

Mission Trail Waste Systems

Los Altos Quarterly Commercial Newsletter



Proud to Serve the Los Altos Community

Be Mindful of Holiday Waste



1. **SHOP LOCALLY** and seek out businesses that use recyclables and less packaging.
2. **REUSE, REDUCE, AND REPURPOSE** last year's gift bags, wrapping paper, bows, kids' art or pictures to creatively wrap gifts for family & friends.
3. **REDUCE FOOD WASTE** by buying enough to feed the family but avoids excessive leftovers. When in doubt, keep the wet waste out of the dry waste.
4. **CREATE LIMITED WASTE** parties by:
 - Using reusable utensils, cloth napkins, tablecloths and dishes, if you don't have enough of them, there is no shame in borrowing them or having guests bring a few to use.
 - Avoid balloons, streamers and Mylar decorations. Use plants, fabrics and other decorative items to brighten the party.
 - Reuse holiday and place setting cards from the previous year.
5. **UNDERSTAND SB 1383** (Organic waste reduction).
 - www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/education
 - Controls waste into our landfills and creates more reusable products from compostable material and food scraps.
6. **FLOCKED CHRISTMAS TREES** will be collected, however, please be mindful when flocking your trees as they are not compostable and will be put in the landfill.

SB 1383

Starting in 2022, all jurisdictions will need to provide organic waste collection services to all residence and businesses and recycle these organic materials using recycling facilities such as:

- Anaerobic digestion facilities that create biofuel and electricity
- Composting facilities that make soil amendments

REMINDER: Please place all food scraps, yard clippings and food soiled paper in your organics bin.

For additional information please visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov and search California Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy.



HAZARDOUS MATERIAL



These items should never be mixed with your regular mixed recycling. Disposal requires special handling.

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

- Used Batteries & Fluorescent Light Bulbs – True Value Hardware
- Old Prescriptions – Los Altos Police Department or Walgreens on Grant Rd.

Contact Mission Trail for information on how to dispose of the following:

- Computers & Electronics
- Paint
- Needles or syringes
- Toxic Material containers



Holiday Service Reminders

Due to the upcoming holidays your regular service day will **NOT** change. Please set your cart or bin out on your regular service day. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Happy Holidays from Mission Trail!



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After the holidays, be sure your tree is composted!

Mission Trail Waste Systems will collect Holiday trees on your regular service day beginning December 27th through January 14th.

Please Follow These Easy Tree Collection Guidelines:

- 1. Remove the tree stand and all decorations.**
- 2. Cut tall trees into pieces no longer than five feet.**
- 3. Place next to your carts prior to 7am on your service day.**

PLEASE NOTE: Flocked trees will be collected but cannot be composted.



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