



ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

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FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY STARTING ON APRIL 17

Spring is almost here and it's time to start gardening! Does your soil need more nutrients to create a lavish garden? You're in luck!

City of Menlo Park residents may pick up free compost (stored in debris boxes) starting on April 17 at these locations:

- Bedwell Bayfront Park entrance (1600 Marsh Rd., Menlo Park)
- Burgess Drive x Alma Street parking lot (across from 461 Burgess Dr., Menlo Park)
- Nealon Park by the parking lot driveway (850 Middle Ave., Menlo Park)

Material will be left in the park until supplies last. Appointments are not required. The event is self-serve so please bring your own shovels, gloves and containers to fill.

Additionally, limited bagged compost are available at these locations until supplies last:

- Karl E. Clark Park (313 Market Pl., Menlo Park)
- Sharon Park parking lot (1100 Monte Rosa Dr., Menlo Park)

Visit menlopark.gov/calendar for more information.

COMPOST BENEFITS

Everyone in San Mateo County is required to place all food and plant material into their green bin. The food scraps and yard trimmings are made into compost, which is used to enrich the soil of gardens, parks and farms. Composting also reduces greenhouse gases, which makes using your green bin a great way to fight climate change—right from your own home!

Please keep plastics out of the green compost carts and bins to make high-quality compost. To request free kitchen pail, please contact Recology at 650-595-3900 or email contactus73@recology.com with your address and unit number.



Just remember, Food In, Plastic Out:

- Separate food from all plastic packaging, plastic bags, and plastic containers.
- Remove all labels, ties and tags from fruits and vegetables before you put them in the green bin.
- Empty collected food scraps directly into the green bin. If you use a bag to collect your food scraps, use a paper bag. If using a plastic bag, empty all the contents from the plastic bag into the green bin, and put the plastic bag in the trash bin.

NEED MORE?

If you need more compost in the meantime, feel free to visit **Shoreway Environmental Center located at 333 Shoreway Rd. in San Carlos**. The facility offers year-round free compost. Please bring proof of residency and no appointment is needed. Residents are limited to take two 50-lb bags each week.

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LOVE OUR EARTH FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 26 | 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Belle Haven Community Campus (100 Terminal Ave.)

Join us for a day of environmental education, family-friendly activities, and community celebration. This cherished annual event brings together local organizations, environmental experts, and community members to promote sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Free activities will include:

- Interactive environmental education exhibits
- Local vendors
- Children's activities and crafts
- Live entertainment
- Food trucks featuring local plant based cuisine

We will also celebrate Arbor Day by planting two trees near the community center. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the benefits of trees and participate in a fruit tree raffle.

For more information, please email sustainability@menlopark.gov or call 650-330-6720 for more details.

UPCOMING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Saturday, May 17 | 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Location to be announced upon appointment confirmation. Space is limited and appointments are required in advance.

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.



CALIFORNIA NATIVE GARDEN DESIGN WORKSHOP

Monday, May 12 | 5 – 6 p.m.
Zoom link

In this Zoom workshop, learn how to design your own California native plant garden paradise. California native plants are colorful, easy to maintain, require little water and provide great habitat for birds and pollinators. Also, learn how you can participate in Menlo Park's water conservation rebate and incentive programs!

Please visit bawsca.org/classes to register for this class and more just like it! Space is limited. The Zoom link will be sent to everyone registered a few days prior to the workshop date.

Please contact mmkamelamela@menlopark.gov with any questions regarding this workshop.

POPULAR SHREDDING EVENT IS BACK

Saturday, Aug. 2 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
City Corporation Yard (333 Burgess Ave.)

Residents and businesses can prevent identity theft by shredding sensitive documents at the City's popular free shredding event. Confidential document destruction includes items such as receipts, checks, pre-approved credit applications, credit card statements, outdated tax returns, pre-printed envelopes, return address labels and business cards.

Participants are limited to three boxes (10" x 12" x 15") per vehicle and materials will be shredded on-site. Documents with paper clips and staples are acceptable.

This event is first come, first serve. Please do not bring any e-waste or household hazardous waste materials.

Please follow these guidelines for smoother drop-off service:

- Please label "Shred only" on any shredding materials and leave them in the trunk.
- It is recommended to remove all other personal items from the trunk to avoid any accidents.
- Residents will open their trucks prior to driving up to the vendors, remain in their vehicles, and the vendors will pick up the shredding materials from the trunks.

For more information, please email jpchen@menlopark.gov or visit the citywide calendar at menlopark.gov/calendar.

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