

# MOUNTAIN VIEW RECYCLING resource

WORKING TOWARDS **ZERO** WASTE ■ WINTER 2016

## OUR NEW LOOK!

We hope you like our new newsletter and schedule. The Mountain View **Recycling Resource** is now delivered to your home twice per year, and will no longer be bundled with the City's *View* newsletter and *Recreation Guide*. This Winter edition will serve as an annual service guide. It contains all the information you need to manage your garbage, recycling and yard trimmings throughout the year, so please keep this edition for future reference. A shorter Summer edition will provide only current news—saving paper, and printing and postage costs. All the information in the **Resource**, as well as much more, can be found on our website at **MVrecycle.org**.

## Recycling Information Available in Multiple Languages

¿Necesita información sobre el reciclaje en un idioma distinto al inglés? Podemos proporcionar algunas de nuestras publicaciones en español. Por favor vea la hoja de información de contacto del Programa de Reciclaje y Cero Residuo (Recycling and Zero Waste Program) en la página 2.

С некоторыми нашими публикациями о переработке мусора при необходимости можно ознакомиться и на русском языке. Для этого обратитесь в городскую программу «Переработка отходов и безотходное производство» (Recycling and Zero Waste Program). Контактная информация на стр. 2.

您需要英语以外语言的回收资讯吗？我们可以提供一些中文出版物。请参见第 2 页上的回收和零废物项目 (Recycling and Zero Waste Program) 联系信息。

Now you can check your service day, holiday schedule and sign up for collection reminders using our new widget!

Visit **www.MVrecycle.org** and click on "Collection Schedules."



## CARTON RECYCLING

Beverage cartons can now be recycled curbside. Although they are made primarily of paper, recycle them with your other metal, glass and plastic containers. Place them in the container side (blue lid) of your split cart or in the grey cart if you have group recycling.

### WHAT IS A CARTON?

Cartons are easy to recognize and come in shelf-stable or refrigerated forms and are typically used for milk products, soy milk, egg substitutes, soup and juice.



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## 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 boxes
- Recycling Center

### 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

## GARAGE SALE

### At Your Home

**Saturday, May 14,**  
**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 13 online and at select locations
- Registration open March 7–April 29. Register online at **mountainview.gov/garagesale** or pick up a form at City Hall or the Community Center. Call **(650) 903-6227** for more information.



## COMMUNITY YARD SALE

### At Rengstorff Park (201 S. Rengstorff)

**Saturday, May 21, 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 7–April 29. To get a registration form, go to **mountainview.gov/yardsale** or drop by the Community Center. Call the Recreation Division at **(650) 903-6331** for more information.



## Recycling Symbols are not Indicators of Recyclability

Those triangle and number symbols printed on many plastics are not technically recycling symbols. They are manufacturer's resin identification codes that identify the type of plastic resin the product is made of. The triangle and number does NOT indicate if the plastic item is recyclable in Mountain View's curbside recycling program. The number has no meaning other than identifying the primary resin in the plastic. So, how do you know if an item is recyclable? Look at the shape: recycle any plastic bottle, jug or tub. These items are made from similar plastics and can be recycled together in your curbside cart. Do not recycle film plastic, plastic packaging, clam shells or frozen food trays.

# 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.

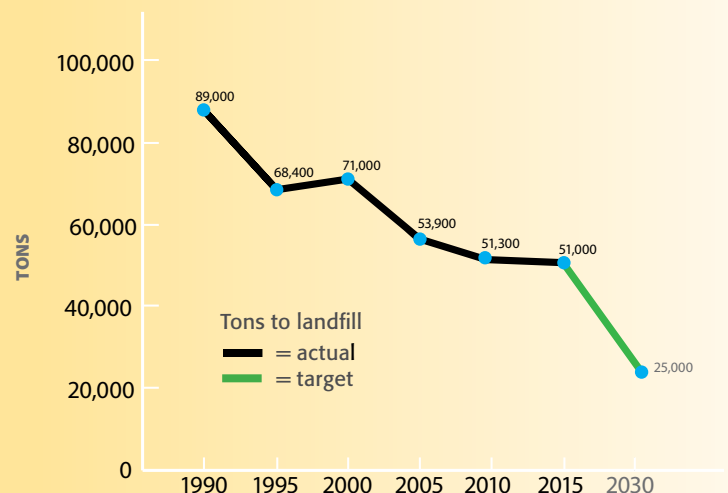
## COMMERCIAL FOOD SCRAPS COMPOSTING

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. See page 12 for information about a residential food scraps pilot.



