

GreenWays

THE QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL NEWSLETTER FROM GREENWASTE OF PALO ALTO **SPRING 2024**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Americans generate 1.6 million tons of hazardous household products per year. To prevent pollution from hazardous household products, protect the health of your family, and preserve the environment, proper disposal is needed.

To dispose of these hazardous products, please be sure to utilize Palo Alto's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Station.

Location:

2501 Embarcadero Way,
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Hours:

Every Saturday: 9am – 11am
First Friday of the month: 3pm – 5pm

Guidelines:

- Must be a Palo Alto resident (driver's license or vehicle registration)
- Up to 15 gallons or 125 pounds of HHW per visit (no larger than 5-gallon containers)

Some accepted items include:

- Latex and oil-based paint, household batteries, auto batteries, small electronics with embedded batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze, gasoline, motor oil, cooking oil, medication, household injection needles, pesticides, cleaners, propane tanks, and more.



HHW Reuse Zone:

The HHW Reuse Zone is a reuse program for gently used, good quality household products such as paint, cleaners, and unused motor oil that are brought to the HHW Station for disposal.

- Open during HHW Station hours
- Visitors are allowed to take up to five household products per visit
- Residency in Palo Alto is not required to use the HHW Reuse Zone

For more information about the Household Hazardous Waste Station visit:

www.cityofpaloalto.org/hazwaste

GREENWASTE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Zero Waste Palo Alto's E-Newsletter: Zero Waste Minute**
Sign up for Zero Waste Palo Alto's new E-Newsletter. Zero Waste tips, tools, and updates delivered straight to your inbox. Sign up now at: www.cityofpaloalto.org/zwenews
- **Sorting Reminder: Air Filters**
When replacing your air filters throughout the year, please be sure to place them into your black landfill cart. Air filters are made of multi-layered materials and are NOT recyclable or compostable.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **COMPOST WORKSHOP:**
Saturday April 6, 10am - 12pm
Lucie Stern Community Center
1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto
- **EARTH DAY FESTIVAL 2024:**
Sunday April 21, 1pm - 4pm
Rinconada Library
1213 Newell Rd, Palo Alto
- **CITYWIDE YARD SALE:**
Saturday June 1, 8am - 2pm
www.PaloAltoOnline.com/yardsale
- **COMPOST WORKSHOP:**
Saturday June 22, 10am - 12pm
Lucie Stern Community Center
1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto

SORTING GUIDANCE: CLEAN FILM PLASTICS

Clean film plastics such as empty bread bags, zip lock bags, bubble wrap, or shrink wrap can be recycled, but these items are required to be bundled together first.

This does not include items such as chip bags, snack wrappers or packaging, or cellophane, which need to be disposed of into the black landfill cart. Single, loose, or soiled film plastic pieces also need to be disposed of into the black landfill cart. Only bundled clean film plastics can be placed into the blue recycle cart.

When gathering film plastics in your home, please be sure they are clean and dry. Bundle all film plastics together into one clear plastic bag, tie it up tight, and place it in your blue recycle cart. The film plastic bundles should be about the size of a soccer ball or larger.

Bundling film plastics together helps keep the material clean and easily identifiable to sort. Loose film plastics can get tangled in the recycling sorting equipment and slow down the process. Additionally, loose film plastics get dirty in the process making them undesirable and unlikely to be recycled. When properly placed into recycling containers, film plastics can be recycled into several resources including composite lumber used for decking, fencing, and other outdoor uses.

For more information on which film plastic items can be bundled together and placed into your recycling cart, check out our Detailed Materials Guide at: www.greenwaste.com/palo-alto/support/what-goes-where or contact our customer service team with your questions at 650-493-4894, pacustomerservice@greenwaste.com.

Collect and Keep Clean



Bundle and Tie Close



Place in Recycle Cart



CITY OF PALO ALTO: EARTH DAY FESTIVAL 2024

Join City and GreenWaste staff, community organizations, neighbors, and friends for a celebration of the Earth and day of climate action!



WHEN: Sunday, April 21st, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

WHERE: Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

WHAT: Community organizations tabling, family-friendly activities, and more!

More Information: www.cityofpaloalto.org/EarthDay

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where does this item go?

Our customer service team is happy to answer questions about which cart to put any item you are unsure about. Sorting guides and a Detailed Materials Guide are available on our website anytime! www.greenwaste.com/palo-alto/support/what-goes-where



Use the online search tool, re:source, to find locations for donation, repair, or disposal at: www.resource.stopwaste.org

When is my Clean Up Day?

Check your mailbox twice per year for information on your two pre-scheduled neighborhood Clean Up Days. Residents may also use the "Find Your Clean Up Day" search tool by entering your Palo Alto utility account number and street address at: www.greenwaste.com/palo-alto/cleanupday

How do I change my refuse service levels?



Residents can change landfill, compost, or recycle cart sizes or request additional carts by calling customer service. Residents are allowed up to 3 compost and 3 recycle carts at no additional cost.

Still have questions? Contact our customer service team: 650-493-4894 pacustomerservice@greenwaste.com