300 MILES A GALLON? STAY TUNED

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DON’T BE AFRAID OF SOMETHING THAT’S DIFFERENT!

This weird-looking creature is actually the larval stage of the most loved and recognized insect ever – the LadyBug! Unfortunately, people often mistake it for a plant-eating pest and kill it! When that happens, a natural form of pest control is gone because ladybugs – in their adult and larval form – eat large numbers of pests like aphids, scale, thrips, mealybugs, and spider mites. Learn what other beneficial insects, like the LadyBug, look like in their different stages of development by requesting a FREE copy of this brochure: “The 10 Most Wanted Bugs in Your Garden!”
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THANKS TO OUR LONG-TERM PHOTOGRAPHERS

Craig Solin has been a nature and wildlife photographer for the past 20 years. Born and raised in Northern California, he has spent countless hours in the Marin and Sonoma hills studying the change of seasons in ways that most people never see. Craig has traveled all over the western United States and has tried to capture images that might have been seen by Lewis and Clark and the Native Indians before industrialization.

He is an Open Space Ranger for the County of Marin and spends his days protecting the natural environment so that we will have these beautiful spaces for years to come.

CRAIG SOLIN lives in Petaluma with his wife Erin, a Botanist who specializes in the Ethnobotany of Theobroma cacao, also known as chocolate, and the preservation of that species!

You can view many of his works at www.wildeyephotography.com

Susan Van Der Wal lives in Inverness and is a freelance professional photographer. She has been published by Birder’s World, Sierra, and Skywest magazine. Her photographs have also appeared in calendars including Audubon and National Wildlife Federation, in addition to brochures, catalogs, books, and regional visitor publications.

For 25 years she has traveled all over this country and Europe – capturing wonderful images of people and nature. She also uses selective focus to create abstracts and close-ups of her subject.

Her photographs can be seen at www.williamlestergallery.com

Wondering if the fish you’re about to buy in the store – or about to order in the restaurant – is sustainable? Wonder if it contains mercury or PCBs? FishPhone instantly puts information at your fingertips through text messaging. Text message “fish” followed by the name of the fish you want to know about (e.g., fish cod or fish tilapia or fish orange roughy). Send the message to 30644 and you’ll receive a response within seconds. Or, go to www.fishphone.org to download a copy of the fish guide.
In Marin, creekside buffers protect fish, wildlife, native plants – and a landowner’s property!

Creek setbacks establish a buffer zone where certain activities are regulated to protect fish, wildlife, native plants, and the creek itself. The setbacks also help protect a landowner’s property from flooding and erosion. The number of feet required to meet a setback is dependent on the jurisdiction where you live.

Human activities near creeks cause pollution, degrade habitat, and alter the creeks’ natural flow. These activities include, but are not limited to, construction, removing vegetation, storing materials near a creekbank, altering trails, using pesticides, grading hillsides, littering, allowing pets to romp in the creek, not picking up after pets, and illegally diverting water from a creek.

If you’re planning a project next to a creek, contact the Marin County Department of Public Works or the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (MCSTOPPP) at 499-6528. You can also visit the Creek Permit page on the MCSTOPPP website at www.mcstoppp.org

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Our creeks are natural corridors for river otters... like this one who made a rare appearance in a mill valley creek.
**THE ANNUAL "RETURN OF THE SALMON"** is one of Marin’s most exciting natural occurrences. After growing up in local creeks, the juveniles leave home for about 18 months to explore the vast Pacific Ocean, then return home to give birth. Educational tours about the salmon are held during migration season. Call the **Salmon Protection and Watershed Network** at 663-8590, ext. 207 or visit its website at [www.SPAWNUSA.org](http://www.SPAWNUSA.org).

**Recycle Used Motor Oil:** Just one gallon of used motor oil poured into a million gallons of sea water will kill half of all exposed Dungeness crab larvae. The San Francisco Bay supports a commercial bait shrimp, herring, and crab fishery—the only urban commercial fisheries in the nation!

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About one-fifth of the state’s breeding harbor seals are found in the gulf of the Farallones national marine sanctuary—primarily in Bolinas Lagoon and Tomales Bay. They haul out in groups ranging from a few to several hundred. By law, they must be left undisturbed to recover from the effects of long foraging dives.

