

MOUNTAIN VIEW RECYCLING resource

WORKING TOWARDS **ZERO WASTE** ■ January 2017



COMING IN JULY! FOOD SCRAPS PROGRAM

The City Council recently approved a Citywide Food Scraps Collection Program for residents with curbside service (individual carts.) Beginning July 2017:

- A kitchen collection pail with instructional brochure and small supply of compostable pail liners will be delivered to residents on curbside service.
- After receipt of these supplies, residents may begin placing food scraps (food and food-soiled paper) in the yard trimmings cart, with or without a compostable or paper bag (no plastic bags).
- Residents in rowhouses or townhomes without yard carts may request a small 24-gallon cart for food scraps. Sorry, these carts are not available for homes that already have a yard trimmings cart.
- Yard trimming/food collection will change to a weekly schedule.
- Garbage collection will remain on a weekly schedule.
- Recycling collection will remain on an every-other-week schedule.



NEW ONLINE SEARCH TOOL



MountainView.gov/WhatGoesWhere

- Learn **What Goes Where** to recycle, compost or dispose. Item not listed? Make a suggestion!

MountainView.gov/MySchedule

- Check **My Schedule** for collection days, holidays, or set up service reminders.
- Report missed pickups, service issues, and more.
- Access the online tool at mountainview.gov/recycle.
- Search for "Recology" in iPhone or Google app stores.



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CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

MATERIALS RECOVERY IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

SMART STATION

Ever wonder what happens to Mountain View's garbage, recycling and yard trimmings? Our system is a bit unique. Recology collects these materials and delivers them to the Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer (SMaRT) Station. Created through a partnership of the cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale, the SMaRT Station® is one of the largest and most efficient materials recovery facilities in the United States. It is not a landfill. In fact, the purpose of this sorting and transfer station is to prevent valuable resources from ending up in the landfill.

RECOVERY FROM GARBAGE

Recyclable material is pulled from the garbage through mechanical and manual sorting. On average, SMaRT diverts 25 to 30 percent of garbage received. Remaining garbage is taken to Kirby Canyon Landfill in San Jose. But please keep sorting your recyclables, as the sorters and equipment can't capture everything and cleaner materials have a higher resale value.

RECYCLING

Recyclable materials collected from residents and businesses are sorted and prepared to ship to market. The revenue produced helps reduce the cost of providing the service.

YARD TRIMMINGS

Yard trimmings are processed and shipped to a composting facility. Finished compost is available to residents at no charge (see page 8).

MOUNTAIN VIEW RECYCLING CENTER

For the convenience of residents, the City's recycling center is located at 935 Terra Bella Avenue and is operated by Recology. This State certified redemption center allows residents to receive return deposits on beverage bottles and cans. Redeeming containers at this particular recycling center keeps revenues working for your community. The City receives additional money from the State redemption fund and Recology receives the salvage value of the materials. The additional revenues are returned to the utility fund to help keep trash rates low. The Center also accepts many other recyclables during drop-off hours and sells extra garbage tags. See page 8 for details.

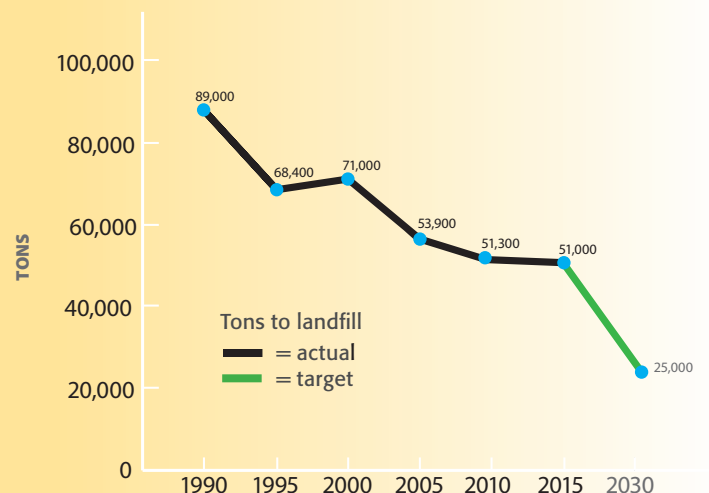
FOOD SCRAPS COMPOSTING

Nearly 6,500 tons of food scraps and food-soiled paper are collected annually from businesses in Mountain View. These materials are taken directly to a composting facility and turned into valuable soil amendments. Residential food scraps collection will begin in July 2017.



