



## Eco-Dual-Bin Garbage Trucks

Carry Both Trash and Recyclables  
in Separate Compartments



Have you seen a garbage truck collect garbage and then pull forward to collect the recycling? These items are not being mixed, but are being placed in separate compartments of the same state-of-the-art truck.

Did you know that your garbage trucks are actually two trucks in one? These eco-friendly vehicles have two separate compartments—one for trash and the other for recycling. This reduces the amount of fuel and energy used, cuts down the number of truck trips in your neighborhood, and reduces wear and tear on your streets. These trucks also have reduced emissions that are lower than the new CA air standards.



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### Responsible, Certified Recycling

## FREE HOUSEHOLD E-WASTE DROP-OFF

Saturday, October 12th – Monday, October 14th  
Novato Recycling Center, 7576 Redwood Blvd.  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

A special three-day drop-off event for Novato residents to recycle old electronics – E-Waste. E-waste is hazardous and cannot be disposed of in the trash.



### ✓ What WILL be 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

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

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# NOVATO SANITARY DISTRICT

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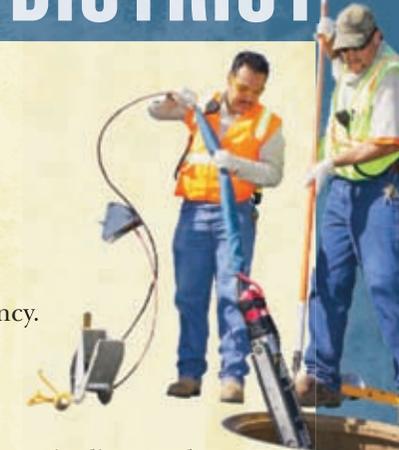
## Dramatic Gains in Quality and Cost Control

### Impressive Treatment Plant Performance

After several years of operation the new treatment plant is operating with impressive quality and efficiency.

### Pipeline, Pumping and Collection System Also Show Performance Increases

Our intensive program to upgrade the sewer collection pipelines and pump stations is resulting in dramatic decreases in sewer overflows. At the same time, our field crews have more than doubled their productivity in recent years.



### SAVING ENERGY AND MONEY

The contract with Veolia to operate the treatment plant includes incentives to save energy. Since 2010, Veolia has saved over \$108,000 in energy costs through careful management of the treatment plant.



Productivity  
**UP 250%**  
Collection Crew Improvements

Sewer Overflows  
**CUT 96%**  
Slashed Since 2008

Zero  
**VIOLATIONS**  
Treatment for 2012-2013

**Zero LOST TIME**  
No Accidents Since Plant Opened

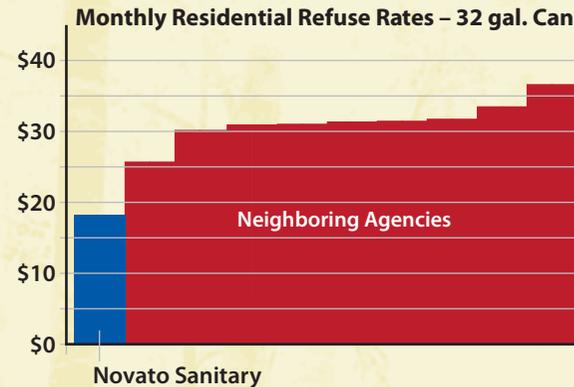
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# LOWEST RATES IN COUNTY, AND STRONG FINANCES

## Garbage Rates Lowest in County

The District's actions are helping keep garbage costs down, including requiring Novato Disposal to provide additional recycling at no extra cost to residents. The District collects a very small franchise fee and does not subsidize other activities.

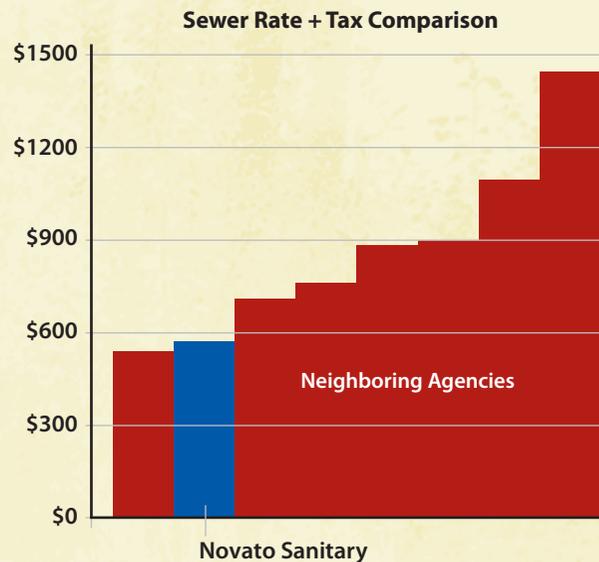
*Our rates are the lowest in the urban areas along the entire 101 corridor of Marin County. We are proud of that, especially since we are expanding our recycling and composting programs at the same time. Costs are projected for 2013-14.*



## Sanitary Service Rates Among Lowest in County

We have among the lowest overall sanitary service costs in the County, including both sewer service charges and taxes.