Use seal savvy: if a seal reacts to your presence (e.g., lifts its head or goes toward water), you are too close. Avoid eye contact and retreat slowly. Always avoid contact with seal pups—and don’t be tempted to “rescue” one that is apparently orphaned. Mother seals sometimes leave their pups unattended while feeding, but later reclaim and nurse them. Humans or dogs near a pup could prevent the mother from returning, and result in the pup’s death. If in doubt, report distressed seals to a Ranger, or to The Marine Mammal Center at (415) 289-SEAL.
The Gulf of the Farallones marks the southernmost breeding range of the Tufted Puffin. The Puffin feeds in food-rich waters and nests in deep clefts on the Farallon Islands.

To learn more about Farallones sanctuary wildlife visit [http://farallones.noaa.gov](http://farallones.noaa.gov) or [http://farallones.org](http://farallones.org)

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**Iceplant or Hottentot Fig (Carpobrotus edulis)** is an invasive species. Small mammals can carry seeds from landscape settings to nearby coastal dunes and other sensitive areas. It forms impenetrable mats that compete directly with native vegetation. An alternative to the invasive Hottentot Fig is the hardy iceplant (Delosperma cooperi), a non-invasive iceplant with smaller succulent leaves and brilliant violet-pink flowers.

**Photo:** Craig Solin, Hottentot Fig

**Photo:** Farallones Sanctuary, Tufted Puffin

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In 2008, Marin began the year with wet and stormy weather, but it was followed by the driest Spring on record. For instance, just 2/3 of an inch of rain fell on the Mt. Tam watershed in March and April, compared with an average rainfall of 11.3 inches. If that happens again this year, we could be on our way to an official drought, as the water in reservoirs is drawn down without being replenished.

Besides all the simple ways to save water (go to www.WaterSavingHero.com), here's a novel way to do it: With each flush of your commode, clean water that would otherwise go straight down the toilet is first routed up through a chrome gooseneck spigot to dispense pure water for hand washing. The Toilet Lid Sink installs easily without tools, is attractive for any bathroom, and is a great space saver. It shuts off automatically. The porcelain-like white plastic replaces your existing tank top and adjusts to fit standard toilets up to 8.5” wide and 18-22” long. And, there's a built-in soap dish. Learn more at http://www.gaiam.com/retail/product/02-0334

Permeable surfaces absorb water, lessening the force of heavy rains. For info on various types of permeable surfaces, go to HTTP://www.Paversearch.com/
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### Free Recycling: Marin County Has More Than a Dozen Places to Recycle Used Motor Oil and/or Filters Free of Charge. See Back of This Calendar!

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Cliff Swallows eat a diet of mosquitoes and gnats, helping to naturally control these pest populations.

Cliff Swallows got their name from their traditional nesting site: cliffs! With loss of habitat and an abundance of human structures resembling cliffs, many former cliff nesters have adapted to nesting on and in buildings.

Cliff Swallows build their nests near water, transporting thousands of tiny balls of mud and sticking them on buildings to create the engineering marvel that is their nest. They often choose locations over walkways—creating a bit of a mess on the ground beneath them.

If Cliff Swallows build nests on your home or commercial building, it’s important to remember that all native migratory birds are protected by law under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act. ** Destruction of active nests and eggs is illegal. ** So, for the few months that the mess exists, the best course of action is to hose or sweep the sidewalks each day. The birds will soon leave, but while they’re visiting they will eat thousands of insects each day, including disease-carrying vectors like mosquitoes.

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**FOR THE BIRDS:** WHEN OIL POLLUTES A WATERWAY FREQUENTED BY BIRDS, THE BIRDS CAN INGEST THE OIL AS THEY PREEN THEMSELVES. THIS CAN CAUSE SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS FOR THEM. RECYCLE USED OIL AND FILTERS!

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Every year, cliff swallows arrive in Marin from their winter home in South America to start a new home – and a family!

For help with wildlife conflicts call the Wildlife Solutions Service offered by WildCare at 415-456-SAVE or visit www.wildcarebayarea.org

Photo: Eddie Bartley

Photo: Noreen Weeden
Bio-engineered walls? Grassy swales? Rain gardens? Don’t let these terms scare you – They simply describe some of the ways you can use plants to stabilize creekbanks (bio-engineering) and keep water from rushing off your property during the rainy season (grassy swales and rain gardens). These methods are referred to as Low-Impact Development (LID) – An approach to managing rainwater that encourages infiltration into the ground – Slowing down the speed and volume of water as it leaves your property. This approach can improve water quality and can help prevent erosion in creeks.

