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# Los Altos Quarterly Residential Newsletter

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## Refresh Your Recycling Routine

### 4th of July Composting Tips

Summer celebrations bring barbecues, picnics, and festive gatherings. This Fourth of July, reduce holiday waste by composting food scraps and uncoated paper items such as corn cobs, fruit rinds, vegetable peels, and uncoated napkins. Even small holiday actions help keep organic materials out of landfills and support local compost production.

### Refreshing Your Home Sorting Station

Midyear is an ideal time to evaluate your indoor sorting setup. Consider:

- Replacing worn or faded container labels
- Positioning recycling and organics carts where waste is generated
- Make sure your home has a countertop kitchen pail for food trimmings, scraps, and any household generated organics materials

Simple changes improve daily sorting accuracy and reduce contamination.

### Smart Summer Decluttering

Summer cleaning often reveals items that are ready for reuse or responsible disposal. Donate household goods, outdoor gear, or decorations in good condition. For items that cannot be reused, residential customers can schedule a Cleanup/Bulky Item pickup for proper disposal of large or difficult items.

### Seasonal Sustainability: Summer Recycling Tips

Summer gatherings often increase the use of recyclable materials such as cans, bottles, and cardboard. Residents can support recycling efforts by:

- Rinsing aluminum cans and glass bottles before placing them in the recycling cart
- Flattening cardboard boxes
- Recycling clean aluminum trays
- Placing plastic utensils and plastic film in the garbage

These small steps help keep recyclables clean and recoverable.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**47th Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival**
Downtown Los Altos
July 11-12, 2026 from 10am to 6pm each day



**Los Altos Rotary Fine Art in the Park**
August 8-9, 2026 from 10am to 5:30pm each day at Lincoln Park



**Wild West Whiskey & Bites Stroll**
September 18th from 6pm to 9pm, Downtown Los Altos



**Corvette Spectacular**
September 20th from 8am to 3pm
Downtown Los Altos



# 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-lock bags for used oil filters. You can also use any clear container that has a screw top cap.**

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# 4th of July and Labor Day

**There will be NO CHANGES to the service schedule during the week of 4th of July and Labor Day**