

## Proud to Serve the Los Altos Community

# “Right Size, Right Service”

Not properly storing your trash and recycling material can create unnecessary storm water contamination and pollution. Having your bin properly sized, with the lid closed, allows for easy collection and decreases illegal dumping. Properly discarding your trash and



recycling material reduces contamination for our water-ways and controls pollutants collected by runoff. “Right sizing” your bin will help prevent any overload issues and mitigates any unsafe situations for our drivers. Making sure loads are water level, moderates load weight, spillage and decreases the opportunity of sending any contaminants into our stormwater drains.

## Stormwater

The discharge of pollutants and debris through the storm drain systems is the leading cause of water pollution in the Bay Area. During the dry season, pollutants accumulate on paved surfaces and when it rains, they are carried through the storm drain systems into the San Francisco Bay.



### Here’s what you can do:

- Properly discard of litter. Prevent leaves and litter from getting into the storm drains. Rake leaves into a pile and place them in your **Organics** cart.
- Avoid applying fertilizers or pesticides when rain is in the forecast.
- Check your driveway or regular parking area for build-up of auto fluids. (If your car is leaking, then promptly take it to a repair shop)
- Keep all container lids closed; do not overload containers. If needed, contact MTWS to request a larger container to prevent overflow.

For more ways to protect the Bay,  
please visit: [www.BayWise.org](http://www.BayWise.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Fine Art in the Park

May 16th – 17th

10am – 5:30pm

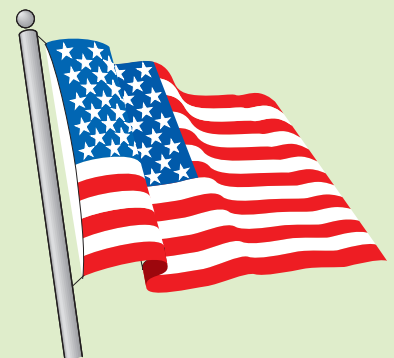
Lincoln Park, Los Altos, CA

Visit the event calendar at [www.MissionTrail/LosAltos.com](http://www.MissionTrail/LosAltos.com) for more information on these and other exciting events.



## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

May 25, 2015 – Your scheduled collection service will remain the same during the week of Memorial Day.



# Why 3 Containers?

- Allows for separate material to be collected and bundled with similar materials and repurposed.
- Maximizes recycling and composting efforts.
- Not all material can be recycled or composted so we offer three bins to maximize recovery – please refer to [www.missiontrail.com](http://www.missiontrail.com) for acceptable discarded items for each bin we service.

## Contact us:

Location: 1060 Richard Ave.  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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Monday-Friday

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Web: [www.MissionTrail.com](http://www.MissionTrail.com)

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## What Goes in Recycling?

### PAPER PRODUCTS

Corrugated cardboard & paper bags—*large or multiple pieces should be flattened and/or cut*; shredded paper—*in a paper bag, secured with a staple*; junk mail; news-paper; phone books & catalogs; dairy cartons; aseptic boxes—*juice, soup & soy milk*; books up to 40 lbs.

### GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

### ALUMINUM & METAL

Aerosol cans (empty); cans & pans; scrap pieces up to 20 lbs.

### PLASTICS LABELED

*Bottles & jars; tubs & trays; plastic bags—protect the environment by avoiding single-use bags. Reuse them when possible. When recycling multiple bags, stuff one bag full of the others; tie off the full bag before placing in the recycling.*

**NO GARBAGE OR ORGANICS; FOOD-SOILED PAPER OR PIZZA BOXES; STYROFOAM**

## What Goes in the Organics?

### FOOD SCRAPS

Fruits & vegetables including peels, pits & rinds; bread, pasta & other grains; dairy products & egg shells; coffee grounds & tea leaves; meat & bones

### FOOD-SOILED PAPER

Paper plates & cups, paper napkins & towels; paper coffee filters & tea bags; paper bags (*used to contain food scraps*); paper takeout containers; newspapers (*used to wrap food scraps or line cart*); pizza boxes; waxed paper & boxes; wooden chopsticks.

### YARD TRIMMINGS

Flowers; leaves; grass clippings; small branches less than 6" in diameter.

**NO GLASS, METAL, STYROFOAM OR PLASTIC; JUICE, SOUP OR MILK BOXES; DIRT ROCK, CONCRETE OR BRICK; LIQUID FAT, OIL OR GREASE; PLASTIC BAGS**

## What Goes in the Garbage?

### NON-RECYCLABLE GLASS

Ceramics; lightbulbs (*no fluorescent*); mirrors, tempered, & window glass.

### NON-RECYCLABLE PAPER

Carbon paper; laminated items; metallic wrapping paper; paper used for cleaning (*soiled*); photographs; vacuum bags.

### PLASTICS NOT MARKED WITH ??

6-pack rings (*please cut*); plastic film & wrap; plastic plates & utensils; plastic drinking straws & stir sticks; records, tapes & CDs; shower curtain liners; tape (*duct, scratch, masking*).

### TEXTILES

Cotton balls (*soiled*); rugs & mats; shoes, clothing & stuffed animals (*that cannot be donated*) sponges.

### OTHER

Balloons (latex & mylar); clothes hangers; diapers; feminine products; foam & styrofoam; hose (*garden or rubber*); pet feces; rubber bands; toothpaste tubes; toys (*that cannot be donated*); wood (*treated*).

**NO ORGANIC OR RECYCLABLE MATERIALS; CONSTRUCTION OR DEMOLITION MATERIALS**