For more information on Low-Impact Development (LID), go to www.coastal.ca.gov/nps/lid-factsheet.pdf
Over the rainbow: Those pretty rainbows found in parking lots and city streets after a rainfall are not pretty for the environment. They’re a sign that oil has leaked onto the ground and can be transported to local creeks!

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Metaphorically speaking, the living roof is like lifting a park and putting a building under it. The acclaimed Museum is the only facility in the world to house an aquarium, planetarium, natural history museum and research/education center.

Through its innovative design, the facility itself inspires visitors to conserve natural resources and help sustain the diversity of life on Earth. The entrance is below a solar energy-producing canopy that generates 5-10% of the building's power. The building uses untreated concrete for floors and recycled denim as insulation.

The green rooftop will keep the building's interior about ten degrees cooler than would a standard roof. The plants will produce oxygen from carbon dioxide and help reduce energy and cooling needs.

The 2.5-acre living roof of the California Academy of Sciences will reduce stormwater runoff by as much as 3.6 million gallons of water per year.

The living roof was designed by SWA Group of Sausalito.

Photo: Tom Fox

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Plastic is “Petro”: Plastic bags are made from petroleum, a nonrenewable resource. The United States goes through 100 billion bags annually. This is the energy equivalent of 12 million barrels of oil.

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Most gardeners use about 40% more water than they need — without even realizing it.

Using less water, and watering at the right time, can mean a healthier, better-looking garden. The Marin Municipal Water District can help you calculate how much water your plants need. Go to www.marinwater.org and select “Weekly Watering Schedule.”

To keep your landscape healthy and make the most of Marin’s water supply, buy a Smart Controller. Smart controllers use sensors and weather information to manage watering times and frequency. As environmental conditions vary, the controller increases or decreases irrigation. Smart controllers even have the ability to turn off your sprinklers automatically during rain, high wind or low temperatures. They reduce outdoor water use by an average of 15 to 30 percent. They also reduce overwatering, which can cause fungal disease and insect problems.

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**July Is Smart Irrigation Month** and it’s time for you to get Water-Smart! Contact your local water agency today to find out how saving water can also be smart for your checkbook: It gives you cash incentives and free landscape services. Customers of the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) can log on to www.marinwater.org and visit the Conservation Program page to learn about the Bay-Friendly Landscape Rebate Program. MMWD and the Irrigation Association want you to be smart this summer when it comes to watering.

### Maintain Your Vehicle And Avoid Pollution:

Used motor oil alone accounts for 40% of the pollution in our nation’s waterways.

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**Design by William and Carrie Fetrow, Cotati, 2008 Marin County Fair**

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**Independence Day**
Tires have a great life....
but their afterlife can be a problem!

Since 2003, approximately 47,500 waste tires have been removed from illegal dump sites throughout Marin! They have been found along county roads, in creeks, and even stock-piled on private property. Such actions can pose a threat to human health! Water settles in tires, creating habitat for disease-carrying mosquitoes. Tires also provide shelter for rodents and, in the case of a fire, can significantly increase health hazards because of the toxic substances that are spewed into the air, soil, and water. How can we prevent this from happening? We can...

Give Tires a New Life!

Photos: Jamie Tuckey

August 2009

A decorative tire is put to use as a container for colorful plants.
In Marin, waste tires have been used in a variety of items including athletic surfaces, rubberized asphalt roads, playground surfaces, and for erosion control on trails. Peri Park in Fairfax has a playground surface made of waste tires, and the track field at Marin Catholic includes 376,000 pounds of rubber from old tires. Tire “chips” (called TDA or tire derived aggregate) have also been used for the installation of a new Septic System for the public restrooms in Point Reyes Station. TDA is one-third the weight of gravel and provides approximately 60% more air space (which is important in septic leach fields for aerobic activity).

For more information on the County of Marin Waste Tire Program and where you can take unwanted tires, visit www.marinwastetire.org

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To see how tires are managed in California, and a list of products you can purchase containing recycled tires, go to www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Tires/products. Information on other recycled content products can be viewed at www.ciwmb.ca.gov/RCP.

Avoid a fine: Used oil and filters are regulated as hazardous waste in California. Illegal disposal is punishable by $5,000 to $25,000 a day.

