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NOVATO SANITARY PARTICIPATES IN EARTH DAY

Novato Sanitary announces Earth Day Activities this Week

Novato Sanitary District management and staff are participating in a variety of Earth Day activities throughout the week. The District will staff booths at the Chamber Tradeshow and Fireman's Fund Earth Day celebration, begin a new food waste composting pilot program, participate in E-Waste Recycling, and end the week with a tour of their new treatment plant.

"As a certified green business since 2004, every year we participate in Earth Day activities. We strongly believe in protecting our environment by educating our customers about clean water, recycling, and this week we began a residential food scrap composting program to further reduce waste on our Earth," states Beverly James, Manager-Engineer of the Novato Sanitary District.

On Wednesday, the 21st, the District will staff a booth at the Novato Chamber Business Showcase at Stone Tree Golf Course from 4pm-7pm. The booth will offer educational brochures, games, quizzes and prizes to further educate the public about keeping our waterways clean, recycling hazardous waste and more. The event is open to the public. (Stone Tree's golf courses are irrigated by recycled water from Novato Sanitary District).

On Thursday, April 22nd, the District will be at Fireman's Fund celebrating Earth Day at their Earth Day Expo, with continuing activities and an educational booth. This

event is from noon-2 p.m. and will be held at the Fireman's Fund Home Office Campus off of San Marin Drive in Novato, which houses approximately 1500 FFIC employees and contractors, as well as an additional 500+ workers from other companies.

This week also commences the Residential Food Waste Pilot Composting Program in one area of Novato. Novato Disposal, which is Novato Sanitary District's franchise trash hauler, has implemented this program to further reduce waste in our landfills. This program will encourage customers to place food scraps in their green waste bins so it can be composted into a natural soil amendment.

"This week is a perfect week to start our pilot program because the less trash we send to our landfill, the happier our Earth will be. By adding a "C" (Composting) to the three "R's" (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle), we are definitely helping the environment now and in the future," commented James, Manager Engineer of Novato Sanitary District.

Novato Sanitary District will also be involved in the E-Waste Recycling Program from April 23rd-26th, where Novato residents can bring in household E-Waste to the Novato Recycling Center, 7576 Redwood Rd. between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. E-waste includes such common electronic products as computers, fax machines, TV's, monitors, telephones, cell phones, stereo equipment, and small household appliances. It does not include large household appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, or stoves. If you have questions call 892-7344.

To end the week, the Novato Sanitary District (500 Davidson St.) will offer a tour on Saturday, April 24th at 10am. The public is invited to tour the new, high tech wastewater treatment plant and learn about its reduction in greenhouse gasses, how it generates much of its own electrical power, the irrigation of local wetlands, and more. Please join us!

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