



September 16, 2024

Mission Trail Waste Systems (MTWS) and Envirolutions Consulting will be in your neighborhood the week of September 23, 2024, performing “lid-flips—opening and closing your waste containers to visually inspect the carts for proper material sorting—as required by state law.

Who is MTWS?

MTWS provides collection of residential, multi-family, and commercial organics, recycling, and landfill materials for the City of Los Altos. For more information about MTWS, please visit www.missiontrail.com/losaltos.

Who is Envirolutions Consulting?

Envirolutions is helping MTWS conduct lid-flips.

Why is MTWS looking in my carts?

A new state law, Senate Bill (SB) 1383, requires every city, town, and county in California to conduct annual route audits to monitor contamination, including the proper sorting of organics (food scraps, yard trimmings, and uncoated food-soiled paper) from landfill, and to provide education and outreach to residents. Organics currently constitute over half of the material that is sent to local landfills, and this leads to the emission of methane, which is a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. For more information about SB 1383 and the importance of recycling organic waste, visit <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/> or www.missiontrail.com/losaltos.

What will happen if I put something in the wrong cart?

If our lid flip team notices that you put something in the wrong cart, our team will attach a tag to the cart with an explanation of what materials or contamination were discovered, along with tips for proper sorting.

Who should I contact with additional questions?

Please visit MTWS’ website (<http://www.missiontrail.com/losaltos/>) and or the City of Los Altos website (<https://www.losaltosca.gov/publicworks/page/trash-pick-and-recycling>), or call MTWS at (650) 473-1400 (Monday – Friday, 8am to 5pm).