

## Proud to Serve the Los Altos Community

# **Cardboard Basics**

**Q.** Why should I flatten my cardboard and break my boxes down?



A. Flattening your cardboard and placed properly in your collection bin creates more space allowing for additional recycling. It also allows to properly close the lid which keeps rodents and varmint out of your bin.

#### **Q.** Can I recycle cardboard with tape or staples on it?

- **A.** Yes, you can recycle cardboard with tape and staples.
- **Q.** Can I recycle wet or crinkled cardboard?
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- **Q.** Can I recycle my wax cardboard?
- **A.** No, this waxy cardboard is best placed in your trash or your organics bin.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Regular service will be provided during the weeks of Labor Day, Columbus Day & Veterans Day

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

# Food scraps can go into your green organics carts!

Many commercial customers are involved and contributing to food scrap recycling; however, there is still work to do! Food scraps are the largest portion of the commercial waste stream not being separated and recycled. This food scrap material is an important material to separate and recycle. And if done properly, is processed into a nutrient rich compost or fertilizer for landscapers and farmers. By raising your participation or adding food waste to your current collection program, you can help lesson our landfill input while increasing our reuse output.



Please call Mission Trail Waste Systems at 650-473-1400, if you have any questions regarding our food waste collection program.



#### Mission Trail Waste Systems reminds you to... Contact Mission Trail when you need debris box service

We have debris boxes ranging from 10-40 yards for garbage, construction & demolition material, green waste and more. For information on debris box sizes and rates, please contact us by phone or visit: http://www.missiontroil.com/LosAltos/ commercial-services-debris.html

Mission Trail is the franchised waste hauler for the City of Los Altos. As stated in Chapter 6.12 of the Los Altos Municipal Code, Mission Trail holds the exclusive right to provide debris box service in the City of Los Altos.



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Need a Recycle Guide? Contact Mission Trail and we can mail you a guide or you can visit missiontrail.com and download a copy.

#### Contact us:

Location: 1060 Richard Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050

Office Hours: 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Phone: 650-473-1400

Web: www.MissionTrail.com

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# 5 simple ways to make your collection more efficient:

- 1. Keep lids closed to avoid overflow and unnecessary spilled debris while protecting our storm drains
- **2.** Set bins out by 6 a.m. on your scheduled service day
- **3.** Report any illegal dumping to Mission Trail Waste Systems

