

**NO LARGE APPLIANCES**, such as washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, dishwashers, air conditioners, etc. will be accepted at the Recycling Center for this event.

**LARGE ITEM PICKUP SERVICE** is free for single family residential customers up to four (4) times a year, and up to three (3) large items per collection. Contact Novato Disposal Services at (415) 897-4177 for a pick-up.

**NOVATO BUSINESSES** please call (415) 892-6395 for further disposal information.

**Questions about the E-Waste Event?**

Call the HHW Hotline at (415) 892-7344 or go to [www.novatosan.com](http://www.novatosan.com)

**TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL**

**WHERE:** Novato Household Hazardous Waste Facility,  
7576 Redwood Blvd.

**WHEN:** 8:30-1:30, 1st and 3rd consecutive  
Sundays and Mondays of each month

**WHAT:** All household hazardous wastes –  
go to [www.novatosan.com](http://www.novatosan.com)  
for a complete list or call 892-7344



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**NOVATO SANITARY DISTRICT**

CREATING WORTH FROM ALL OF NOVATO'S WASTE

SPRING 2016

**ACHIEVING ZERO WASTE**  
– IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FOOD

**District Food Composting Programs.** Novato Sanitary District has successful residential food waste compost programs and has begun commercial and multi-family compost programs to reduce food waste and help achieve our Zero Waste goals.

**In the U.S. We Waste a Tremendous Amount of Food.** Food waste occurs at all stages of the food chain, including farms, households, restaurants and supermarkets. In April, a new CA law (AB1826) will take effect that requires commercial establishments to compost or recycle their food waste.

**TIPS ON HOW YOU CAN  
REDUCE FOOD WASTE:**

- **Good Meal Planning:** Get organized before you go shopping, use a shopping list, and prepare only enough food to be eaten during a meal.
- **Donate Food to Your Local Food Bank.** Check their guidelines before donating.
- **Use Your Green Bin for Food Scraps** and greenwaste, or set up a backyard compost bin.
- **Keep Your Refrigerator Organized** and follow manufacturer instructions, such as cool spots for vegetables, and colder spots for milk.
- **Store Leftovers in Single Portion Containers** so you can use them for lunch the next day.

**Food Waste by the Numbers**

**40%**

*Amount of food in the US that is wasted.*

**2,000,000**

*Calories wasted by the average family of 4 each year.*

**\$1,500**

*Value of food wasted by the average family of 4 each year.*



**Responsible, Certified Recycling**

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A special three-day drop-off event for  
Novato residents to recycle old electronics.

*E-waste is hazardous and cannot be disposed of in the trash.*

**What is accepted at this drop-off**

*This is a partial list of items. If you have a question  
about an item, please call (415) 892-7344*

<b>Computers (PC's &amp; Laptops)</b> – maximum of 5
<b>Fax Machines and Small Tabletop Copy Machines</b>
<b>Computer Monitors</b> – maximum of 5
<b>Computer Peripherals</b> – keyboards, printers, scanners, cables, mouse
<b>Kitchen Appliances</b> – microwaves, blenders, toaster ovens, coffee makers, etc.
<b>Phones, Cell Phones, Answering Machines</b>
<b>Electric Typewriters</b>
<b>Televisions</b>
<b>Radios, Tape Players, Stereo Equipment, DVD Players, VCR's, Camcorders</b>
<b>General Household Appliances</b> – hair dryers, irons, vacuums, lamps, etc.