What is Zero Waste?

Zero Waste is a philosophy that embraces not only our traditional ideas about reduce, reuse, and recycle, but also modern ideas about considering the entire life-cycle of products, processes and systems to eliminate "waste." A Zero Waste Plan is under development. The plan will analyze the diversion potential of various programs and strategies, resulting in quantifiable goals to keep us on track to Zero Waste. The chart illustrates the City's past progress in reducing landfill disposal and a look at where a zero waste strategy could take us.



UPCOMING EVENTS

GARAGE SALE

At Your Home

Saturday, May 6, 2017, 8 am to 2 pm

- Hold a sale at your home or coordinate a block sale or fundraiser
- Free newspaper advertising for sellers
- Buyers can search online for sale items and locations
- Maps available May 5 online and at select locations
- Registration open March 1–April 24. Register online at mountainview.gov/garagesale. For more information call (650) 903-6227.



COMMUNITY YARD SALE

At Rengstorff Park (201 S. Rengstorff)

Saturday, May 20, 2017, 8 am to 2 pm

- Over 100 vendors in one location
- Admission free to buyers—sellers register to rent space for a small fee
- Registration open March 1–April 24. Register online at mountainview.gov/yardsale. For more information call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.



HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue Multi-Purpose Room A

**Saturday, May 6 and Saturday, October 7
10 a.m. to noon**

Attend a workshop and learn:

- Basics of backyard and worm composting
- Keys to building, harvesting and using your soil
- Tools needed for composting

Compost bins available for purchase

Registration required. Visit ucanr.edu/compost or call the Rotline (408) 918-4640



CONTACT US

Garbage and Recycling Collection Services

**Recology Mountain View
(650) 967-3034**

RecologyMountainView.com

- Missed pickups
- Service questions
- Clean up and bulky good collection services
- Business recycling
- Debris/Recycling boxes
- Recycling Center
- Larger or extra carts

Utility and Garbage Billing

**City Finance Department
(650) 903-6317**

- Start, stop or change accounts
- Billing inquiries
- Extra garbage tags

Recycling and Zero Waste Program

**Public Works Department
(650) 903-6311**

**MVrecycle.org
recycle@mountainview.gov**

- Resource newsletter
- Recycling questions
- Event details

SMaRT Station

**301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale
(408) 752-8530**

- Self-haul disposal (fees apply)
- Recycling Center
- Compost availability (free, limits apply)
- Tours



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SINGLE-FAMILY SERVICE

Where to Set Out Carts

Set out all carts by 7 am on collection day with wheels against the curb. Leave at least 18 inches between carts, and keep away from over-hanging items like trees, balconies and basketball hoops. Remove carts no later than next day and store carts out of street view (inside garage, behind fence or hedge). No carts on top of curb unless there is no room on street due to parked cars.



Leave 18-24 inches between carts

HAVE EXTRA GARBAGE?

Purchase extra garbage tags for \$6 from most local Safeway or Nob Hill stores, the Mountain View Public Library, City Hall (Finance Department, 2nd floor), or the Mountain View Recycling Center (weekdays 9-11 am and 2-4 pm). Attach one tag to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.

How to Recycle

Mixed Paper

Place in paper side of split cart (grey lid).

Cardboard

Flatten all cardboard. Place small pieces on paper side of split cart. Cut or fold large pieces to 3' x 3', tie or tape bundles, and place next to cart. Take large amounts of cardboard to Mountain View Recycling Center (see page 8).

Household Batteries/Cell Phones

To reduce risk of fire, tape positive (+) end, seal in bag (available from Recology), set on top of cart. Place cell phones in separate, clear bag.

Mixed Containers

Place in container side of split cart (blue lid).

Motor Oil and Filters

Put used motor oil in clear, one-gallon, plastic jug with screw-top lid. Put filters in clear, resealable plastic bag. Jugs and bags available from Recology.

Used Cooking Oil

Put in a clear plastic bottle or jug with screw-top lid and set on curb next to recycling cart.

