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Mission Trail Waste Systems (MTWS) is in your neighborhood today, performing 'lid-flips' or opening and closing your containers to visually inspect the carts for proper material sorting as required by state law.

Who is Mission Trail Waste Systems (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 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 provide education and outreach to residents. Organics constitute over half of the material going to local landfills and contribute to climate change. For more information about SB 1383 visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov or www.missiontrail.com/losaltos

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

If you put something in the wrong cart, our team will tag the cart with an explanation sticker identifying what materials or contamination was discovered, and tips for proper sorting.

Who should I contact with additional questions?

Please visit MTWS' website and or the City of Los Altos www.cityoflosaltosca.gov/publicworks/page/trash-pick-and-recycling or call (650) 473-1400 (Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm) www.missiontrail.com/losaltos