

Zero Waste Guidelines

(Compost) (Recycle) (Waste)

Refer to 'Bay Cities Refuse Service' guidelines on bins and on SWC refrigerator

COMPOST – food; wet & food soiled paper napkins, plates & cups; wood & bamboo utensils.

When using SWC china, scrape food into compost bin – paper plates with food are all compostable.

NEW THIS YEAR: SWC STOCKS WOOD UTENSILS & PAPER PLATES AND CUPS – IN THE BASEMENT.

RECYCLE – hard plastics, bottles, jars, metal, tin/aluminum foil, clean-dry paper.

PLASTIC PLATES AND UTENSILS: MAY BE RECYCLED IF THEY ARE MOSTLY CLEAN – USE GOOD JUDGMENT.

Empty all containers & rinse if needed. **When in Doubt – Recycle**

TRASH (LANDFILL) – Zero Waste Marin by 2025 (required by Marin County Ordinance)

Non-compostable & non recyclable materials – things too greasy or filthy to put into recycling, filthy or wet soft plastic, plastic bags with paper labels, plastic not marked with a recycle triangle, cartons with plastic caps (because they are plastic-lined), **styrofoam - please, don't buy that!**

SOFT PLASTIC – store in the cylinder by the back door - must be clean and dry

Clear Plastic bags, plastic cling wrap, plastic packaging wrap – i.e. wrapping for paper towels & TP

When cylinder is full – stuff all soft plastic into ONE BAG for the recycle bin

HAZARADOUS WASTE – broken vases and drinking glasses, batteries, light bulbs

Red bin on the kitchen counter

KITCHEN BINS

FOR EVERYDAY & SMALL GATHERINGS	FOR EVENTS
3 small lidded cans: by the fridge	2 tall open bins: under counter by the sink
1 compost - foot pedal faces the auditorium	Compost
1 recycle - foot pedal faces the fridge	Recycle
1 landfill - foot pedal faces the fridge	1 on back porch: Trash

AUDITORIUM COMPOST BIN – compostables only – convenient for SWC Teas

BIN LINERS

KITCHEN Compost BINS LINERS - BioBags (light seafoam green) in the right-hand, lazy-susan

RECYCLE & TRASH BINS - NO LINERS - We are not buying or using trash bags. *Do Not use BioBags!*

Pacific Cleaning will wash and dry all kitchen bins once a week.

KITCHEN BIN CLEANUP AFTER AN EVENT

COMPOST: remove non-compostable items; empty into the outside bin; Reline with compost bags.

RECYCLE & TRASH: empty into the outside bins.

FYI - OUTSIDE LIGHT - on/off switch behind the refrigerator

FOR YOUR EVENTS

BEST PRACTICE – Use Existing Tableware. When washing plates and utensils don't run the tap water; use a tub of soapy water in the sink, and a rinse tub (*per California Dept. of Water Use & Efficiency.*)

2ND BEST – COMPOST

Composting returns nature's products to the earth for reuse & makes your clean-up simpler.

What composts? Choose PAPER, WOOD and BAMBOO. **

Others products, advertized as biodegradable or 100% compostable, ARE NOT ACTUALLY COMPOSTABLE.

These plant-based plastics are TRASH – they cannot be recycled or composted because they are a mix of plant and plastic.

Sustainability Starts at the Store

** Contact Sustainability CoChairs: Julie Carlson & Sue Currier when you need compostable items **