EXTRA RECYCLING

Set out no more than 2 extra containers of recycling next to cart—cans and bottles in one paper bag or box and paper in another. No plastic bags please. If you regularly have extra recycling, order a larger or second cart.

Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs)

Place in clear, resealable plastic bag and set on curb next to recycling cart (no tubes).

EXTRA YARD TRIMMINGS

On your regular yard trimmings collection day, you may set out no more than 2 extra containers of yard trimmings. Use large paper lawn and leaf bags (available at home, hardware and garden stores) or plastic cans. Limit 32-gallons and 50 pounds per container. No metal cans or plastic bags please. If you regularly have extra trimmings, order a larger or second cart.



What goes where? See page 6 of the *Resource* for guide or search online at MountainView.gov/WhatGoesWhere

MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE

How to Recycle

Multi-family complexes share group carts for recycling—tan carts for paper and cardboard and grey carts for containers.

Containers

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, jugs and tubs, metal cans and lids, and cartons in the grey cart. No plastic bags.



Paper

Place newspaper, mixed paper and food boxes in the tan cart.

Cardboard

Flatten all cardboard.
Place small pieces in the tan cart.
Cut or fold large pieces to no larger than 3' x 3', tie or tape bundles, and place next to cart.
Some complexes have white Cardboard Only bins. If you don't have a bin, take large amounts of cardboard to Mountain View Recycling Center (see page 8).

Buddy Bags

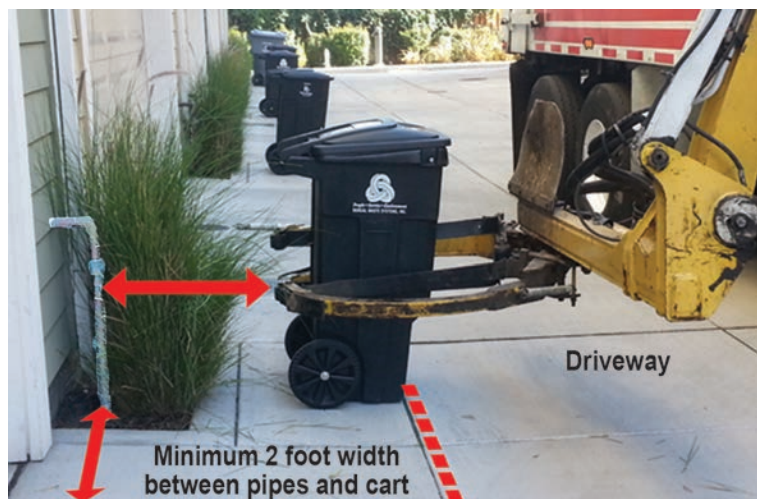
Specially designed bags are available for residents to carry sorted recyclables to shared carts. Property representatives should call Recology to inquire about how to obtain free bags.



ROW HOUSES

Where to Set Out Carts

- Row houses are single-family homes typically attached to each other with common walls, or slightly separated. Garages usually face a narrow private drive.
- Check your CCRs for the specified collection location, especially for units on dead-end drives.
- Do not place carts within a 20 foot wide drive aisle. Carts should be placed in front of garages or to the side (2 feet from any pipes).
- Carts must be stored in garages (or side yards if available) at all other times.



Safety First!

Many rowhouse and townhome developments have small landscape strips located between garages. Sometimes water and gas lines are located in these areas. Please be careful when placing carts out for service, as the collection truck lifting arm can accidentally hit and damage these pipes. Allow at least 2 feet of clearance between your cart and any pipes.

WHAT GOES WHERE

Recycling cart

CONTAINERS

Blue lid side of split cart

Grey cart at multi-family

- Aluminum cans and foil
- Glass bottles and jars (no other glass)
- Metal cans and lids (no other metals)
- Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, and lids (no clamshells or other plastic)
- Cartons (refrigerated and shelf-stable)



Unsure if it's recyclable?

