

Proud to Serve the Los Altos Community

Composting & Recycling

Good for More Than Your Bottom Line!

Many local businesses have taken measures to improve participation in the recycling and organics programs provided by Mission Trail. The Peet's Coffee located downtown is an example of one such business. Their waste reduction, recycling and composting efforts do more than just save them money.

Peet's Property Manager, Brooke Ray Smith of Passerelle Investments, states that encouraging composting and recycling is a standard policy at her company. "Composting and recycling lower our tenants' waste bills, convert waste into soil amendments and new products, and divert material from landfills. Plus, it makes our tenants and their customers feel good about doing their part to take care of the planet."

Mission Trail applauds the efforts of all Los Altos businesses that are doing their part to reduce the amount of garbage being sent to the landfill. For help starting a new recycling or organics program at your business, or to have your efforts featured in a future edition of this newsletter, please contact us today!



The Peet's Coffee located at 367 State Street recycles or composts nearly half of their waste materials. In so doing, over \$500 per month is saved on their garbage bill.



Recycling Reminders

- ✓ Flatten and/or cut boxes to maximize space in your recycling bin.
- ✓ Place recyclables directly into the blue bin. Do not use plastic liner bags. To recycle shredded paper, contain shreds in a paper bag or box to prevent pieces from blowing away during collection.
- ✓ Put styrofoam products in the recycling bin only when they are clearly marked with the recycling symbol and a number 1-7. Most styrofoam products belong in the garbage.
- ✓ Make sure your bin is not blocked on collection day.
- ✓ Keep collection bin lids closed whenever possible. Doing so will keep out birds and critters, as well as rain.
- ✓ Avoid wedging material inside your blue bin. This will help assure that your bin gets fully emptied.



Holiday Schedule

During the week of Veterans Day, service will be provided on your regular day(s).

During Thanksgiving week, service normally provided on Thursday and Friday will be provided one day late.

At Peet's, Simple Things Make a Difference!

- Collection bins for organics, recyclables and garbage are placed in high-traffic areas for use by baristas and customers alike.
- Each bin is clearly labeled regarding what belongs inside.
- Customers are encouraged to bring their own refillable cups as well as refillable containers for coffee beans and loose tea—doing so earns customers a discount!
- Customers not taking their coffee or tea "to-go," are encouraged to request one of Peet's reusable house cups/glasses instead of a disposable one.
- Reusable cups in a variety of sizes/styles, for hot and cold beverages are for sale.

Mission Trail Waste Systems reminds you to...

Keep the Green Clean

Follow these tips to keep your green organics bin relatively clean:

- Wrap food scraps (*especially the juicy ones*) in newspaper or a brown paper bag before putting them in the organics bin. The paper will absorb moisture and odor, plus it's compostable!
- If using newspaper or paper bags won't work for you, and containing food scraps before placing them in the green bin is a must, look into using a certified bio-bag. Certified bags are listed here: www.bpiworld.org/BPI-Public/Approved.html.
- Freeze food scraps, wrapped or bagged (see above bullet), before putting them in the organics bin.
- Always keep the lid to your organics bin closed.



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Mission Trail Waste Systems is aiming for zero waste. Help us hit the target by reducing waste and making the most of our convenient recycling and organics programs.

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