## 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.



## 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 and balconies. 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 stickers for \$5 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 to 11 am and 2 to 4 pm). Attach one sticker 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).

### 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.

### 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.

### Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs)

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

### Fall Leaf Collection

To assist residents with fall leaf cleanup, yard trimming carts will be collected weekly between October 10 and December 16. During this time, you may set out your cart weekly on your garbage day.



### 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.

## MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE

### How to Recycle

Multi-family complexes have 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 their proper 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 row house 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 and jugs (no clamshells or other plastic)
- Cartons (refrigerated and shelf-stable)



### 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
- 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).

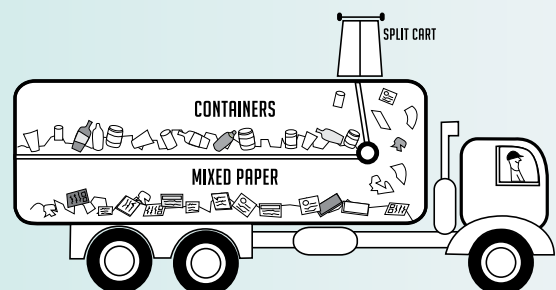
## Yard trimmings cart

- 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 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"> <li>■ Accepts the listed material</li> <li># Appointment required, call Recology</li> <li>□ Accepted in On Call Plus, appointment required (apartments, call Recology for fee service)</li> <li>\$ Fee required, call for pricing (SMaRT fee waived for residents using On Call Plus Voucher)</li> </ul>	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 8)	RETAIL TAKE-BACK LOCATIONS (SEE PAGE 8)
<b>CONTAINERS</b>						
Cartons (milk, juice, soy, soup)	■	■	■	■		
Glass bottles and jars	■	■	■	■		
Metal cans and lids	■	■	■	■		
Plastic bottles and tubs	■	■	■	■		
<b>PAPER</b>						
Cardboard	■	■	■	■		
Mixed paper	■	■	■	■		
<b>ORGANICS</b>						
Christmas Trees	■	■ #		■ \$		
Yard Trimmings (no food)	■		■ #	■ \$		
<b>ELECTRONICS (E-WASTE)</b>						
Batteries (household)	■		■	■		■
Cell phones	■		■	■		
Misc. electronics (computers, printers, VCR/DVD players)	□	□	■	■		
Televisions	□	□	■	■		
<b>OTHER</b>						
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)	□	□		■ \$		
<b>HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE</b>						
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.

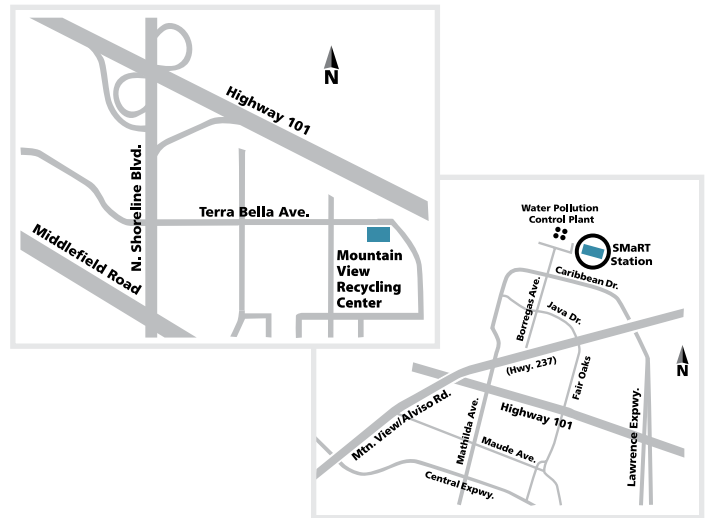
### EXTRA GARBAGE STICKERS AND VOUCHERS

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

### DROP OFF SERVICES

All items accepted in the curbside program can also be brought to the recycling center. In addition, the center accepts some hard-to-recycle items\* that are not included in the curbside program (due to limited markets, we do not guarantee these items will be recycled). Please do not leave these items at the center after hours.