Search online at MountainView.gov/WhatGoesWhere

PAPER

Grey lid side of split cart

Tan cart at multi-family

- All paper must be free of food residue
- Catalogs and junk mail
- Cereal/food/shoe boxes
- Gift wrap (no metallic)
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Manila folders
- Paperback books (no hardbacks)
- Paper bags
- Phone books
- Receipts



Garbage cart

- Any paper soiled by food or beverage
- Aerosol cans*
- Black plastic
- Ceramics and porcelain
- Clamshells
- Diapers and pet waste (bagged)
- Egg cartons (paper or foam)
- Frozen food boxes*
- Juice pouches
- Mirrors, window glass, Pyrex
- Paper cups, plates, napkins, towels
- Pizza boxes
- Photographs
- Plastic bags, film and wrap*
- Plastic cups, plates, utensils
- Plastic planter pots*
- Pots and pans (and other metal)*
- Snack wrappers and papers
- Styrofoam™ of any kind
- Tyvek or padded envelopes
- Waxed paper



* These items with limited recycling markets are accepted at Mountain View Recycling Center during drop-off hours (page 8). Residents only, bring ID.

Yard trimmings cart

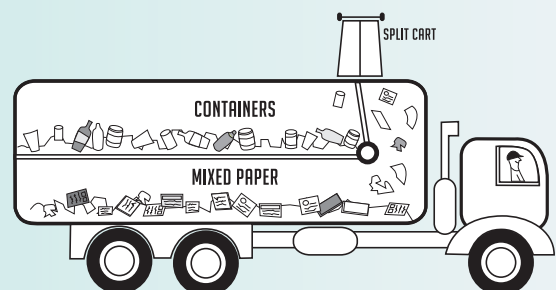
- Branches and prunings under 4' long and 6" in diameter
- Flower bouquets and plants
- Grass, leaves and weeds

No bamboo canes, cactus, ice plants, palm fronds, yucca



SPLIT RECYCLING – SPLIT TRUCK

Yes, we really do keep your recyclables separated during collection and processing! Why do we ask you to separate? Cleaner recyclables bring a higher market price, which helps to keep utility rates lower. When you set out your recycling cart, make sure wheels are against curb so materials enter proper compartment. Each compartment is unloaded separately at the SMaRT Station.



WHERE TO RECYCLE

THE KEY	CURBSIDE SERVICE		DROP OFF SERVICE			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Accepts the listed material # Appointment required, call Recology □ Accepted in On Call Plus, appointment required (apartments, call Recology for fee service) \$ Fee required, call for pricing (SMaRT fee waived for residents using On Call Plus Voucher) 	SPLIT CART SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES	GROUP CARTS MULTI-FAMILY HOMES	MOUNTAIN VIEW RECYCLING CENTER (SEE PAGE 8)	SMART STATION (SEE PAGE 8)	COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM (SEE PAGE 11)	TAKE-BACK LOCATIONS (SEE PAGE 11)
CONTAINERS						
Cartons (milk, juice, soy, soup)	■	■	■	■		
Glass bottles and jars	■	■	■	■		
Metal cans and lids	■	■	■	■		
Plastic bottles and tubs	■	■	■	■		
PAPER						
Cardboard	■	■	■	■		
Mixed paper	■	■	■	■		
ORGANICS						
Christmas Trees	■	■ #		■ \$		
Yard Trimmings (no food)	■		■ #	■ \$		
ELECTRONICS (E-WASTE)						
Batteries (household)	■		■	■		■
Cell phones	■		■	■		
Misc. electronics (computers, printers, VCR/DVD players)	□	□	■	■		
Televisions	□	□	■	■		
OTHER						
Appliances—Large (air conditioners, refrigerators)	□	□		■ \$		
Appliances—Medium (washer, water heater, stove)	□	□	■ #	■ \$		
Appliances—Small (counter-top size appliances)	□	□	■ #	■		
Auto batteries				■		
Cooking oil/grease	■		■	■		
Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)	■		■	■	■	■
Fluorescent light tubes				■	■	■
Furniture	□	□		■ \$		
Mattresses	□	□	■	■		
Motor oil and filters	■			■		■
Passenger car tires (limit four)	□	□		■ \$		
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE						
Medicine					■	■
Paint				■	■	■
Other household hazardous waste					■	
Sharps (hypodermic needles)				■	■	■

RECYCLING CENTERS

MOUNTAIN VIEW RECYCLING CENTER

935 Terra Bella Avenue • (650) 967-3034
RecologyMountainView.com

OPERATING HOURS

Buy-back Center: Tuesday–Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm

Drop Off: Monday–Friday, 8 am to 4 pm
Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm

BUY BACK CENTER

Redeem California Redemption Value (CRV) bottles and cans for cash during buy-back hours.