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Save Local Creeks – And the Bay – from sewage spills. Learn how below.

Privately owned “laterals” are the pipes that connect the drains in your home to the publicly-owned sewer pipes that run under the street. If these “laterals” are damaged or in disrepair, rainwater and groundwater will infiltrate them. In Marin County, at least 50% of the rainwater that enters the sewer pipes comes from privately owned laterals in disrepair. The rest is from houses and businesses that have their roof gutters and yard drains connected to the sanitary sewers. **Roof gutters – and yard and patio drains – should never be connected to the sanitary sewers.** If homeowners or businesses discover these drains are connected, they should remove the connections as soon as possible.

During winter rains, the flow at wastewater treatment plants (that ultimately accept whatever is in the sewer pipes) increases to up to 15 times the normal flow rates due to breaks and cracks in the “laterals” and/or sewer pipes.

As flows in the sewer pipes and at treatment plants increase, so does the likelihood of sewage flowing out of manholes and onto streets, and into creeks and the Bay.
Check with your local sewer district about cash incentives to repair your “laterals.”

By repairing or replacing privately owned laterals, homeowners can help to reduce overflows in the publicly owned sewer pipes and wastewater treatment plants. Check with your local agencies (see back cover) about cash incentives to repair your “laterals” and about installing backflow prevention devices.

**Keep creeks clean:** Auto fluids make up 12% of the illicit discharges to creeks and storm drains in Marin.

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Mulch is a protective layer of material placed on the surface of the soil – like leaves, straw, wood chips, etc. It can suppress weeds, reduce evaporation, help prevent erosion, and add nutrients to the soil.

Sheet mulching is just one mulching “secret” that can be used around existing plantings or in establishing a new garden site. If you have hard-pan or clay soil in the area you want to plant, sheet mulching can save you a lot of work. Learn more about the wonders of mulch by calling MCSTOPPP and asking for a free copy of “Gardens from Garbage: A Guide to Composting, Mulching and Grasscycling.”

Fallen leaves make good mulch and protect the soil from drying out.

Photo: Craig Solin
Now is the time to plant for Spring color!

Early Fall is an ideal time for planting! The cool weather and rainfall will help plants establish healthy root systems.

Consider planting native plants. Once established, they need little water, are more resistant to pests and diseases, and don’t require the use of toxic pesticides.

For a free booklet on native plants, call Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program at 499-6528 and ask for a copy of “GO NATIVE! Using Native Plants for your Yard, Patio and Creek.”

It’s the Law!: It’s illegal to toss motor oil – or filters – in the trash! By state law, oil and filters must be recycled. Free locations are listed on the back of this calendar!

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Methylmercury, the most toxic form of mercury, has been found in sediment and fish in San Francisco Bay. Elemental mercury can turn into methylmercury in the Bay's environment.

Some types of fish caught in the Bay contain methylmercury at concentrations that may threaten the health of people eating those fish. Methylmercury binds to muscle tissue and cannot be cooked out of fish. Your body will, however, excrete it over time if continued exposure is prevented.

In the case of methylmercury, fish size is important because large fish (e.g., shark or swordfish) that prey upon smaller fish can accumulate more of the chemical in their bodies. Generally, smaller fish have much lower accumulations of methylmercury.

For information on mercury and other toxins in fish, as well as fish consumption advisories and other useful information, go to www.oehha.ca.gov/fish.html
Maintain Your Vehicle And Avoid Pollution:

There are over 10,000 registered boats in Marin – all potential sources of water pollution from motor oil. For information about “green” boating practices, visit www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ccbndx.html

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To do our part to reduce the amount of all types of mercury – including methylmercury – from entering the Bay, we should consider the following:

- Take fluorescent lamps, compact fluorescent tubes (CFLs), thermometers, batteries, and nondigital thermostats to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facilities listed on the back cover.

- When you visit your dentist, ask how dental amalgam is disposed of in the office. Studies have shown that 31 tons of mercury is used every year in Dental Amalgam – for fillings in teeth that have cavities. When cavities need to be filled, request nonamalgam fillings and ask your dentist to properly dispose of any mercury stored in the office. Call the HHW facilities’ business line for disposal information (see back cover).

Most of the mercury present in sediment in the Bay came from old mining operations. It’s chemically converted to methylmercury by bacteria and fungi found in the Bay.

