

# MOUNTAIN VIEW RECYCLING resource

WORKING TOWARDS **ZERO WASTE** ■ SUMMER 2017

**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](http://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](mailto:recycle@mountainview.gov). For collection issues or questions, contact Recology at **(650) 967-3034** or [ContactUsRMV@recology.com](mailto:ContactUsRMV@recology.com).



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# FRESSSSH!

Keep your food fresher, longer.



Plan Well   Store Well   Eat Well

Storage tips at [LoveFoodNotWaste.org](http://LoveFoodNotWaste.org)

## 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](http://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](http://www.SavetheFood.com) and [www.LoveFoodNotWaste.org](http://www.LoveFoodNotWaste.org) for more great food storage information and tips.



## 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](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov)).

WHEN SHOULD I SHRED IT?				
IMMEDIATELY	UP TO 1 YEAR	AFTER 7 YEARS	KEEP FOREVER	IT DEPENDS...
Sales receipts* ATM receipts Paid credit card statements* Paid utility bills Credit card offers Cancelled checks* Expired warranties *Not tax-related	Pay stubs Bank statements Paid, undisputed medical bills	Tax-related receipts Tax-related cancelled checks W-2s Records for tax deductions taken	Birth certificates Social Security cards Marriage or divorce decrees Citizenship papers Adoption papers Death certificates Tax returns	Auto titles—as long as you own the vehicle Home deeds—as long as you own the property Disputed medical bills—until the issue is resolved Home improvement receipts—until you sell your home and pay any capital gains taxes

# 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.

**It's time to break the disposable cup habit.**

By replacing one disposable cup a day for one year with a reusable mug you prevent:

- 23 lbs. greenhouse gas emissions
- 281 gallons water usage
- 16 lbs. of solid waste
- 1 tree from being chopped down
- and Save \$91  
\*assumes 23¢ discount per cup

\*Cup impacts data sourced from Franklin Associates Report, 2011. Tree data sourced from Environmental Paper Network<sup>1,2</sup>

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**ReThink Disposable**  
STOP WASTE BEFORE IT STARTS

## 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](http://ucanr.edu/compost) or call the Rotline **(408) 918-4640**. Other dates and locations available.



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**Garbage and Recycling  
 Collection Services**

**Recology Mountain View**  
**(650) 967-3034**  
**RecologyMountainView.com**  
**ContactUsRMV@recology.com**

- Missed pickups
- Service questions
- Clean up and bulky good collection services
- Business recycling
- Debris/Recycling boxes
- Recycling Center
- Larger or extra carts

**Utility and Garbage Billing**

**City Finance Department**  
**(650) 903-6317**

- Start, stop or change accounts
- Billing inquiries
- Extra Garbage tags

**Recycling and Zero Waste  
 Program**

**Public Works Department**  
**(650) 903-6311**

**MVrecycle.org**  
**recycle@mountainview.gov**

- Resource newsletter
- Recycling questions
- Event details



# 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.

## NOVEMBER 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>20</b> Regular Collection	<b>21</b> Regular Collection	<b>22</b> Regular Collection	<b>23</b> <b>No Collection</b> Office Closed	<b>24</b> Thursday Customers Collected Office Closed	<b>25</b> Friday Customers Collected Office Closed

## DECEMBER 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> <b>No Collection</b> Office Closed	<b>26</b> Monday Customers Collected	<b>27</b> Tuesday Customers Collected	<b>28</b> Wednesday Customers Collected	<b>29</b> Thursday Customers Collected	<b>30</b> Friday Customers Collected

## JANUARY 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>No Collection</b> Office Closed	<b>2</b> Monday Customers Collected	<b>3</b> Tuesday Customers Collected	<b>4</b> Wednesday Customers Collected	<b>5</b> Thursday Customers Collected	<b>6</b> Friday Customers Collected