PREPAID GARBAGE TAGS AND VOUCHERS

Purchase extra garbage tags or pick up clean-up program exchange vouchers weekdays from 9 to 11 am and 2 to 4 pm.

DROP OFF RECYCLING

The following items are accepted during drop off hours. Residents only, bring ID.

Curbside Recyclables

- Everything that is accepted in the curbside program, except motor oil (see pages 4 and 6 for accepted items)

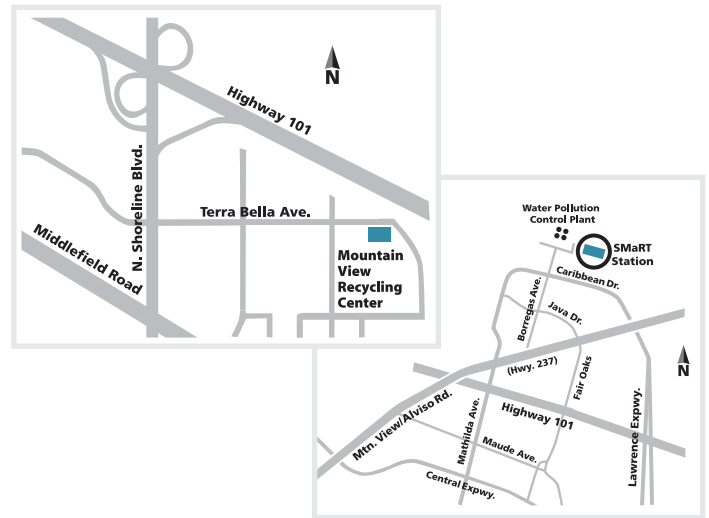
Other Recyclables

Leave these items with the attendant (items marked with an asterisk* have limited recycling markets so are not guaranteed to be recycled):

- Aerosol cans* (empty)
- Clothing and shoes for donation
- E-waste – computers, monitors, printers, TVs, etc.
- Film plastic* (bread bags, dry cleaner bags, bubble wrap, zip lock bags, etc.) – bundle pieces inside a plastic bag
- Frozen food boxes and other waxed paperboard*
- Metal scrap less than 6 feet long (pots, pans, trays, utensils, tools and other small all-metal items)
- Rigid plastics* – pails, buckets, plant pots, etc.
- Textiles* – unusable clothes, sheets, blankets, towels

Large Items (you must call ahead)

- Appliances – no full size fridge or freezer
- Mattresses and box springs
- Plastic children's toys – slides, climbers, etc.
- Wood and lumber – clean only, no painted or treated wood
- Yard trimmings



SMART STATION

301 Carl Road • (408) 752-8530
SMaRT.inSunnyvale.com

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to processing collected garbage, recycling and yard trimmings, the Station has a CRV buy-back center, a recycling drop-off area and accepts debris from the public (fees apply).

OPERATING HOURS

Daily 7 days a week, 8 am to 5 pm

BUY BACK CENTER

Redeem California Redemption Value (CRV) bottles and cans for cash.

DROP OFF SERVICES

See table on page 7 for list of items accepted at the recycling center free of charge, including mattresses.

RE-USE TRAILER

Take home items rescued from cleanup programs for free. Located in the Recycling Center area.

