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Mission Trail Waste Systems

Los Altos Quarterly Multi-Family Newsletter

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KEEPING UP THE MOMENTUM

4th of July Composting Tips

Summer celebrations can create extra waste. Help keep organics out of the landfill by composting items similar to:

- Corn cobs, fruit rinds, and veggie scraps
- Uncoated paper items (napkins, paper towels, plates)
- Leftover food scraps

Small actions from each household support cleaner trash areas and reduce holiday waste for the entire community.

Refreshing Your Indoor Sorting Station

Midyear is a great time to check your in-unit sorting setup. Consider:

- Adding or refreshing labels for in-unit bins
- Placing recycling and organics containers where waste is generated
- Reviewing signage from your property or MTWS's website for clarity

These small tweaks help make sorting easier for everyone and controls contamination.

Stronger Communities Through Better Recycling

A quick reminder, MTWS offers Recycling Opportunity Assessments for multi-family properties like yours. We work directly with property managers and owners to review current waste setups, identify missing or underutilized recycling services, and recommend simple, effective improvements.

These assessments help residents recycle correctly and boost overall diversion—benefiting your property and the community we share. Please contact us to learn more!

Summer Recycling Tips

Summer gatherings can fill recycling carts quickly. Keep recyclables clean and recoverable by:

- Rinsing cans and bottles
- Flattening cardboard
- Recycling clean aluminum trays
- Placing plastic utensils and plastic film in the garbage



These steps help keep recyclables clean and recoverable for processing.

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

REMINDERS

Please keep all multi-family residential trash and recycling enclosures clean

All too often, trash and recycling enclosures are found with large amounts of debris on the ground, which creates an unsafe and difficult service situation for our valued drivers. Our trash and recycling bins can weigh up to 700 lbs. and with added ground debris can be slick and tough to move. Debris found on the floor creates a slippery surface for our drivers to gain enough leverage to move the bins, or create such a slippery surface our drivers cannot get enough leverage to move the bins. Please make sure the enclosure area is kept clean and free of ground debris so our drivers can safely service all the Los Altos multi-family residents.



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