- Aerosol cans\* (empty)
- Appliances—no full size fridge or freezer (call ahead)
- Compact fluorescent bulbs—no tubes (take limited quantities to SMaRT)
- Clothing and shoes for donation
- Cooking oil, used—in clear plastic bottle or jug with screw-top lid
- E-waste—computers, monitors, printers, TVs, etc.
- Film plastic\* (bread bags/dry cleaner bags, bubble wrap, plastic packaging wrap, zip lock bags, cereal box liners, shrink wrap)—please bundle plastic together
- Frozen food boxes\* and other waxed paperboard
- Household batteries—in clear plastic bags, tape terminals
- Mattresses and box springs (fees apply)
- Plastic children's toys\*—slides, climbers, etc. (call ahead)
- Rigid plastics\*—pails, buckets, plant pots, etc.
- Scrap metal less than 6 feet long—pots, pans, trays, utensils, tools and other small all-metal items
- Textiles\*—unusable clothes, sheets, blankets, towels
- Wood and lumber—clean only, no painted or treated wood (call ahead)
- Yard trimmings (call ahead)



## 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.

### RE-USE TRAILER

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

### FREE COMPOST AND MULCH

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

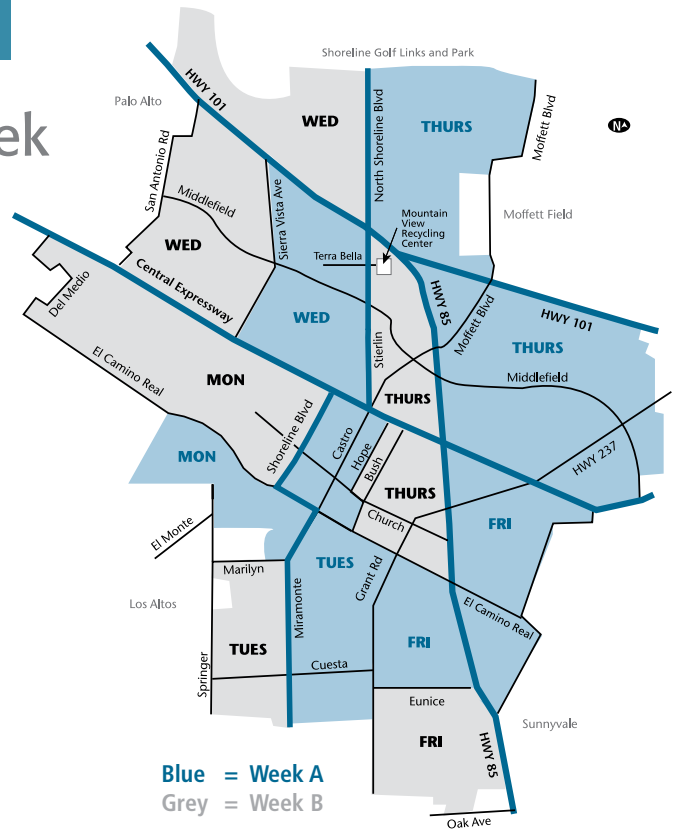




# 2016 CURBSIDE COLLECTION

## 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 [MVrecycle.org](http://MVrecycle.org) (sign up to receive a reminder!)

