
Pollution Prevention Week
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Pollution Prevention

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MONDAY



First and Foremost, Don't Litter!

- Leaves, trash and grass clippings should be swept up and collected, not pushed in the storm drain.
- Make mulch and compost with yard waste.
- Pick up after your pet.
- Reduce fertilizer use.
- Recycle motor oil.
- Recycle household waste.

If you don't want to drink it, swim in it, or fish in it, don't put it in the water.

For more information, visit ...

Mill Valley Streamkeepers, <http://www.millvalleystreamkeepers.org/>

Disposal information for Marin, <http://zerowastemarin.org/zero-waste-101/hazardous-waste/>

Preventing Pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area, <http://www.savesfbay.org/>

Preventing Pollution at the Source, <http://baywise.org/>

Disposal of pesticides, <http://www.ourwaterourworld.org/>

WEF Brochure on Stormwater, <https://www.e-wef.org/Store/ProductDetails.aspx?productId=17865>



TUESDAY



It's a Toilet, Not a Trash!

Some things do not belong in the toilet. Do not flush items such as:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aquarium gravel• Baby diapers• Baby wipes• Bandages• Candy• Cigarette butts• Cleaning sponges• Cleaning wipes• Clothing labels• Cotton swabs• Dental floss• Disposable toilet brushes• Food wrappers• Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kitty litter• Make-up pads• Maxi pads and their wrappers• Medications• Plastic items• Rags• Rubber items• Sanitary napkins• Sticker backs• Syringes• Towels• Toys• Underwear• Whitening stripes
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Sewer Overflows are a Mess - Disposable Does Not Mean Flushable!

For more information, visit ...

Rethink What You Flush,

<http://www.cmsa.us/assets/documents/administrative/Rethink%20What%20You%20Flush%206-24-2010.pdf>

Preventing Pollution at the Source, <http://baywise.org/>

Household Waste Chart, <http://www.wefnet.org/EWEF/images/HP1906.pdf>

WEF Brochure on Toilet is not a Trashcan, <https://www.e-wef.org/Store/ProductDetails.aspx?productId=3094>

WEDNESDAY



Fluorescent bulbs and batteries contain mercury. Dispose them properly at the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Center.

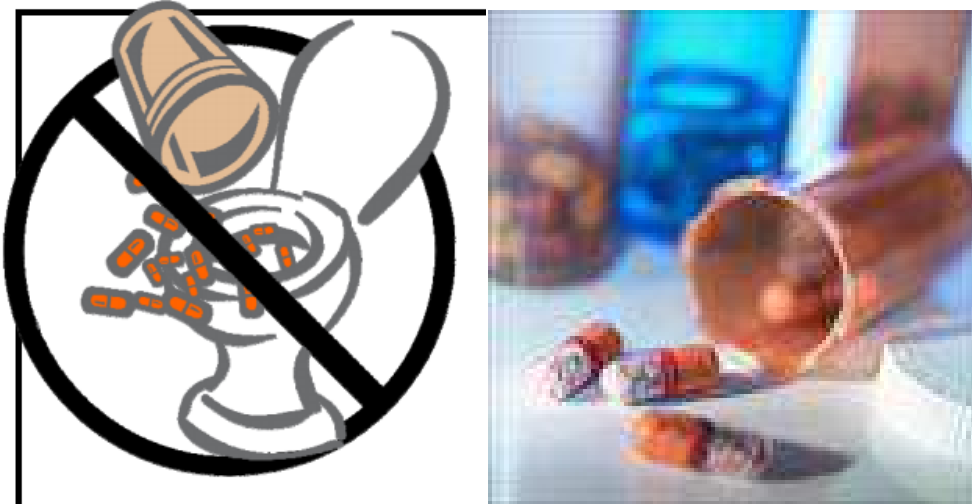
For more information, visit ...

<http://www.marincounty.org/depts/pw/divisions/mcstoppp>

<http://www.millvalleyrefuse.com/hazardous-wastes>

<http://www.marinsanitary.com/customer-service/recycling-information-directory/marin-sanitary-service/marin-household-hazardous-waste>

THURSDAY



Protect the Environment – Don't Flush or Trash Unused Medications!
Take them to your local household hazardous waste for proper disposal.

For more information, visit ...

<http://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/environmental-health-services/medical-waste>

<http://www.marincounty.org/depts/pw/divisions/mcstoppp>

California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov>

More Ideas, Less Waste, <http://earth911.com/>

WEF Brochure on Disposal of Medications, <https://www.e-wef.org/Store/ProductDetails.aspx?productId=3090>

FRIDAY



FATS	OILS	GREASE
<i>Solid at room temperature</i>	<i>Liquid at room temperature</i>	<i>Turns to liquid during cooking, but solidifies when cooled</i>
Butter, shortening, margarine Peanut butter Meat trimmings Uncooked poultry skin Dairy: Cheeses, milk, cream, sour cream, ice cream	Vegetable oil Canola oil Olive oil Corn oil Salad dressings Cooking oils	Gravy Mayonnaise Melted meat fat Bacon and sausage Boiled poultry skin Salad dressing



Keep our sewers safe from Fats, Oils and Grease!

Fats, oils, and greases aren't just bad for arteries and waistlines; they're bad for sewers, too.

Cooking fats, oil, and grease will block drains and sewers, causing backups and possibly costly drain cleaning. So don't put them down the drain! Prevent raw sewage backups into your home, your streets, and the Bay.

Did you know you can recycle large quantities of turkey fryer oil and cooking grease? To find a recycle locations go to <http://baywise.org/>.

Here are tips for properly handling your cooking oil and fat and grease:

- Never pour fats, oil, or grease down drains, even if you have a garbage disposal.
- Pour cooking oil and grease into a sealable container with an absorbent such as paper garbage and discard with your other garbage.

- Recycle large amounts of grease or cooking oil (including from deep fryers) at Bay Area grease recycling locations (baywise.org).
- Use food strainers in kitchen sinks to catch food particles and scrape leftover food waste into the garbage or compost container instead of the garbage disposal.



- Since 2001, the California Fats, Oils, and Grease work group (Cal FOG) has increased regulatory focus on FOG-related sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). The work group strive to prevent, reduce and mitigate grease related sanitary sewer blockages and overflows (SSOs) in wastewater collection systems.

For more information, visit...

California Fats, Oils, and Grease work group, <http://www.calfog.org/>

Preventing Pollution at the Source, <http://baywise.org/>

WEF Brochure on FOG , <https://www.e-wef.org/Store/ProductDetails.aspx?productId=3080>