



COMPOST- Please place all compostable materials in your green compost container.

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DETAILED MATERIAL GUIDE

FOOD SCRAPS

- Bones
- Bread
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Dairy products
- Dough
- Eggs, eggshells
- Fruit & Vegetables
- Grains & Pasta

***How to handle grease and oil - call Customer Service for tips

- Meat & Seafood
- Nuts, shells
- Pits
- Tea bags

SOILED PAPER

- Cups
- Fast food packaging
- Milk, juice, and ice cream cartons
- Napkins
- Paper towels
- Pizza boxes
- Plates
- Take-out containers

- Tissues
- Trays
- Waxed cardboard
- Waxed paper

COMPOSTABLE PLASTICS (Must be labeled COMPOSTABLE)

- Bags, liners
- Cups
- Cutlery
- Lids

- Straws
- Take-out containers

MISCELLANEOUS

- Animal fur
- Cork
- Hair

YARD TRIMMINGS

- Branches, stumps*
- Flowers
- Grass clippings
- Holiday trees**
- Ivy
- Leaves
- Lumber***
- Plants, shrubs
- Sawdust***
- Succulents/ice plants
- Wood chips***
- Wood waste***

Not Accepted (place in landfill):

Animal waste, bamboo, cactus, dirt, flax, painted wood, palm, pampas grass, poison oak, sod, stable bedding, yucca

*Branches must be less than 6 inches in diameter and shorter than 4 feet in length.

**Undecorated, unflocked, remove stands, and decorations. Tree sections must not exceed 4 feet in length.

***Must be untreated/unpainted to be accepted. GreenWaste cannot collect or accept treated wood.

WASTE REDUCTION/ZERO WASTE- It is the goal of GreenWaste of Palo Alto to help the Palo Alto community reduce the amount of waste that is landfilled!

Palo Alto has a goal of 95% diversion of materials from landfills and 80% reduction of greenhouse gases by 2030. Zero Waste goes beyond recycling by taking a circular and systemic approach to manage the flow of resources. For more information on how to help Palo Alto reach zero waste, please visit www.zerowastepaloalto.org.

Reduce: When shopping for groceries or other products, please do your part to prevent waste by selecting items that have minimal packaging and bring your own reusable bags.

Reuse: A significant portion of garbage in the waste stream is generated by using disposable products that could be replaced with reusable items, integrate reusable items into everyday activities such as using reusable containers when bringing food or drinks to work.

Recycle: Materials that have historically been garbage may now be recyclable! Please review this detailed materials guide, or go to www.resource.stopwaste.org for additional details.

Donate: Items that are in good condition and are no longer useful to you may be donated to thrift stores, consignment shops, antiques stores, and nonprofit groups. Find a second home for items that were once your treasure by contacting a local organization that accepts donated items for reuse. The list below includes commonly donated items that are accepted by local organizations.

- Art & craft supplies
- Bikes
- Books
- CDs & DVDs
- Carpet & rugs
- Clothing & shoes
- Desks
- Dishes & utensils
- Eyeglasses
- Furniture
- Jewelry
- Linens
- Mirrors
- Musical instruments
- Pots & pans
- Small appliances
- Sporting goods & toys

Goodwill Industries
4085 El Camino Way - Palo Alto
(650) 494-1416

Salvation Army
1-800-SA-TRUCK (728-7825)

Friends of Palo Alto Library
www.fopal.org/donate
(650) 213-8755

RAFT
www.raft.net
(408) 451-1420



RECYCLE- Please place all recyclable materials in your blue recycle container. Empty bottles, cans, and containers only. No food or liquid. Contents cannot exceed weight limit listed on cart, maximum of 200 lbs. All items must fit inside the recycle container with the lid closed.

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METAL

- Aerosol cans (empty, non-hazardous)
- Appliances, small metal (e.g., toaster, blender)
- Cans (e.g., food, beverage, pet food)
- Foil, foil trays, pans
- Furniture
- Hardware (e.g., keys, nails, screws)
- Household items (e.g., pots, pans, trays, utensils)
- Lids, caps
- Lighting fixtures
- Paint cans (empty, dry, no excessive residue)
- Pipe
- Scrap metal (plumbing fixtures, small auto parts)
- Sporting goods
- Tools
- Toys
- Trays
- Umbrellas

PAPER (staples, tape okay)

- Bags (e.g., white, colored, non-metallic)
- Books (e.g., hard/soft cover, telephone)
- Boxes (e.g., cereal, cracker, tissue, shoe, mailing)
- Carbonless (e.g., receipt books, sales forms)
- Cardboard (flatten, unwaxed)
- Catalogs
- Colored, white, glossy
- Egg cartons
- Envelopes (plastic window okay)
- Frozen food packaging
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Manila folders
- Newspaper (inserts okay)
- Paper ream wrappers
- Photographs (NO Polaroids/instant photos)
- Self-stick notes
- Shredded paper (tie in a clear plastic bag)
- Wrapping, tissue paper (non-metallic)
- Shipping envelopes (glue-padded paper, labels removed)

GLASS (clear and colored) Note: Blue and red glass are NOT accepted

FILM PLASTICS (place clean and dry film plastics inside a clear plastic bag and knot the top of the bag)

