



MOUNTAIN VIEW RECYCLING resource

FOOD SCRAPS UPDATE

The new residential food scraps program has reduced trash by 5 to 30 percent. The map shows how much the amount of trash collected from residential carts has declined in the first nine months of the program versus the prior year. Data is based on actual weights.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Homes subscribed to curbside service may participate. Don't have an organics cart? Live in a small multi-family complex and not sure how to participate? Never got a kitchen pail with supplies? Need an instruction brochure, have questions or want personalized assistance? **Let us know, we can help!** Call the Recycling and Zero Waste Program staff at (650) 903-6311, or fill out the form at MountainView.gov/FoodScraps and we'll contact you at your convenience.

WHAT CAN I COMPOST?

- **All food products:** fruit, vegetables, breads, cereal, dairy, meat (including bones); coffee grounds, filters and tea bags; shells, husks, peels and pits.
- **Food-soiled paper:** paper towels, plates, napkins, pizzeria boxes and paper lunch bags.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED!

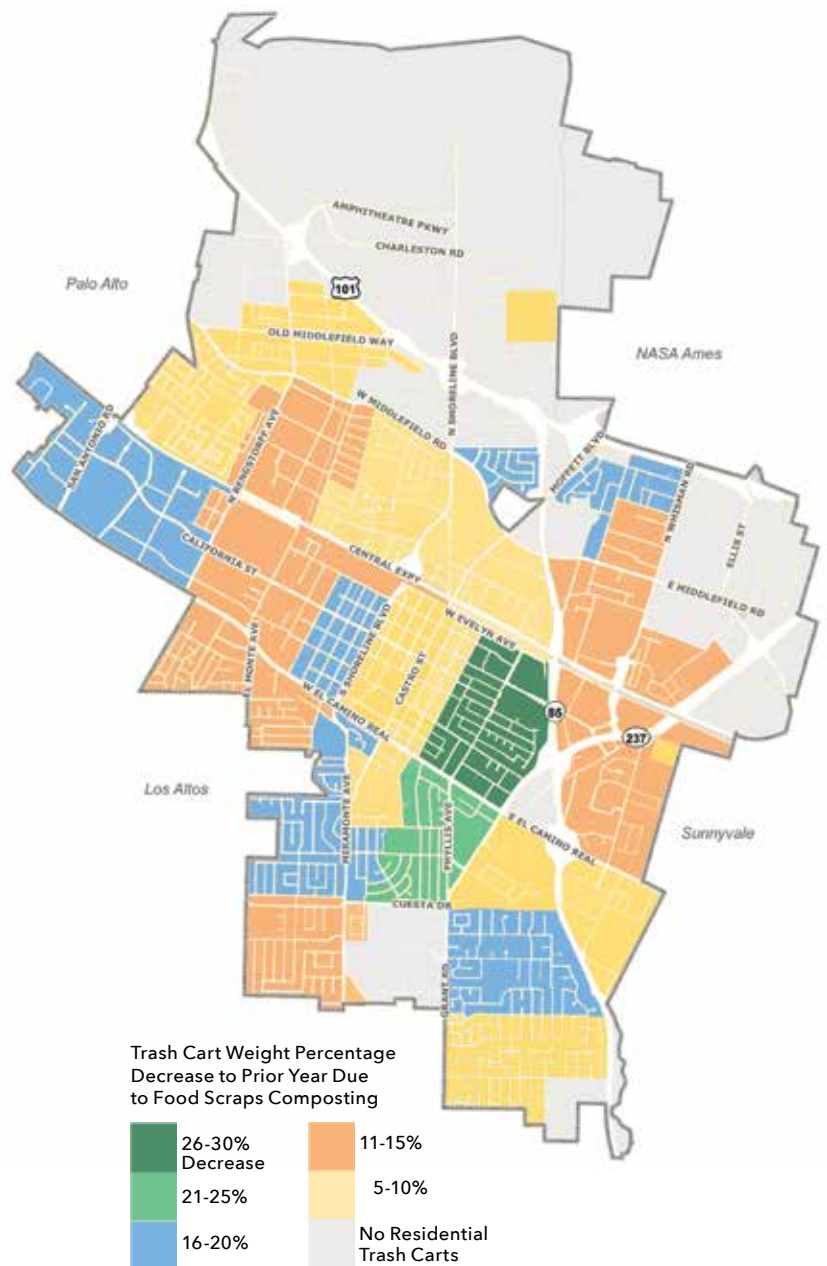
- Plastic of any kind (including bags and compostable plastic foodware), frozen food boxes, glass, metal, liquids, pet waste, facial tissue.

TIPS

- Compost paper towels even if they are just wet and not food-soiled; no cleaning wipes.
- Choose reusable foodware or paper plates and cups (instead of plastic or compostable plastic foodware*). Choose bakery and deli products in paper boxes or plastic tubs instead of plastic clamshells.*

* These items go in the garbage

How is your neighborhood doing?



Paper Recycling Challenges—China's Ban

Since January, the recycling markets, especially for paper, have been undergoing a massive change as a result of China's ban on imports of recyclable materials. Most every recycling program in the U.S. is affected, but especially here on the West Coast due to proximity to Asia. More than ever, **we need your help** to keep the paper recycling stream as clean as possible so we can better compete in this changing market place. When recycling is contaminated with trash or items that are not accepted for recycling, it can be rejected by buyers. For more information about changing recycling markets, visit **MountainView.gov/What'sNew**.

Please do not put ANY type of plastic in the paper recycling. If you carry out your recycling in a plastic bag, empty the contents into the cart and then put the bag in the trash.

Check the Accepted List at MountainView.gov/WhatGoesWhere.
If it's not on the list, it goes in the trash.



No plastic wrap or other plastic pieces from packaging.



