

GreenWays

THE QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL NEWSLETTER FROM GREENWASTE OF PALO ALTO **SPRING 2025**

CHECK OUT OUR ELECTRIC FLEET!

Fully Automated Side Loader:



- For residential landfill collection
- Saves around 6,000 gallons of diesel and reduces emissions by about 78 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents annually, which is equal to removing 12 passenger vehicles from the road

Rear Loader:



- For residential Clean Up Day program
- Collects recyclable household items and can accommodate large items such as non-reusable furniture

Wash Truck:



- For commercial cart and bin washes
- Uses recycled water sourced from Palo Alto's Regional Water Quality Control Plant
- The truck's wash system is 100% self-contained, meaning there is no runoff!

Flatbed:



- For Clean Up Day program and refuse cart deliveries throughout the city
- The long truck bed allows for the collection of bulky items and transport of refuse carts

We are excited to welcome the addition of three more all-electric vehicles to Green Waste of Palo Alto's fleet by the end of the year – making a total of seven vehicles! This includes two fully automated side loaders and a roll-off truck, which would service large debris boxes. GreenWaste is committed to prioritizing Zero-Emissions Vehicles, being an industry leader in sustainable practices, and investing in a greener future. Visit our website for more information: www.greenwaste.com/paloalto/fleet-electrification

GREENWASTE HIGHLIGHTS



- **Eleanor Pardee Community Garden Compost Giveaway Station:**
FREE compost is available for Palo Alto residents at the Eleanor Pardee Community Garden located at 851 Center Rd. Open Tuesday – Sunday 9:00am-4:00pm. Treat your plants to high quality compost!

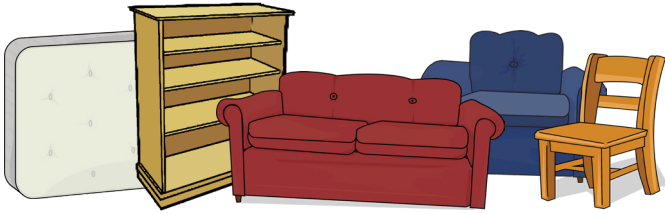
UPCOMING EVENTS



- **EARTH DAY FESTIVAL 2025:**
Sunday April 27, 1pm - 4pm
Palo Alto Art Center
1313 Newell Rd, Palo Alto
- **WORM COMPOST WORKSHOP:**
Saturday July 12, 10am - 12pm
Gamble Garden
1431 Waverley St, Palo Alto

SORTING GUIDANCE: BULKY ITEMS

Bulky items are household items that weigh 200 pounds or less such as sofas, chairs, tables, mattresses, refrigerators, etc. Here are resources for reusing or disposing of these items:



Donate to local organizations so your bulky items can be reused. Search your bulky item on resource.stopwaste.org for guidance on local organizations and donation centers.

Utilize your free prescheduled Clean Up Days. Place your bulky items along the curb next to your carts by 6:00am on your scheduled Clean Up Day, no earlier than 24 hours prior to collection. Find the date of your next Clean Up Day by visiting www.greenwaste.com/paloalto/cleanupday and fill out the search function with your address and Palo Alto Utilities account number.

Contact GreenWaste of Palo Alto Customer Service for any questions or advice on bulky item disposal: pacustomerservice@greenwaste.com or 650.493.4894

Schedule a bulky item pickup for a fee year-round. Contact GreenWaste of Palo Alto Customer Service at least one week in advance to determine cost and schedule a bulky item pickup on your next available refuse service day. Email pacustomerservice@greenwaste.com or call 650.493.4894

Self-haul bulky items to Shoreway Environmental Center. Shoreway Environmental Center is a recycling center and transfer station available for residents to dispose of a variety of materials including bulky items.

- Located at 333 Shoreway Rd, San Carlos, CA 94070
- Open Monday - Sunday: 8am - 5pm
- Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day

For more information regarding items Shoreway accepts and their pricing visit:

www.rethinkwaste.org/shoreway-environmental-center



CITY OF PALO ALTO: EARTH DAY FESTIVAL 2025

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



Sunday, April 27th, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Rd, Palo Alto CA, 94303

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

Information: www.cityofpaloalto.org/EarthDayFestival

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:

Sutter Health's Palo Alto Medical Foundation

Located near Town and Country Village, Sutter Health's Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF) campus provides a full range of primary care services and is committed to establishing zero waste practices throughout their facility. With the guidance of GreenWaste of Palo Alto and Zero Waste Palo Alto, PAMF has worked diligently to improve their waste collection and sorting systems.



PAMF is dedicated to ensuring their waste is properly sorted throughout the facility by providing clearly labeled and color-coded waste stations for compost, recycle, and landfill – this includes all patient's room, exam rooms, cafeterias, and labs. By improving their waste stations, they've also doubled their compost collection throughout all their facilities. PAMF schedules annual trainings and events to help ensure all staff members and facility contractors are up to date on proper waste sorting practices. The campus is consistently monitoring their external refuse containers for contamination daily and has even adjusted their purchasing habits to decrease the amount of waste they put into the landfill container!

Look for the updated compost, recycle, and landfill waste stations on your next visit!