NEW HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF EVENT IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

Saturday, August 12, 2017  ☀  8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Appointments required. Visit www.hhw.org or call (408) 299-7300 to make an appointment and receive instructions for transporting items to the drop off location.

Items accepted include:
- Batteries (household only)
- Fire extinguishers
- Flares
- Fluorescent bulbs and tubes
- Hypodermic needles
- LEDs
- Medicine
- Paint, stains and thinners
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Propane canisters/tanks
- Smoke detectors
- Solvents
- Thermometers
- Thermostats

INCLUDE THE FOOD!

Starting the week of July 17, residents with curbside carts (individual service) can compost food scraps with yard trimmings every week. Don’t forget to review the What Goes Where list before you start. If you believe you are eligible but have not received a pail, please contact City staff at (650) 903-6311 or recycle@mountainview.gov. For collection issues or questions, contact Recology at (650) 967-3034 or ContactUsRMV@recology.com.
Confidential Paper Shredding

There is still one free opportunity remaining this year to bring your confidential papers to the SMaRT Station for shredding. Wondering what to shred and when? Below are helpful guidelines from the Federal Trade Commission (www.consumer.ftc.gov).

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*Not tax-related

Save The Food!

What’s better than composting your food scraps? Not having food scraps! Below is some information to help you reduce food waste.

- Understand food packaging dates. If stored properly, a food product should be safe, wholesome and of good quality after the Use by or Best by date. Trust your sense of smell and taste to know when food has gone bad. For more information, visit the Food and Drug Administration website (www.fda.gov) and search for “food product dating.”
- Keep your fridge between 37° F and 40° F, and your freezer between 0° F and 2° F.
- Almost any food can be frozen to extend shelf life—meat, milk, cheese, eggs (removed from shell), bread, unused pasta sauce, etc.
- Dehydrate or can excess food. Check the internet for guides or take a class.
- Use your fridge crisper drawers properly. Adjust the humidity setting on the drawer (if you have one) to high for leafy greens or low for non-leafy vegetables like carrots and cucumbers.
- Visit www.savethefood.com and www.lovefoodnotwaste.org for more great food storage information and tips.

FREE

Keep your food fresher, longer.

Storage tips at LoveFoodNotWaste.org
ReThink Disposable Campaign

A new waste prevention campaign geared towards restaurants and businesses will improve your dining experience and reduce waste. The purpose of the ReThink Disposable program is to help businesses reduce single-use food and beverage packaging through the introduction of reusable service ware and adopting best practices for waste reduction. The program also offers small grants to help businesses make the switch to reusables. The program was successfully piloted at twelve Santa Clara County businesses. One of the early participants, J&J Hawaiian BBQ in Cupertino, had been serving sit down customers using single-use disposable plates, cups and cutlery. They switched their dine-in customers to reusable plates, bowls, baskets, cups and cutlery and minimized packaging for take-out customers. J&J found that the extra time needed to wash dishes was more than offset by time previously spent shopping for disposables and managing large amounts of trash. The program is a partnership between the Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission of Santa Clara County and the Clean Water Fund.

While this program is geared toward businesses, there are many ways you can “depackage” your life also. Start by bringing your own cup and shopping with a reusable bag. Visit ReThinkDisposable.org for more information and ideas.

Next Paper Shredding Event

Saturday, November 4 • 8 am–Noon
SMaRT Station, 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale
Bring proof of residency, limit 5 bags or boxes.
Questions: (408) 752-8530

HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

Saturday, October 7 • 10 am–Noon
Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue
Multi-Purpose Room A

Attend a workshop and learn:
• Basics of backyard and worm composting
• Keys to building, harvesting and using your soil
• Tools needed for composting
Compost bins available for purchase

Registration required. Visit ucanr.edu/compost or call the Rotline (408) 918-4640. Other dates and locations available.
Holiday Collection Schedule

Due to the holidays falling on Mondays this year, all collection schedules will be affected by Christmas and New Year. In addition, Thursday and Friday collection customers will be affected by the Thanksgiving holiday. No On Call Plus clean up appointments will be available from December 25 through January 19 to allow for holiday tree collection. SMaRT Station vouchers will still be available during this time period. Call Recology at (650) 967-3034 for information.

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