FREE COMPOST

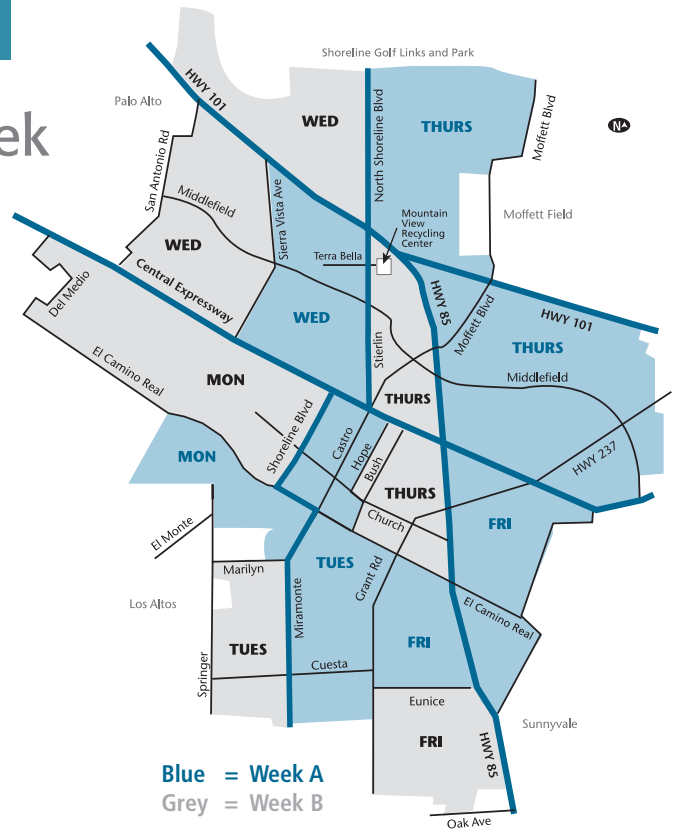
For pick up by residents (bring ID and containers – shovel available). Limits apply, call first to check supply.



2017 CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Collection Day & Recycling Week

Garbage is collected weekly. Recycling and yard trimmings are collected every other week. To find your collection day and recycling week, locate your neighborhood on map and note collection day and color. Match color to the calendar for recycling week. Blue = Week A and Grey = Week B. *Example: on Church Street between Hope and Castro, garbage day is every Tuesday and recycling is Week A.* Schedules for homes and apartments can also be found at MountainView.gov/MySchedule (sign up to receive a reminder!)



HOLIDAYS

Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 23), Christmas (December 25) and New Year (January 1). If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week.

YARD TRIMMINGS COLLECTION

Starting in July yard trimmings collection will be weekly instead of every other week and food scraps will be included. Notices will be delivered to homes prior to the start of the program.



EVENTS

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

8 am – 2 pm. Details on page 3

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YARD SALE (RENGSTORFF PARK)

8 am – 2 pm. Details on page 3

MAY
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CONFIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING

8 am – Noon. Bring proof of residency, limit 5 bags or boxes. SMaRT Station, 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale. Call (408) 752-8530 or (650) 903-6311 for information.

MAR 18 **JUL** 22 **NOV** 4

HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

10 am – Noon, Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue Multi-Purpose Room A Register at ucanr.edu/compost or (408) 918-4640. Dates and locations in other cities available

MAY 6 **OCT** 7



CLEAN UP PROGRAMS

On Call Plus

Eligible residents may schedule three (3) free appointments each year, to set out extra trash, recycling or yard trimmings PLUS up to three bulky items, such as appliances or furniture. This program is not available to apartments (fee service can be arranged with Recology).

Call Recology at **(650) 967-3034** to schedule an appointment and follow the set out guidelines illustrated below. Visit **MVrecycle.org** for a detailed list of accepted items.

HOW-TO SET OUT

Group items for collection by different trucks—recycling, yard trimmings, trash and bulky goods.

Set out up to 3 bulky items.



Contain loose items in boxes, bags and bundles that each weigh no more than 50 pounds and 4 feet in length. Place all items in an area no larger than 8 feet long by 4 feet high and 4 feet wide.

VOUCHERS

On Call appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul items directly to the SMaRT Station (see map page 8). Each voucher is good for one vehicle entrance. Call Recology to request voucher one week in advance.



Bin for a Day

Have a clean-up project that is too small for a debris box? For a fee, Recology will deliver a 4-yard dumpster to your property. You load it up—they pick it up (within 7 days of delivery). This service is available to all residents and businesses.

RecycleMyJunk

Want someone else to do your clean-up? For a fee, Recology can do the heavy lifting and removal for you! Call Recology for an estimate.

Re-Use Organizations

Before you throw it out, repair it or see if someone else can use it! In addition to the annual City-wide Garage Sale (see page 3), Goodwill and Salvation Army, try these resources:

NextDoor.com: Offer your items for free or sale to nearby neighbors

ExcessAccess.org: Links donations of business and household items with the wish-lists of nearby non-profits that can provide pick-ups or accept drop-offs.

