

GreenWays

THE QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL NEWSLETTER FROM GREENWASTE OF PALO ALTO FALL 2025

WASTE SORTING ROOM BY ROOM!

Learn how to sort waste throughout your home, room by room!

● COMPOST ● RECYCLE ● LANDFILL ● HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD



GREENWASTE HIGHLIGHTS

• NO COLLECTION ON THANKSGIVING:

GreenWaste of Palo Alto will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. If your regular collection day falls on Thanksgiving Day, your collection day will be moved to Friday (November 28). Customers with collection day on Friday will be serviced on Saturday (November 29).



UPCOMING EVENTS



- **COMPOST WORKSHOP:**
Saturday September 27th, 10am - 12pm
Lucie Stern Community Center
1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto
- **SCARE FAIRE & HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP:**
Sunday October 19th, 1pm - 3pm
Museum of American Heritage
351 Homer Ave, Palo Alto

For more waste sorting information go to www.paloalto.gov/wgwtools

SPOOKY AND SUSTAINABLE!

Aim to be spooky and sustainable this Halloween and consider these zero waste tips:

Pumpkins

- While carving pumpkins, roast the seeds with some salt for a nutritious snack instead of tossing them out
- When the holiday is over, place your pumpkins into the green compost cart and be sure to remove all décor prior to disposal



Costumes

- Utilize face paints for creative characters instead of investing in a mask
- Wear a DIY, upcycled, borrowed, rented, or secondhand costume. Check out local costume swaps or thrift stores for awesome secondhand options



Decorations

- Choose natural decorations such as gourds, pumpkins, or leaves which can be composted and disposed of into the green compost cart
- Repurpose and upcycle household items into awesome décor such as making cardboard tombstones or using old sheets to make spooky ghosts



DRIVER SPOTLIGHT: KIRK EVANS

Kirk has served the Palo Alto community for over 25 years and is one of our designated drivers that assists with the Truck Showing program, where young students get the chance to interact with a driver and watch a waste truck in action.

He finds joy seeing the students' curiosity and excitement as he discusses how his job as a driver and how the truck functions. It's been an incredibly positive impact on Kirk's life to learn from the students and see them grow up over the years.



When he's not doing Truck Shows for students, Kirk drives a side-loader truck for one of the residential compost routes and is never shy to report that he values every single part of his job. Cultivating relationships with the community and his co-workers means the world to him and they always make his day brighter. He appreciates GreenWaste of Palo Alto's consistent dedication to safety over the years. He has also recently been featured as a high performer during Waste and Recycling Workers Week.

Kirk hopes to encourage a positive environment wherever he goes. His message to Palo Alto is to "Keep the smiles going!" We appreciate Kirk and all that he does for GreenWaste of Palo Alto and the Palo Alto community.

FOOD WASTE REDUCTION

Avoid wasting energy, water, and other resources by practicing food waste reduction methods this Thanksgiving.



Make a Shopping List

- Make a shopping list with the meal in mind, including quantities to prevent overbuying

Plan a Leftovers Night

- Plan meals utilizing the leftovers from the holiday meal so everyone can look forward to another meal that helps reduce food waste

Store Food in Clear Containers

- You will eat what you can see, encouraging food use before it spoils. Clear containers in the fridge or freezer help prevent any confusion your household has about what's ready to eat

Label Containers with Made-Dates

- Make labels containing the description and made-date with tape and marker, or even a wax crayon. Ensure that your culinary creations are enjoyed before they spoil