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Thanksgiving Day
When making New Year’s resolutions to keep YOUR body healthy, how about giving some additional attention to ANOTHER body: the body of water called the San Francisco Bay!

If every resident would do just one of the following things on a regular basis, it will make a difference—not only to the Bay, but to the 3,000 miles of creeks in Marin that drain into it:

1. Pick up at least one piece of litter every day! Litter left on streets can flow to storm drains and straight into the Bay.

2. Get back to basics! Use regular—not antibacterial—soap for handwashing. Avoid products with the active ingredient triclosan, a registered pesticide that accumulates in the bodies of humans and can be toxic to aquatic organisms.

3. Use fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) and dispose of them safely! Remember that CFLs contain some mercury so when you need to dispose of them, bring them to the household hazardous waste facility. (See back cover for locations.)

4. Get rid of your fat the right way—cooking fat, that is! Don’t pour fats, oils, and grease down indoor drains where they can clog pipes. Call 1-800-SAV-R-Bay for guidance—or call your local sanitation district.

5. Recycle used motor oil. A single oil change, dumped in a creek or storm drain, can pollute almost sixteen miles of creek. That’s like driving from the Golden Gate Bridge to Novato! If you change your own oil, recycle it at one of Marin’s free locations—just check the back cover!

Photo: Susan Van Der Wal

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**Ribbon from Holiday Packaging:** May look pretty to the human eye, but the sharp edges can sever legs of young birds or wrap around their necks. Mistaken for food, it can cut their intestines when eaten.

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USED OIL AND FILTER CONTACTS

The following locations accept used motor oil, filters, batteries, and antifreeze. Call center for hours of operation and quantities accepted. For more information, call 1-800-CLEANUP or visit www.CLEANUP.org

- Do NOT combine used oil and antifreeze in the same container.
- Do NOT mix the substances with any other materials. Doing so may make them can't be recycled.
- If your oil or antifreeze is contaminated with another substance, bring them to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

City | Name | Address | Phone | Key Code
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Mill Valley | Jiffy Lube | 374 Miller Avenue | 415-383-8416 | C O F B
Novato | Krug Auto Parts | 1400 S. Novato Blvd. | 415-897-3336 | C O B
Novato Recycling Center | 7576 Redwood Blvd. | 415-892-7344 | O F A B
Oil Changer | 153 Vintage Way | 415-387-9194 | O F C
Penncol 10-Minute Oil Change | 908 Debby Avenue | 415-898-5823 | C O F A B
Ron Oremelli Chevrolet | 2815 S. Novato Blvd. | 415-892-5336 | C O F A
San Rafael | Heyman's Auto Parts | 3155 Kenner Blvd. | 415-499-1234 | C O F A B
Krug Auto Parts | 75 N Bellam Blvd. | 415-456-5819 | C O F B
Krug Auto Parts | 1323 2nd Street | 415-454-2963 | C O F B
Marin Recycling | 565 Jacoby Street | 415-480-5648 | O F A B
Penncol 10-Minute Oil Change | 1524 Second Street | 415-457-5823 | C O F

OTHER COLLECTION CENTERS

City | Name | Address | Phone | Key Code
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Mill Valley | Mill Valley Refuse | 100 S. Fearing Blvd. | 415-457-9780 | O F
Novato | Novato Airport | 451A Airport Road | 415-897-1754 | O F B
San Rafael | Loch Lomond Marina | 110 Loch Lomond Drive | 415-454-7228 | O F B

*State Certified Collection Centers will pay you $.16 per gallon for your used oil upon request.

STORMWATER CONTACTS FOR LEGAL DISCHARGES

To report illegal discharges to storm drains, creeks, or wetlands, call the numbers below or report a complaint online at www.mcsopp.org. After normal business hours, call the County Sheriff’s non-emergency line at 499-7233.