No paper envelopes with bubble padding or other plastic attached.



Recycle cartons with containers, not paper

Questions? Contact us at recycle@mountainview.gov or (650) 903-6311.

Junk Mail Multiplying Like Rabbits? Take Action:



- 1) **Catalog Choice** is a free on-line service that allows consumers to identify the catalogs they don't want to receive (catalogchoice.org)
- 2) **At DirectMail.com** you can register on its National Do Not Mail list (directmail.com/mail_preference)
- 3) **The Direct Marketing Association** will place your name in the "suppress file" for three years for specific companies or one or more categories (dmachoice.org)
- 4) **Credit Bureaus** may sell names and addresses to banks and credit card companies (optoutprescreen.com)
- 5) Remove your name from mailing lists of companies who send you catalogs, sweepstakes entries, and coupons by calling, writing or going online. Here are a few to get you started:
 - **PennySaver:** pennysaverusa.com/maillinglist
 - **Val-Pak Savings Coupons:** val-pak.com/coupons/show/maillinglistsuppression
 - **Sweepstakes Publishers Clearinghouse:** pch.custhelp.com/app/ask_mailing
 - **Telephone/Yellow Pages Books:** yellowpagesoptout.com

Mountain View's Diversion Progress

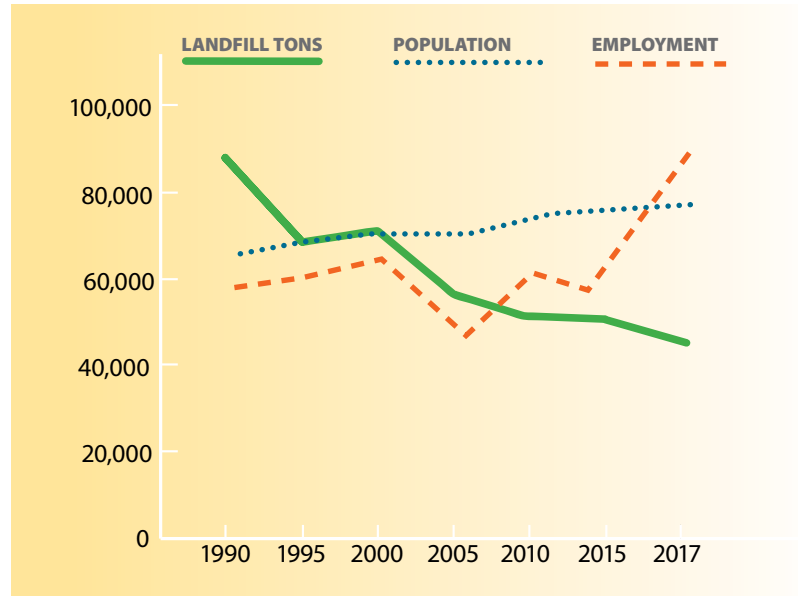
Mountain View continues to make progress in reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill. Since 1990, following adoption of the California Integrated Waste Management Act which mandated waste reduction efforts, the amount of waste disposed in landfill has been reduced by nearly half.

Since 2005, our increasing population and employment have also generated more waste, but your efforts in separating recyclables and food scraps from the trash continue to make a difference despite this growth! The City's adopted goal is to reduce landfill disposal in half again by 2030—and new programs and new efforts will be needed.

HIGHLIGHTS

1990-1995: Early gains from the introduction of curbside collection of yard trimmings and improvements to recycling programs.

1995-2000: Slowed progress prompts an evaluation of possible new programs.



2000-2005: Changes to the commercial recycling program result in large participation gains; wheeled recycling carts are introduced.

2005-2017: Food scrap collection programs are introduced for both commercial and residential customers; equipment improvements at the SMaRT Station increase capture of organics and recyclables from the

trash; construction waste diversion requirements are established and then later increased.

2018 and beyond: Development of a pilot food scraps collection program for multi-family homes; evaluation of future programs and processing capabilities in anticipation of new collection, processing and landfill agreements to begin in 2022.

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, November 3
8 am–Noon
SMaRT Station
301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale
Bring proof of residency,
limit 5 bags or boxes.
Questions? **(408) 752-8530**



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF EVENT

In Mountain View
Saturday, August 11
8 am–Noon
By Appointment Only



Visit hhw.org or call **(408) 299-7300** to make an appointment and obtain a list of accepted items.

HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOP



Saturday, October 6
10 am–Noon
Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue
Multi-Purpose Room A

Attend a free workshop and learn the basics of backyard and worm composting. Backyard compost bins available for purchase. Other workshop dates and locations available. Registration required at ucanr.edu/compost or **(408) 918-4640**.



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Garbage and Recycling Collection Services

Recology Mountain View
(650) 967-3034
RecologyMountainView.com

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

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

Collection schedules will be affected by the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays. Holiday trees will be collected from December 26 through January 18 from homes with curbside cart collection. Multi-family property managers can arrange group tree collection with Recology. No On-Call Plus clean-up appointments will be available during this time. SMaRT Station vouchers will still be available. Call Recology at **(650) 967-3034** for information.

NOVEMBER 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 Regular Collection	20 Regular Collection	21 Regular Collection	22 No Collection Office Closed	23 Thursday Customers Collected Office Closed	24 Friday Customers Collected Office Closed

DECEMBER 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Regular Collection	25 No Collection Office Closed	26 Tuesday Customers Collected	27 Wednesday Customers Collected	28 Thursday Customers Collected	29 Friday Customers Collected Office Closed

DECEMBER 2018–JANUARY 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Regular Collection	1 No Collection Office Closed	2 Tuesday Customers Collected	3 Wednesday Customers Collected	4 Thursday Customers Collected	5 Friday Customers Collected Office Closed