

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

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RATE CHANGES PROPOSED

The City Council will consider waste rate changes this fall for the next five years (2021–2025). This may result in increases. Councilmembers will discuss this topic during a virtual public meeting (November or December), in which community members are welcome to attend.

Please subscribe at menlopark.org/notifyme to receive electronic notifications on city council agendas and meeting minutes. Property owners will also receive mailed notifications about the rate changes and decision meeting date.

SHOREWAY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER IS OPEN FOR FREE RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING DROP OFF

Residents may drop off their hard-to-recycle materials at the Shoreway Public Recycling Center. Batteries (household and car), electronics, small appliances, fluorescent lamps, latex and oil-based paint and sharps/needles (in sealed containers) are acceptable. Visitors must wear face coverings and practice social distancing when on-site.

For more information, visit rethinkwaste.org/prc

WAYS TO REDUCE TRASH WHILE SHELTERING IN PLACE

As many households are sheltering in place more trash is being generated at home. Here are some quick ways to reduce waste at home:

- Continue to keep reusable bags in your vehicle. Refuse single-use bags during checkout, load your groceries back into your cart, and bag them into your own bags at your vehicle.
- If ordering from Amazon, participate in its Frustration Free Packaging Program. This program ships qualified items in their original packaging with no extra box.
- To reduce waste when ordering takeout or food delivery, specify no disposable utensils and/or condiment packets are needed. Please remember to recycle clear plastic takeout containers and to throw black plastic ones in the garbage.

Check out menlopark.org/whatbin to learn more about what items are recyclable.

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COMPOST GIVEAWAY AVAILABILITY

The City temporarily suspended the compost deliveries at Bedwell Bayfront Park. In the meantime, residents may pick up free compost year-round from the Shoreway Environmental Center, which is located 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos. All visitors must wear masks/face coverings and practice social distancing while on-site. The limit is two 50-lb bags each week. Please bring proof of residency and no appointment is needed.

For more information about the hours, please visit rethinkwaste.org/compost



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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF

Make an appointment with San Mateo County Health to drop off household hazardous waste (HHW) materials at a special drop-off location in San Mateo. Location to be announced upon appointment confirmation.

Acceptable HHW items include acids/bases, aerosol cans, automotive supplies (car batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, break fluids), cleaning products, fertilizers, pesticides, flammable liquids, fluorescent lights (compact and tubes), paints, inks and photo chemicals. Radioactive, explosive, medical and commercial waste is prohibited.

Schedule an appointment online by visiting smchealth.org/hhw or call 650-372-6200.

ON-CALL BULKY ITEM COLLECTION SERVICE

Twice a year, Recology offers a scheduled pickup service of large and bulky items. Residents may set out:

- 2 cubic yards of bagged/boxed solid waste
- One large appliance (such as a washing machine, dryer, refrigerator or freezer)
- One bulky item (such as a mattress, couch or tires)
- Electronic waste (such as a TV, computer or computer monitor)

No liquids, dirt, rock, concrete, asphalt, hazardous waste or items that exceed 5 feet in length.

Contact 650-595-3900 to schedule an appointment. For residents in multifamily dwellings, please contact your property manager to schedule a bulky item pickup.

GARBAGE/RECYCLING SERVICE QUESTIONS

Recology San Mateo County
650-595-3900
RecologySanMateoCounty.com

City of Menlo Park

701 Laurel St.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
650-330-6720
menlopark.org/citymanager

BE AN ECO HERO! CHOOSE 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY

Opting up to ECO100 is a powerful action you can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, and it is easy! Opting up to Peninsula Clean Energy's ECO100 option means that 100 percent of your electricity supply will be sourced from clean, renewable energy like solar and wind. ECO100 rates cost just 1 cent per kilowatt/hour more than ECOplus (50 percent renewable energy) rates. For the average household, this premium is only about \$2.50 more per month than what you would usually pay PG&E, or less than the cost of one latte.

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