

Mission Trail Waste Systems

Los Altos Quarterly Commercial Newsletter



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Mandatory Recycling and Organics Collection Requirements

Businesses and multi-family residential dwellings are required by State law to arrange for recycling and organic collection services. Businesses can arrange to reuse, recycle, compost or otherwise divert solid waste from disposal by arranging for pickup of those materials by Mission Trail Waste Systems or by self-hauling material and maintaining records. Businesses may apply for waivers from these requirements if they generate less than the minimum thresholds of waste generation that must be met to:

- Self-haul.
- Subscribe to a hauler.
- Arrange for the pickup of recyclable materials through Mission Trail Waste Systems.

SERVICE REMINDERS

- Make sure the area around your collection bin is clean and clear of debris on your collection day.
- Keep container lids closed to keep birds, critters and inclement weather out.
- Use the blue communal parking lot bins for extra clean & dry paper, cardboard and mixed recyclables.
- MTWS is able to schedule the delivery of a debris box for any construction, landscape or demolitions jobs.

Contact MTWS to deliver a debris box (650)470-1400



UPCOMING EVENTS



Downtown Los Altos Wine Stroll

10/13/23 6pm-9pm
Downtown Los Altos
Main and State Streets

Head West Marketplace

10/29/23 11am-5pm
Downtown Los Altos
Main and State Streets



A BOO-tiful Downtown Halloween

10/31/23 12pm-4pm
Downtown Los Altos
Main and State Streets



20th Annual Holiday Stroll Festival of Lights Parade

11/31/23 6pm-8pm
Downtown Los Altos
Main and State Streets

Organics Collection Requirement

Starting in January 2022 State Law requires that clean streams of organic material be collected, recovered, and recycled into new end-products like compost or biofuel. The quality of the end-product is determined by the quality of the material collected, so residents and businesses must properly sort materials, and jurisdictions must monitor containers for contamination. The law allows jurisdictions the option of offering three, two, or one -container collection systems, which provides flexibility in aligning collection programs with local waste processing facility infrastructure.



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Landmark New Packaging Law

On June 30, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 54 (Allen, Chapter 75, Statutes of 2022), a landmark new packaging law that requires that by 2032:

- **100%** of packaging in the state be recyclable or compostable
- **25%** of plastic packaging be eliminated
- **65%** of all single-use plastic packaging be recycled

The rulemaking process for this law is currently underway. Please visit CalRecycle's website for additional information on this regulation.

Below is a brief description of how to use your collection containers. For more information please visit <https://missiontrail.com/losaltos/>.

- **Green Container:** Food waste, yard waste, green waste, other organic materials.
- **Blue Container:** Allows for traditional recyclables, to include bottles, cans, paper & cardboard, plastics, and metals.
- **Black Container:** Waste that is not organic or recyclable.



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