Fogster.com: Offers free classified ads in conjunction with local newspaper *Mountain View Voice*.

Freecycle.org: Everything posted must be offered free of charge. Search the site for the local groups, each is moderated by a local volunteer and is free to join.

Habitat.org/restores: Habitat for Humanity ReStores accept donations of household goods, appliances, furniture, and building supplies.

Repair Café: Visit a local Repair Café event to get help fixing electronic devices and small appliances like toasters and blenders, and mending clothes. For the next event date and



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location visit **RepairCafe.org**. Repair Café is a volunteer-run community service.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Take-Back Locations

PAINT

PaintCare.org operates a paint stewardship program to ensure convenient recycling locations for paint products. Returning your paint through this program saves the City money. For a full list of accepted products and take back locations, visit **hhw.org**. Stores accept up to 5 gallons of leftover paint (latex, oil, coatings, primer, stain, varnish). Calling ahead is recommended.

Dunn-Edwards
1949 W. El Camino Real
(650) 964-4526

Kelly Moore
180 E. El Camino Real
(650) 964-5220

Orchard Supply
2555 Charleston Road
(650) 691-2000

Kelly Moore
411 Fairchild Drive
(650) 961-0750



FLUORESCENT BULBS AND BATTERIES

These retailers have partnered with the Household Hazardous Waste Program to make disposal of bulbs and batteries easier for residents.

CFLs, tubes and household batteries all accepted at these locations:

Blossom True Value Hardware
1297 W. El Camino Real
(650) 964-7871

Orchard Supply
2555 Charleston Road
(650) 691-2000

Bruce Bauer Lumber & Supply
134 San Antonio Circle
(650) 948-1089

CFLs and tubes only at this location:

Stanford Electric
126 San Antonio Circle
(650) 323-4139

Household batteries only at these locations:

Best Buy
2460 E. Charleston Rd.
(650) 903-0591

Target
555 Showers Drive
(650) 965-7764

MEDICATIONS



Mountain View Police and Fire Administration
Main Lobby
1000 Villa Street
Open daily
7 am–7 pm

Valley Health Center
Main Lobby
660 S. Fair Oaks Avenue, Sunnyvale
Monday–Thursday, 8:30 am–9 pm
Friday, 8:30 am–5 pm
Saturday, 9 am–1 pm

West Valley Sheriff Station
1601 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino
(408) 868-6600
Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm

Visit **hhw.org** for a full list of medication drop-off locations

By Appointment Drop Off

Please dispose of hazardous waste properly by making an appointment at a free drop-off event. **NEVER** place any hazardous waste in garbage or recycling. Doing so puts workers who sort materials at the SMaRT Station at risk. The program is funded by Mountain View and other cities for residents' convenience. Appointments required. To find a location and schedule an appointment, call **(408) 299-7300** or visit **hhw.org**.

ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Batteries (household only)
- Fire extinguishers
- Flares
- Fluorescent bulbs and tubes; LEDs
- Hypodermic needles
- Medicine (use take-back locations when possible)
- Paint (use take-back locations when possible)
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Propane canisters/tanks
- Smoke detectors
- Solvents
- Thermometers
- Thermostats



MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS

Visit **hhw.org** for a list of certified used oil collection centers.



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This Guide Available in Multiple Languages

Esta guía anual está a su disposición en español. Por favor llame al Programa de Reciclaje y Zero Waste al (650)903-6311.

Такое ежегодное руководство о переработке мусора доступно и на русском языке. Позвоните, пожалуйста, в городскую программу «Переработка мусора и нулевые отходы (Recycling and Zero Waste Program)» по телефону (650) 903-6311.

这本年度回收指南有中文版。请致电回收和零废弃项目 (Recycling and Zero Waste Program) (650) 903-6311

RECYCLING WON'T FIT IN YOUR SPLIT CART?

- If you occasionally have extra recycling, you may place two extra small boxes or paper bags of recycling next to your cart on collection day. Place mixed containers in one box or bag and mixed paper in another box or bag.
- If you regularly have extra recycling, call Recology at **(650) 967-3034** to inquire about a larger or second recycling cart (free of charge).