

Los Altos Quarterly Residential Newsletter



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No Plastic Bags in the Organic Bin

Plastic bags of any kind are not allowed in the compost bin!

No plastic bags of any kind, including "bio" bags or other forms of "compostable" plastic, should be used to line your kitchen pail or be placed in your outside green bin.

Why?

- Any plastic in the compost will not breakdown at the compost facility.
- Plastic bags lessen the quality of finished product.
- Compost is heavily used by the agricultural community and has to meet certain standards to be used for the growth of crops and landscaping.

Alternatives

- Use newspaper or paper bags to line kitchen pails.
- Go paperless. Wash the kitchen pail by hand with hot soapy water.
- Only use plastic bags to transport the compost to your bin. Empty the contents into the bin and then discard the plastic bag into the trash..



The City Adopts New Plastic Reduction Ordinances

- Reduce single-use plastic waste.
- Improve community health and safety.
- Keep our waterways clean.

How you can help:

1. **Understand the New Regulations:** Visit the City website to learn more. (losaltosca.gov/foodware).
2. **Mindful Consumption:** Take only the foodware accessories you need.
3. **Proper Disposal:** Sort and dispose of waste correctly.
4. **Embrace Reusables:** Bring your own reusables (bags, utensils, mugs, and containers, etc.)

5. **Support Businesses:** Ensure local businesses comply with the ordinance.
6. **Borrow a Reusable Cup:** From participating businesses (like Right on Refillery).

Let's work together to build a cleaner, greener Los Altos!



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



Got Extra?

Schedule an On-Call Bulky Cleanup

Once every 6 months, at no charge, residents of single-family homes can schedule the collection of up to 4 cubic yards of garbage and 3 large items. The large items can include sofas, water heaters and other furniture/appliances, in lieu of one large item, an e-waste item like a TV, computer, printer, fax machine or VCR may be set out.

Charges apply for additional items and for appliances containing Freon. Please contact 650-473-1400 in advance. Appointments are scheduled in the order they are received.



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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 or call 408-299-7300 for more information.**



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