

Mission Trail Waste Systems

Los Altos Quarterly Residential Newsletter



Proud to Serve the Los Altos Community

SB 1383



California Senate Bill 1383 which took effect January 1, 2022, created state-wide goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by limiting organics waste being disposed in our landfills. Landfills are a major contributor to the production of methane gas and responsible for a quarter of the state's methane emissions, which impacts the environment and public health and safety. You can comply with the law by preventing organic waste generation, recycling organic waste on-site, self-hauling your organics to a certified facility, or by sending your organic waste to the community's composting program.

SB 1383 aims to decrease the amount of organic waste disposed in our landfills and increase the recovery of material to be composted or repurposed. Please make sure you are continuing to utilize the green organics cart to isolate organics material from the dry recyclables.

Additionally, if your business or organization has edible food to donate, please visit the Santa Clara County Food Recovery Program website: <https://reducewaste.sccgov.org/food-recovery>

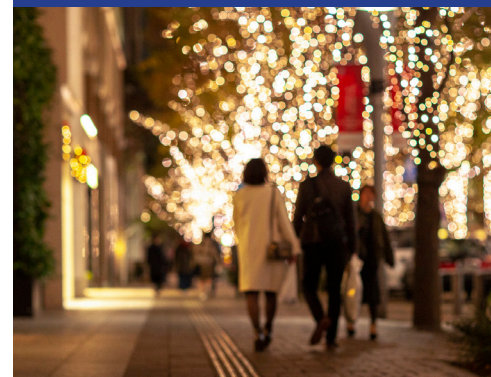
Increased Cardboard Over the Holidays

If your household generates a large amount of cardboard from delivery service companies and holiday gifts, these three ideas will help maximize space in your blue recycling cart

- Place all cardboard boxes in the blue recycling cart and please place discard packaging tape in the black cart.
- Please break all cardboard boxes down, flatten and cut into sizes that allow the cardboard to sit loosely in your recycling cart.
- If your recycling cart is full but you still have extra cardboard to discard, please break the cardboard down to a size that will fit nicely in your blue cart. Bundle the extra cardboard & place next to your blue recycle cart on your service day. If the bundled cardboard is too large and won't fit in the cart, we cannot service it.



UPCOMING EVENTS



19th Annual Holiday Stroll

November 11 5pm-9pm
Downtown Los Altos
Main and State Streets

Join the Los Altos Village Association for the 19th Annual Holiday Stroll through Downtown Los Altos. Discover unique gifts, enjoy sparkling lights, strolling carolers, shopping specials and fun at Downtown Los Altos shops and restaurants.



A BOO-tiful Downtown Halloween

10/31/22 12pm-4pm
Downtown Los Altos
Main and State Streets

KEEPING YOUR GREEN ORGANICS CARTS CLEAN

- Wrap all wet waste in a paper bag or in newspaper
- Freeze food scraps prior to your collection day
- Do not discard contaminants i.e., dirt, animal waste, hazardous materials, or clean recyclables into the green cart.

**Our website is a great resource to answer any of your recycling questions:
Please visit: <https://missiontrail.com/losaltos/>**

AVOID CONTAMINATING THE BINS

- Use clear bags
- Use green, black and blue bins inside all businesses and presort the material before bringing it outside to our collection bins
- Create clear signage so employees can identify the material specific to your business
- Do not purchase styrofoam cups or takeout containers that are not recyclable
- Rinse and dry all food solid containers



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MISSION TRAIL OBSERVES THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

Thanksgiving • Christmas • New Year's Day

Customers may experience a delay in service when a holiday falls on a weekday. During a holiday week, service preceding the holiday is unaffected. Customers whose regular service day falls on the holiday or after, however, will receive service a day late. For example, during Thanksgiving week, only customers with Thursday and Friday service are affected. Thursday customers will have their containers serviced on Friday. Friday customers will have their containers serviced on Saturday.

Los Altos Municipal Code 6.16.070 prohibits the use of gasoline powered leaf blowers at all times.

Gas leaf blowers produce up to 100 decibels of low-frequency noise, about the same as an airplane taking off. They also cause high levels of toxic air pollution, with one hour of usage equivalent in emissions to driving a car from San Francisco to Denver.

- Let your gardener know about the ordinance
- Purchase an electric blower and/or batteries for your gardener; CA state rebates may apply
- Report violations by calling the Los Altos Police non-emergency number 947-2770

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