*Costs are projected for 2013-14, and include all residential sewer service charges and taxes.*



## Solid Finances and Decreases in Retirement Liabilities

### Operating Budget Increase Below Inflation

Total Operating Revenue has remained essentially flat over the past three years with a total increase of only 0.6%. The cost savings from the contract with Veolia continue to help keep operational costs low.

### Pension Liabilities Controlled

The District has historically controlled pension formulas to reasonable levels and has paid off the \$1.2 million unfunded liability, thereby eliminating a 7.5% interest cost.

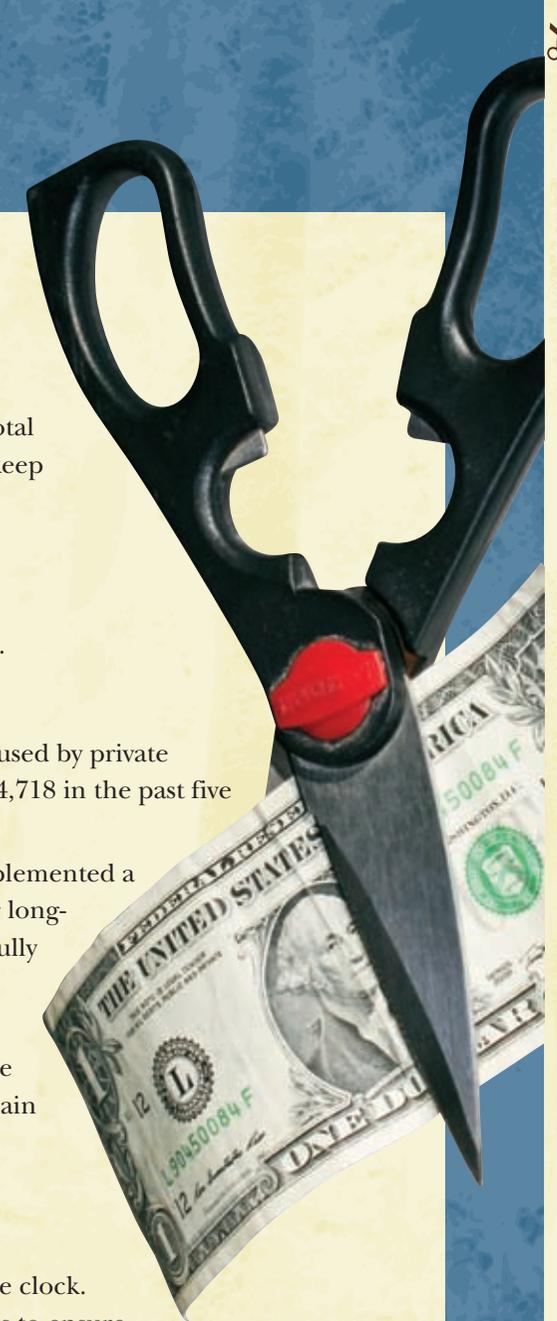
### 32% Reduction in Retiree Medical Costs

The District uses the same conservative estimates for investment returns of 4% that are used by private corporations, and has still decreased annual retiree medical costs from \$513,239 to \$344,718 in the past five years. Here are some of the key ways we accomplished that:

- **Changed to Defined Contribution Plan Similar to 401(k).** In 2008, the District implemented a defined contribution retiree medical plan for new employees. This plan will lower long-term retiree medical costs compared to the former plan. These costs are known, fully funded, and not exposed to future medical inflation costs.
- **Reduced Benefit and Tightened Eligibility Requirements for Existing Employees.** In 2008, the minimum age to obtain benefits was increased and the years of service required were extended. Family benefits were eliminated. Only 15 employees remain eligible for this benefit. The District continues to explore ways to address medical cost inflation.

### Investing to Maintain \$300 Million Facilities

The District owns over \$300 million in facilities that must work every day and around the clock. This year, alone, we are investing about \$9 million to repair, update and replace facilities to ensure they continue to protect public health and the environment.



## Free Household E-Waste Drop-Off for Novato Residents

Please Help Us Protect the Environment

Sponsored by Novato Sanitary District and Novato Disposal Services

Sat., October 12th – Mon., October 14th

Novato Recycling Center,  
7576 Redwood Blvd. 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Both working and non-working electronics will be accepted at this event.

(See list of accepted items on reverse side)

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

LARGE ITEM PICKUP SERVICE is free for single family residential customers up to four (4) times a year, limited 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).

### Where to Donate Electronics for Reuse or Recycling • Clip and Save

#### Goodwill Donation Centers

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

(415) 897-5144  
[www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org)

#### Marin Computer Resource Center

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

(415) 883-1428  
[www.mcrc.org](http://www.mcrc.org)

#### Renew Computers

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

(415) 457-8801  
[www.renewcomputers.com](http://www.renewcomputers.com)

#### Novato HHW Facility

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

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