

GreenWays

THE QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL NEWSLETTER FROM GREENWASTE OF PALO ALTO **SPRING 2023**

CLEAN UP DAY PROGRAM

What is a Clean Up Day?

GreenWaste of Palo Alto offers single-family residents two free pre-scheduled Clean Up Days annually for the curbside collection of unwanted items. For more information visit www.greenwaste.com/palo-alto/cleanupday

When is my Clean Up Day?

Postcards containing specific Clean Up Day guidelines and a friendly reminder of your scheduled Clean Up Days are mailed to each single-family household, twice per year. Residents can also use the search function on our website to find their scheduled Clean Up Days.

How do I set out my items?

Be sure to first label items, bags, and boxes accordingly as "Reuse", "Landfill", "Clothing," etc. All items must be placed at the curb next to your carts by 6am on your scheduled Clean Up Day, no earlier than 24 hours.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Bulky Items – Up to 3, under 200lbs
- Individual Items – Up to 3, under 60lbs, no larger than 3'x3'x3'
- Clothing & Textiles – Up to 3, 32gal bags or boxes
- Recyclables – Under 60lbs, no larger than 2'x3'
- Landfill – Up to 3, under 60lbs, 32gal bags or boxes
- Construction Material – 6 bags or boxes, under 60lbs, no larger than 2'x3'
- Household Batteries – Sealed clear bag on top of recycle cart
- Motor Oil – 3 spill proof 1gal containers, Oil filters in sealed clear bag



NOT ACCEPTED:

- Hazardous materials (paint, fluorescent light bulbs, treated wood, lithium batteries) Can be dropped-off at the Household Hazardous Waste Station.
- Fragile items (mirror)
- Food or Liquid

GREENWASTE HIGHLIGHTS

- **WEBSITE UPDATE:** We updated our website! Together, our family of companies, including GreenWaste of Palo Alto, GreenWaste Recovery, Zanker Recycling, and more are now doing business under a single brand, GreenWaste, featuring a refreshed look and updated website. Visit our new site at: www.greenwaste.com/palo-alto



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **WORM COMPOSTING WORKSHOP:**
Saturday, April 15th, 10am-12pm
Gamble Garden
1431 Waverley St, Palo Alto
Sign Up Required:
www.cityofpaloalto.org/compost
- **WORM COMPOSTING WORKSHOP:**
Saturday, May 6th 10am-12pm
Lucie Stern Community Center
1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto
Sign Up Required:
www.cityofpaloalto.org/compost
- **EARTH DAY:**
Saturday, April 22nd
Check out local events!



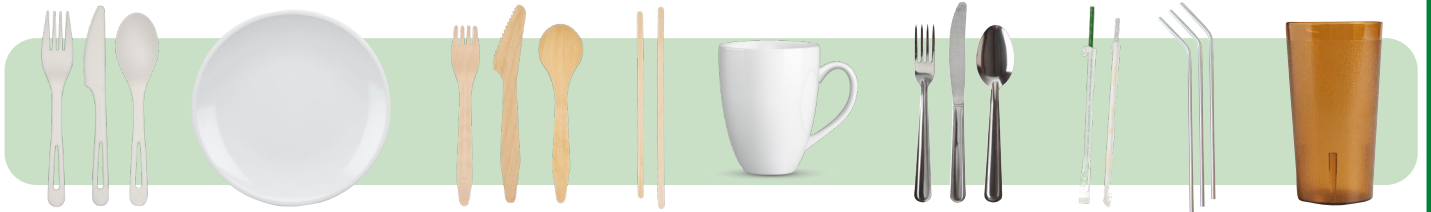
DISPOSABLE FOODWARE REQUIREMENTS

The City of Palo Alto adopted the Disposable Foodware Ordinance to protect local waterways and oceans from plastic pollution, reduce litter, and encourage Zero Waste. This affects food service establishments including restaurants, bars, delis, grocery stores, hotels, food delivery services, and anyone serving food in Palo Alto.

- » All disposable utensils, straws, stirrers, drink plugs, produce bags, and other small foodware provided must be reusable or acceptable in the City's compost collection program.
- » Single-use disposable foodware accessories must only be provided upon request or via a self-serve station.
- » Foodware or condiments cannot be bundled or packaged together. This eliminates the extra waste created when providing customers with a spoon and a knife when they only needed a fork.
- » Third-party delivery platforms and restaurants must list individual foodware items and condiments in their menu for customers to "opt-in" for online orders.
- » Condiments must only be provided upon request or via a self-serve station or refillable dispenser.

Look for compostable or reusable items while frequenting food service establishments or remember to bring your own reusable items to reduce your waste!

For more information on Palo Alto's Disposable Foodware Ordinance, visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/foodware.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: PATAGONIA

Patagonia continues to be a star in green business practices in the Palo Alto community.

Recently they received their Green Business Certification and have now added proper waste stations with color-coding and signage to encourage proper waste sorting for their customers and staff. They work diligently at keeping all their recyclable material clean and reducing their packaging waste through a company film plastic recycling program. Customers are also encouraged to donate their worn attire back to Patagonia.

At Patagonia, customers are always invited to attend their Community Partner Tabling events.

Local nonprofit organizations are welcome to sign up to table and showcase their organization at Patagonia and connect with the community. GreenWaste of Palo Alto has tabled several of these events, encouraging reusables and proper waste sorting in Palo Alto.

These actions not only promote Zero Waste practices at Patagonia, but also throughout the Palo Alto community.



GAMBLE GARDEN COMPOST GIVEAWAY

Join us for a day of fun including a compost workshop and our annual compost giveaway for City of Palo Alto residents!



Register!
visit
gamblegarden.org

WHEN:

- Saturday, April 15th, 10am – 12pm

WHERE:

- Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St.

WHAT:

- Compost basics workshop
- Compost giveaway
- GreenWaste information table