Belvedere - 435-3638
County of Marin - 499-3748
Corte Madera - 627-5669
Fairfax - 498-2339
Larkspur - 927-5017
Mill Valley - 388-4033 Ext. 118
Novato - 899-2828
Ross - 453-2539
San Anselmo - 258-4616
San Rafael - 845-3342
Sausalito - 729-4192
Tiburon - 435-7254

FOR RECYCLING INFO: WWW.MARINRECYCLES.ORG

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND SANITARY DISTRICTS

Almonte Sanitary District - 385-8875
Alto Sanitary District - 388-3866
Bolinas Co. Public Utility - 388-1224
Central Marin Sanitation District - 459-1455
City of Belvedere - 435-3838
City of Mill Valley - 388-4033
City of Sausalito - 289-4111
County Sewer Maintenance District - 499-5524
Homes stead Sanitary District #1 - 388-7756
Lae Gallinas Water Sanitary District - 472-1734
Novato Sanitary District - 892-1694
North Marin Water District - 897-4133
Richardson Bay Sanitary District - 385-1345
San Rafael Sanitary District - 458-5122
Sanitary District #1 (Ross Valley) - 458-1122
Sanitary District #2 (Corte Madera) - 927-5057
Sanitary District #3 (Tiburon) - 435-1501
San Rafael Sanitary District - 454-4001
Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District - 332-5244
Service Agency of Southern Marin - 388-2402
Tamalpais Com. Serv. District - 388-6398

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES

Household hazardous waste like computer monitors, TVs, pesticides, paint, used oil, oil filters, fluorescent tubes, solvents, aerosol sprays, etc., can be properly managed free of charge through:

ALL OF MARIN (EXCEPT NOVATO)
(Funded by the Marin County unincorporated areas and all cities and towns except Novato)
565 Jacoby Street, San Rafael
Tel: 458-5745
Hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Items not accepted include: explosives, ammunition (call the police department), radioactive, compressed gas cylinders, (BCO) propane cylinders are accepted, and bio-waste. If you are unsure whether or not to bring an item, call first.

Satellite Sites - One day 40-car-by-appointment events will be held in West Marin at Bolinas, Point Reyes, and Woodacre throughout the year. Call for dates.

NOVATO ONLY
(Funded by Novato Sanitary District and the City of Novato)
7576 Redwood Blvd., Novato
Tel: 882-2734
The Novato Recycling Center accepts car and household batteries, fluorescent tubes, motor oil, oil filters, latex paint, and antifreeze.

GETTING RID OF SHARPS AND SYRINGES

“Sharps” (e.g., insulin needles) can be dropped off at the following locations. "Sharps must be in approved "sharps containers”."

- Costo Pharmacy
- Elephant Pharmacy
- Household Hazardous Waste Facilities
- Jack's Drug Store
- Kaiser Permanente Pharmacies: San Rafael, Novato
- Long's Drugs, Greenbrae, Marin City, Mill Valley, Novato, San Anselmo, San Rafael
- Marin General Hospital Emergency Department
- Marin Medical Pharmacy
- Novato Community Hospital Laboratory
- Pharmacy Integrative Pharmacies
- Ross Valley Pharmacy
- Safeway Pharmacies: Camino Alto, Luc Gallinas
- Walgreens Pharmacies: Mill Valley, San Rafael, San Anselmo
- West Marin Pharmacy

BUSINESS HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Businesses generating very small amounts of hazardous waste can use the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in San Rafael or Novato by appointment. A charge will apply at both facilities.

In San Rafael, call 458-5745.
In Novato, call 892-6395.

PHARMACEUTICALS

Dispose of over-the-counter drugs and medications properly. Visit www.marinrecycles.org or call Environmental Health at 499-6907 for drop-off locations.
Pests Bugging You?
Choose Products That Are Less Toxic to People and Pets
www.OURWATEROURWORLD.ORG

The first line of defense against pests should begin with prevention—not products. However, if you simply must buy a product, use the least toxic product available!

The following stores partner with MCSTOPPP in a program called "Our Water—Our World."

- BAYSIDE GARDEN CENTER
- FAIRFAX ACE LUMBER & HARDWARE
- GOODMAN BUILDING SUPPLY
- GREEN JEANS
- JACKSON'S HARDWARE
- O'DONNELL'S NURSERY
- ORCHARD SUPPLY HARDWARE/OSH
- PINI ACE HARDWARE
- SLOAT GARDEN CENTERS
- SUNNYSIDE NURSERY OF MARIN

Next time you visit one of the stores listed above, look for this sign next to pesticide products that are safer for people, pets, and the environment! These tags are placed beneath less toxic products as they are displayed on store shelves. They list the name of the "safer" product in the white area of the tag.

REMEMBER! What GOES in the garden DOESN'T stay in the garden! It's tracked into the house on shoes, pet paws, children's toys, etc.