

Mission Trail Waste Systems

# Los Altos Quarterly Residential Newsletter



*Proud to Serve the Los Altos Community*

## NEW YEAR – NEW FOCUS

*Three easy steps to help increase collected recycling loads curbside:*

- **SHAKE IT** – Shake or wipe liquid out of the container or rinse, if necessary.
- **DRY IT** – Let the recycling dry before discarding in your recycle bin.
- **RECYCLE IT** – Place in your weekly collection bin.

*To support SB 1383 contact Mission Trail to receive a kitchen pail or purchase a pail that fits your needs:*

- **SCRAPE IT** – Breakfast, lunch and dinner residual food scraps make for high nutrient compost.
- **PLACE IT** – Scrape food scraps in your countertop organics container.
- **RECYCLE IT** – Place in your weekly collection bin.



*Know what to throw:*

- **RESEARCH IT** – Visit [www.missiontrail.com/losaltos](http://www.missiontrail.com/losaltos) for proper material handling and the ins & outs for material PDFs that outline what material goes into what bin.
- **DISCARD IT** – Place in the right bin and set out on your collection day at least 18-24" inches apart.
- **CLEAN IT** – Right after your collection use an environmentally safe detergent or baking soda to clean your bin. Scrub, rinse, dry and fill it.



## 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



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Valentine's Choco-Stroll

**When:** February 10, 2024 2-5pm  
**Where:** Downtown Los Altos  
 Main and State Streets



### St. Paddy's Beer Stroll

**When:** March 15, 2024 6-9pm  
**Where:** Downtown Los Altos  
 Main and State Streets

# Not Ready to Take Down Your Christmas Tree?

Mission Trail Waste System's special holiday tree collection service ended on January 16th but you can always compost your tree through the regular curbside program.

- Remove all decorations, lights, and the stand from your once live tree. Cut tree into small sections, and place inside your green cart.
- Make sure the lid will fully close.
- Remember that flocked and artificial trees cannot be composted and must go in the garbage.



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Start off the new year knowing your family and your home are protected by smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms that work.

- Test existing detectors and alarms.
- Put in new batteries and recycle the old ones.
- Remove non-working detectors and alarms responsibly. Refer to the product label, user's manual, or warranty for manufacturer's instructions.
  - First Alert offers a mail-in program for First Alert and BRK smoke detectors. Call 1-800-323-9005 for information.
  - Or, bring your non-working detectors and alarms to Santa Clara County's free drop-off facility. **Go to [www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org) or call 408-299-7300 for more information.**



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