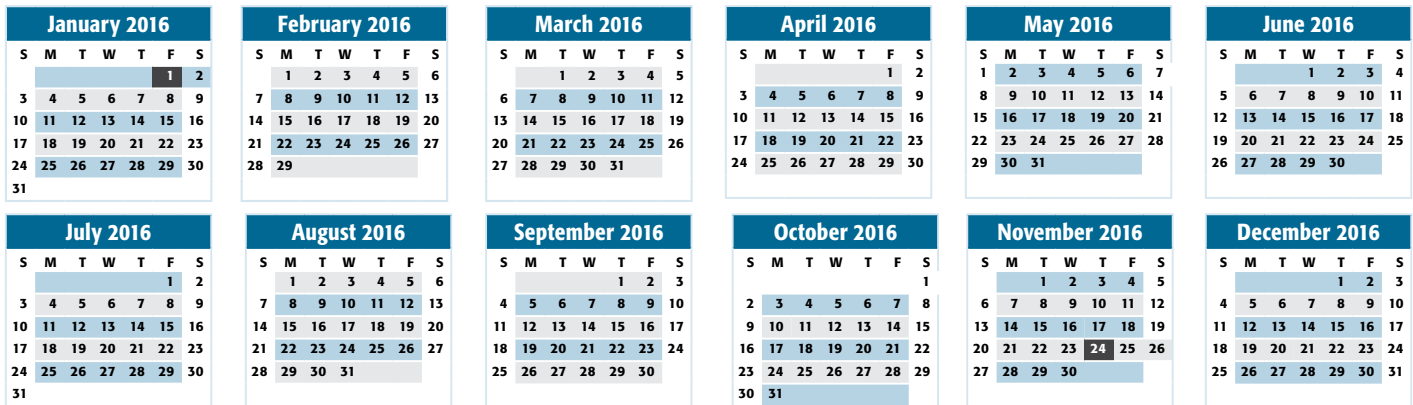


### HOLIDAYS

Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 24), 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.

### WEEKLY FALL YARD TRIMMINGS COLLECTION

To assist residents with fall leaf cleanup, yard trimming carts will be collected weekly between October 10 and December 16.



## EVENTS

### CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

8 am – 2 pm. Details on page 2

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### YARD SALE (RENGSTORFF PARK)

8 am – 2 pm. Details on page 2

**MAY**  
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### Free CONFIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING

8 am – Noon. Bring proof of residency, limit 5 bags or boxes. SMaRT Station, 301 Carl Road

**APR** 30   **AUG** 27   **NOV** 5

### Free HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

10 am – Noon, Rengstorff Community Center Register at [Reduce.Waste.org](http://Reduce.Waste.org) or (408) 918-4640. Dates and locations in other cities available

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# 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 2), Goodwill and Salvation Army, try these resources:

**Craigslist.org:** Free classifieds to help you buy, sell, donate and trade used goods.

**ExcessAccess.com:** Links donations of business and household items with the wish-lists of nearby nonprofits 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 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

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

**Household batteries only at these locations:**

**Radio Shack**  
530 Showers Drive  
(650) 941-2320  
1350 Grant Road  
(650) 961-7964

**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.



**CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW**  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
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MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043

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Mountain View, CA  
Permit No. 179

## FOOD SCRAPS PILOT

Some residents in a small area of Mountain View have been testing a pilot program to collect food scraps and food-soiled paper. The pilot program will help Mountain View determine the costs and benefits of offering a food scraps program. Because the SMaRT partner cities of Sunnyvale and Palo Alto were also interested in such a program, the three cities agreed to pilot different options. The pilot results will be shared to evaluate which collection method is the best fit for Mountain View. The results of the pilot will be presented to the City Council in the spring for consideration of a city-wide program.



## RE-USE TRAILER OPEN AT SMART

Workers at the SMaRT Station have started rescuing usable items, often furniture, and putting them in the new Re-Use Trailer. Residents are welcome to come “shop” the trailer and take home items at no charge. The trailer is located in the recycling area at the SMaRT Station.

## REFUEL YOUR FUN

Millions of small propane canisters (mostly from camp stoves and propane torches) are improperly disposed in the garbage every year because there are no options to refill them. Good news—that is finally changing. At least three manufacturers are now making one-pound refillable gas cylinders—Kamps, Flame King and Manchester Tank. We hope to have several sales and refilling locations soon (let your favorite sporting goods or home supply store know you are interested). For a current list of retailers selling, exchanging or refilling one-pound canisters, visit [RefuelYourFun.org](http://RefuelYourFun.org).

### Proper Canister Disposal

Disposables are dangerous. When “empty”, they often still contain a small amount of gas, posing a risk of explosion or fire to workers. Non-refillable propane canisters should be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste drop off event for proper disposal (see page 11).



The Little Kamper canister is now available for purchase and refilling at George’s Fuel and Auto Repair at 996 E. Evelyn in Sunnyvale