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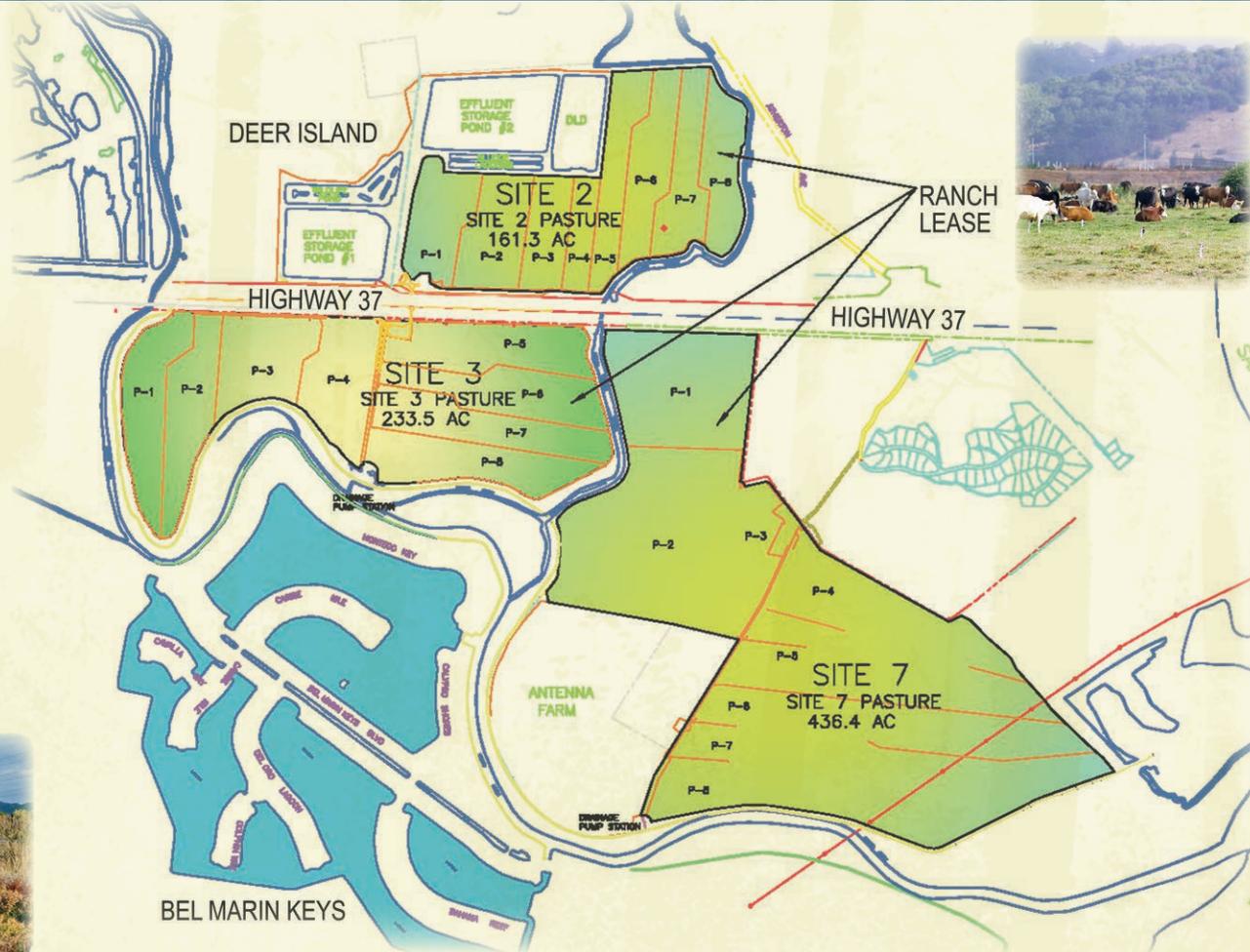
# WATER RECLAMATION AND RECYCLING: 30 YEARS OF CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Have you noticed the big fields and ponds to the north and south of Highway 37 between Deer Island and Bel Marin Keys? They are part of a unique environmental resource developed by Novato Sanitary District to recycle wastewater, protect the health of the Bay, and enhance local agriculture and wildlife.



## What is the Reclamation Area?

In the mid-1980s, the District, made a farsighted investment to enhance the productivity of 820 acres of agricultural land while reclaiming (or recycling) a large amount of its highly treated wastewater. There is an extensive and mostly hidden system of 141 miles of pipeline, pumps, valves, and 14,500 sprinklers.