- Bags (e.g., bread, dry clean, grocery, newspaper, produce, merchandise, zip lock)
- Bubble wrap
- Case wrap (e.g., beverage container, snack flats)
- Liners (e.g., cereal box)
- Pallet/shrink wrap
- Plastic packaging wrap (e.g., wrap from toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, diapers)
- Shipping envelopes (film plastic, labels removed)

RIGID PLASTICS Note: Expanded Polystyrene aka Styrofoam® is NOT accepted

- Auto parts (small)
 - Bottles (e.g., beverage, laundry and household cleaners, personal care products, prescription)
 - Baskets
 - Buckets
 - Cartridges (e.g., toner, ink jet, printer)
 - Coolers
 - Computer housing
 - Crates
 - Lids
 - Flower pots
 - Food containers (e.g., cottage cheese, margarine, yogurt, take-out)
 - Pet carriers (hard plastic)
 - Pipe (non-PVC)
 - Product packaging (e.g., small electronics, razors)
 - Shelving
 - Toys (e.g., hard plastic pools, play structures)
 - Trays
- *Plastics smaller than a coffee cup lid (3.5 inches in diameter) such as straws or utensils are NOT accepted in recycle and should be disposed into landfill container.*

ELECTRONICS (remove all batteries) Note: Televisions and computer monitors NOT accepted

- Appliances (e.g., coffee maker, microwave oven)
 - Camera
 - Calculator
 - Cell phone* (inside clear tear-resistant bag)
 - Computer (e.g., desktop, lap top*)
 - Computer mouse, cables (bundled)
 - Home entertainment (e.g., game system, DVR, VCR, stereo, radio)
 - Keyboard
 - Printer, scanner, fax machine (ink cartridges removed)
 - Shaver - electric
 - Toothbrush - electric
 - Tablets*, e-readers*
 - Vacuum cleaner
- *Electronics with embedded batteries are hazardous waste and cannot be accepted in the recycle bin.*



LANDFILL- Please place all NON-reusable NON-recyclable, NON-compostable and NON-Hazardous items in your landfill container. Contents cannot exceed weight limit listed on cart, maximum of 200 lbs. All items must fit inside the garbage container with the lid closed.



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MULTI-LAYERED MATERIALS

- Aseptic containers (e.g., juice boxes, soy milk)
- Foil wrapped beverage pouches (e.g., Capri Sun®)
- Polaroid photographs
- Single serve coffee pods (e.g., Keurig®)
- Snack packaging (e.g., chip bags, wrappers)

PAPER

- Carbon paper
- Shipping envelopes (plastic padded, bubble lined paper)
- Dirty newspaper (with paint or pet waste)
- Stickers (in sheets or rolls)
- Thermal paper (e.g., fax paper, glossy receipts)
- Tyvek

GLASS

- Ceramics & Vases
- Cookware- glass (e.g., Pyrex™)
- Dishware & Stemware
- Incandescent & Halogen light bulbs
- Mirrors
- Windows
- Blue & Red glass
- Broken glass (bagged)

PLASTIC

- Cellophane
- Disposable razors
- Hoses (e.g., car, garden)
- Rope
- Rubber bands
- Tarps
- Straws
- Toothpaste & Ointment tubes
- Webbing/mesh from lawn furniture

EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (Styrofoam®)

- Coolers
- Cups and plates
- Egg cartons (molded foam)
- Foam packing (e.g., blocks)
- Meat trays
- Packing "peanuts"

MISCELLANEOUS

- Decorative bark
- Dental floss
- Diapers (standard and compostable)
- Lint & Vacuum debris
- Pet waste & Kitty litter
- Produce stickers

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE- These items CANNOT go into the garbage, recycle, or compost containers for collection. For information on proper disposal through the City's Household Hazardous Waste Program, visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/hazwaste or call (650) 496-5910.

- Aerosols (non-empty)
- Auto fluids
- Batteries (including car batteries, lithium)
- Cleaners (e.g. bleach)
- Cooking oil, motor oil, grease
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent lights (CFLs & tubes)
- LED lights
- Mercury thermometers & thermostats
- Paints & Paint thinner
- Pesticides & Fertilizers
- Pool & Spa chemicals
- Medications (no controlled substances)
- Propane tanks (BBQ or camp stove only)
- Sharps & Syringes (in rigid container)
- Solvents

FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES ONLY - Household Hazardous Waste items accepted in Clean Up Day Service:

MOTOR OIL & FILTERS: Used motor oil must be in a clear one-gallon plastic container with a tight fitting screw-top lid. Used oil filters must be in a sealed clear tear-resistant bag. Set out for collection on your pre-scheduled Clean Up Day service dates only.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES: Household batteries (e.g., AA, AAA, D, nickel cadmium) will be collected when put inside a sealed clear tear-resistant bag and set out on your pre-scheduled Clean Up Day service dates only. No lithium or lithium-ion batteries allowed.

OTHER ITEMS

Large Item Collection: Large items such as sofas, mattresses, tables, computer monitors, or televisions can be picked up at your curb as part of the Clean Up Day service. Please contact Customer Service or visit www.greenwaste.com/PaloAlto/CleanUpDay for more details.

Extra Services: Please contact Customer Service Department at (650) 493-4894 to arrange for extra pick up of garbage or to order a debris box.