

Mission Trail Waste Systems

Los Altos Quarterly Residential Newsletter

Proud to Serve the Los Altos Community

Residential Container Set Out Guidelines

Please make sure to set trash and recycling containers out the night before your service day or by 7am on the day of service. Containers should be spaced, at a minimum of 18 to 24 inches, with lids closed tightly to avoid possible litter. Mission Trail Waste Systems highly recommends bringing your containers in once service has been completed to avoid bins being moved by inclement weather, tipped over or create a roadway hazard.



OIL JUGS

Are you changing the oil in your automobile? Contact Mission Trail & we will provide one-gallon used oil containers and heavy duty zip-locks bags for used oil filters. You can also use any clear container that has a screw top cap.



Earth Day All Year Round

To celebrate and continue to assist in reducing our carbon footprint, these 4 reduction strategies are a positive way to help:

- 1. Know the rules** – What material goes in what residential bin. For more information visit www.missiontrail.com/losaltos/
- 2. Organics** – Food waste is a huge source of waste in our landfills. Composting is an excellent and environmentally friendly way to dispose of your food & table scraps
- 3. Be mindful** of discarding electronics <https://missiontrail.com/LosAltos/residential-hazardous.html>

E-waste adds a lot of plastic and metal waste and can contain harmful chemicals that can leach into soil and our waterways. Computers, printers, televisions, fax machines, VCRs, stereo components, video game players, all require special handling. Through Mission Trail's Cleanup/Bulky Item Collection Program, Los Altos residents can have one e-waste item collected for no charge every six months. Alternatively, residents can deliver e-waste to any number of free collection sites. For a list of sites, visit www.hhw.org, www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Electronics/, and www.recyclestuff.org.



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Recycling/Organics/Trash

Processing recyclables has never been an easy task and always best to stick to the basics. Focus on clean paper items, clean cardboard, plastic containers (bottles, jars, jugs and tubs), aluminum & metal cans and glass containers (bottles and jars).

Please make sure containers are rinsed and free of food residue. Cleaning wipes, disposable gloves and face masks go in the trash and are not recyclable. Food soiled paper, pizza boxes and yard trimmings, along with food take-out packaging can be discarded in the green organics bin.

If you are generating more plastic bags from the grocery store and or plastic film packaging from online shipments, these plastic items go in the trash. Plastic bags and film packaging are not recyclable and create problems during processing. Many grocery stores will take the bags back or have a dedicated drop area, and bundle and ship out as larger loads.

Don't overfill your recycling cart – this creates spills and street litter. Break down boxes to maximize airspace so your materials fit inside the cart and the cart lid can close completely. If you have extra boxes, break them down and bundle them up next to your recycle cart for the **driver to pick up**.



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