**NSD RECLAIMS ABOUT 760 MILLION GALLONS OF TREATED WASTEWATER PER YEAR — OVER 43% OF ITS AVERAGE DRY WEATHER FLOW. VERY FEW OTHER BAY AREA COMMUNITIES REACH THAT LEVEL OF RECYCLING.**



**Protects San Francisco Bay.** The District protects the Bay by providing wastewater treatment that exceeds federal and state standards. The reclamation project provides a second level of Bay protection by recycling highly treated wastewater that would otherwise be discharged to the Bay

**Maintains Agricultural and Ranching Heritage.** From May to October, the District can supply about four million gallons per day of high quality water from its treatment plant to irrigate about 820 acres of farmland at three sites.

**Enhances Wildlife Habitat.** A wildlife pond – supplied with recycled water – serves as a 15-acre preserve for waterfowl, migrant birds and several species of animals native to Marin County, and is an important over-wintering area for many species of waterfowl, hawks, and songbirds.

*“Birds were everywhere: ducks, coots and grebes in the ponds, blackbirds in the tule, sparrows flushing from the coyote-bush alongside the dirt roads, ruby-crowned kinglets flitting in the eucalyptus, raptors perched on distant wires, skeins of geese threading through the air...”*

From a story about the ponds in BayNature.org

*“As a birder, I love the Sanitary District wildlife ponds. They are a treasure for birds.”* Susan Kelly, Audubon volunteer

**Provides for Natural Fertilization.** Any remaining nutrients from the wastewater treatment process naturally decompose into the soil, and improve the soil structure, eliminating the need for artificial fertilizer.

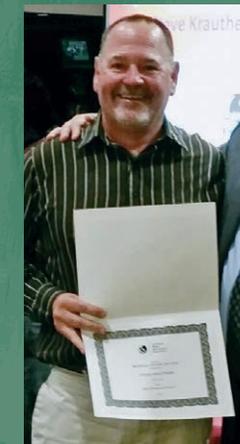
**Leader in Wastewater Reclamation and Recycling.** The investment in reclamation has resulted in over 18 billion gallons of treated wastewater being reclaimed and reused for local beneficial purposes since 1986, making the District a Bay Area leader in wastewater reclamation and water recycling.

## District Recognized for Achievements

The California Water Environment Association (CWEA) Redwood Empire Section recognized Novato Sanitary District and staff with a number of awards in 2015. These recognize how the District works to continuously improve its effectiveness, safety and efficiency.

**The Engineering Achievement Award** to the District and Nute Engineering for the Olive Avenue Force Main Project. The project involved installing a new backup sewer pipeline parallel to an older one to ensure reliability. It was a difficult project in an area crowded with numerous and conflicting underground utilities.

**Gimmicks and Gadgets Award** to Steve Krautheim, District Field Services Manager. The simple but ingenious tool makes it possible to estimate sewer overflow volumes from manholes more accurately. It is inexpensive, saves time and helps meet regulatory requirements.



Steve Krautheim also won the Stan Roskowski Award for his many years of volunteer service to the Redwood Empire Section, including a recent term as President.

*Congratulations to Steve Krautheim for his recent recognition.*

## Wetlands Days, Algebra Academy, and Other Fun Ways to Teach Students About Science and the Environment

Novato Sanitary District participates in a variety of programs to engage students in learning about science and environmental protection.



**Wetlands Day** is a two-day environmental education event for school children in southern Marin. It is one of many education programs the District participates in.

Learn more at [www.NovatoSan.com](http://www.NovatoSan.com) by searching “Algebra Academy” and “Wetlands Days”



**The Algebra Academy** is led by North Bay Leadership Council and Novato Unified School District with support from Novato Sanitary District, Veolia Water, and others. The Academy offers Novato high school students the opportunity to learn and explore how algebra is applied in the work world.