

GreenWays

THE QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL NEWSLETTER FROM GREENWASTE OF PALO ALTO WINTER 2025

BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED!

Batteries should be sorted separately as household hazardous waste and never placed into your compost, recycle, or landfill carts. Batteries, especially lithium, lithium-ion, and small electronics with embedded batteries are hazardous and can ignite fires when crushed. Safe battery disposal isn't optional - it's critical!



If batteries mistakenly make their way into the waste trucks, they can get crushed and overheat – leading to fires inside of the waste truck while servicing the community or at the material processing facility. Battery-caused fires are becoming increasingly frequent, putting the safety of the drivers, facility workers, community, and environment at risk.

For proper and safe disposal of batteries year-round, please visit Palo Alto's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Station. The HHW Station is located at 2501 Embarcadero Way and is open every Saturday 9am-11am and the first Friday of each month 3pm-5pm. Find more information at www.paloalto.gov/hazwaste.



On your Clean Up Day, household batteries such as AA, AAA, AAAA, C, D, nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd or NiCad), Cadmium, and 9V, can be collected for disposal in a sealed, clear, and tear resistant bag placed **on top** of your **blue recycle cart**. No lithium or lithium-ion batteries permitted. Find more information at www.greenwaste.com/paloalto/cleanupday.

GREENWASTE HIGHLIGHTS

• CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION:

During the four-week period after Christmas Day, Christmas trees will be collected curbside. Christmas trees must be undecorated, unflocked, cut to four-foot lengths with the stands removed and placed curbside next to your green compost cart. Natural wreaths, garlands, and other greenery must be undecorated, unflocked, removed of wiring and support systems, cut down to small pieces, and placed in your compost cart.

Please be mindful when choosing an artificial tree versus a real tree. Artificial trees are not recyclable nor compostable and must be landfilled at the end of their useful life. Reuse your artificial tree for several years and be sure to donate it if you plan to replace it.



UPCOMING EVENTS

• HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE:

Every Saturday 9am-11am
First Friday of each month 3pm-5pm
2501 Embarcadero Way, Palo Alto

• HHW STATION CLOSURES:

Saturday, December 27, 2025
Friday, January 2, 2026
Saturday, January 3, 2026

GIFT WRAPPING GUIDANCE:

When the festivities have finished and the gifts are opened, save reusable wrappings for future uses and sort the single-use wrappings into the right cart! If you are the one gifting, consider no wrapping or reusable options to cut down on waste!



COLLECTION SCHEDULE CHANGES: HOLIDAY SERVICE DAYS



Mark your calendars for the holiday service schedule changes!

GreenWaste of Palo Alto is closed on Christmas (December 25) and New Year's Day (January 1). If your regular collection day falls on or after one of these holidays, your collection day will be moved to the next day for the rest of the week.

Remember to set out your carts by 6:00am on the date illustrated below. Happy holidays!

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

DECEMBER/JANUARY

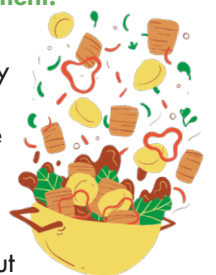
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Regular collection schedules will resume the following week. Call GreenWaste Customer Service at 650.493.4894, or email pacustomerservice@greenwaste.com if you have any questions.

REDUCE AND REUSE RESOLUTIONS

Set goals for the new year to reduce waste and reuse items! Extending the lifespan of your goods will benefit you and the environment.

Reduce Food Waste: Incorporate mindful practices into your weekly meal planning. Make a shopping list prior to going to the store to prevent over purchasing. Buy fresh ingredients in smaller quantities to ensure they are utilized in a timely manner without spoiling. Plan a weekly leftovers night to strategize eating already prepared food.



Make the Switch to Reusables: Clean with cloth towels instead of paper towels, refill cleaning spray bottles with concentrated cleaning tablets or make your own non-toxic cleaning solutions, try wool dryer balls instead of dryer sheets, and more. When on the go, bring reusables with you such as snack pouches and containers, take a reusable mug to a local coffee shop, and pack reusable utensils for your lunch at work!

