



Resource

YOUR SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT • RECYCLING • REUSE • WASTE PREVENTION • POLLUTION PREVENTION • SPRING/SUMMER 2008

Free Events for Residents

Document Shredding

Saturday, March 8, 11 am to 2 pm
Parking lot of Saint Joseph's Church
Corner of Castro and Church Streets

Bring your unwanted tax returns, bank statements, medical records, diskettes, CDs, DVDs, VCR tapes and credit cards and watch your confidential documents be shredded instantly. Paper in binders and notebooks or with staples, paperclips or binder clips are accepted.

Limit 2 paper grocery bags or cardboard storage boxes (10 inches x 12 inches x 24 inches).

Questions? Call **650-903-6311**.



Enter to win a personal paper shredder!

Safe Medication Disposal and Thermometer Exchange

At Arbor Day Celebration
Saturday, March 8, 11 am to 1 pm
Pioneer Park, Church Street
(near Castro Street behind City Hall)

Bring old and unwanted prescription pills, drugs and other medications for safe and proper disposal. Place medicines in zip lock bags.

Swap old mercury thermometers for less toxic ones while supplies last. Please bring old thermometers in zip lock bags.

No other hazardous waste will be accepted.

Questions? Call **650-903-6311**.

Citywide Garage Sale and Community Yard Sale

Get ready for Spring! Clean out your closets, drawers, attics and garages and keep valuable items out of the landfill. Reusing—whether you donate, buy or sell—is one of the best ways to reduce waste. Don't miss the opportunity to shop for or sell used items at two events in May—the Citywide Garage Sale and the Community Yard Sale (please note different dates). Events will be held rain or shine.



Citywide Garage Sale

At your Home
Saturday, May 3, 8 am to 2 pm

We'll provide a free "How To" guide and newspaper listings of address and sale items. Hold a sale at your home, coordinate with your neighbors for a block sale, or use this as an opportunity to raise funds for a community group. Register by April 18.

Call **650-903-6227** or visit www.mvrecycle.org for more information

Community Yard Sale

At Rengstorff Park (near Central Expressway)
Saturday, May 10, 8 am to 2 pm

Over 100 vendors in one location with hot bargains, good food and more. Admission is free to buyers. Sellers can register to rent space at the park for a small fee. Register by April 18.

Call **650-903-6227** for more information.

Composting—Nature's Way of Recycling

Improve your garden and reduce waste at the same time! Attend a composting workshop and learn how to turn your grass, leaves and kitchen scraps into nutritious soil for your garden. Save money by not having to buy soil conditioners, mulch and fertilizer. Save water by helping soil to hold moisture and reducing water runoff.

Free 2-hour workshops are usually held the third Saturday morning of each month at the Mountain View Community Center in Rengstorff Park. Attendees can also purchase compost bins and other supplies for a great price at the workshop.

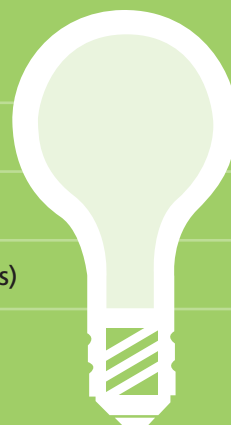
Register by calling the Rotline at **408-918-4640** or email compost@pln.co.scl.ca.us. Visit www.ReduceWaste.org for a class schedule.

Save Energy by Recycling

We all know recycling saves landfill space, but did you know that by recycling you are also saving energy? Energy savings are primarily the result of using recycled materials rather than raw materials to manufacture new items. For example, when taking into account mining, shipping, refining and manufacturing, creating a new aluminum can from melted recycled cans consumes just 5 percent of the energy it takes to make one from scratch. A paper mill uses 40 percent less energy to make paper from recycled paper than from fresh lumber. Recycled glass saves half the energy versus new glass. Here's what you can do with the energy saved:

Recycle:

- One aluminum can
- One glass bottle
- One plastic bottle (16 ounces)
- One ream of office paper



Save enough energy to:

- Run a computer for three hours
- Light a regular 100-watt bulb for four hours
- Watch TV for one hour
- Run a clothes dryer for one and a half hours

Sources: Earth911.org; U.S Energy Information Administration; Scholastic Science World®

COLLECTION INFORMATION

How to Recycle at Home

Household Batteries

Place used batteries in the bag provided by Foothill Disposal and set on top of cart. Foothill will empty it and return the bag to you for reuse. (Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire. Spent batteries may have enough voltage remaining to start a fire.)

Mixed Containers (Blue Lid)

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and wide-mouth tubs #1 through #7, metal cans and metal lids in the cart under the blue lid.

Paper (Grey Lid)

Put newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the cart under the grey lid.

Used Motor Oil and Filters

Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Foothill Disposal and set on top of the curb.

Cardboard

Cut large cardboard into pieces about 3'x3' and place on top of curb.



Where to Set Out Carts

- 1 Set out all carts **in the street** by 6 a.m. on collection day. Remove carts no later than the next day.
- 2 Place carts in the street **at least 18 inches apart** (for mechanical collection). Keep carts away from overhanging trees, carports and balconies.
- 3 Store the carts inside the garage or behind a fence, hedge, or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.
- 4 Do not place carts on top of the curb or on the sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, driver will collect carts from the top of the curb.

Questions? Call Foothill Disposal at 650-967-3034.

Extra yard trimmings and recycling

If you *regularly* have extra recycling or yard waste, order a larger or second cart (no charge). If you *occasionally* need more service, use an On Call Plus Clean Up appointment (no charge) or schedule an extra collection (\$10/cart). Call Foothill Disposal at 650-967-3034.

Extra garbage

Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Lucky, Safeway, Nob Hill or Rite-Aid stores, the City Library or Finance Department at City Hall. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.

WHAT'S RECYCLABLE?

ACCEPTED

Paper

All paper should be clean and without food residue.
Catalogs, magazines, telephone books (no plastic wrapper)
Cereal and cake mix boxes (remove all liners)
Computer and plain fax paper
Construction or art paper (less than 50% painted)
Corrugated cardboard boxes (flattened)
Egg cartons (paper only)
Gift-wrapping paper and greeting cards
Junk mail and envelopes (plastic windows okay)
Manila file folders
Newspaper and inserts
Paper (any color), tablet paper and backs
Paper bags
Paperback books
Post-it notes
Shoe or clothes boxes (flattened)
Shredded paper (no plastic bag)
Store receipts (NCR carbonless ok)



Glass Bottles and Jars

Beverage bottles
Canning jars
Jam and peanut butter jars
Olive oil and vinegar bottles
Soup and spaghetti jars
Wine bottles (no corks/wrappers)

Metal Cans

Aluminum cans
Bimetal cans (cat food cans)
Metal food cans and lids
Steel and tin cans

Plastic Bottles and Tubs #1 through #7

Baby wipe tubs
Bakery, deli and salad tubs (no clamshells)*
Catsup bottles
Cottage cheese tubs
Detergent bottles
Margarine tubs
Milk jugs
Peanut butter jars
Prescription bottles
Shampoo bottles
Syrup bottles
Water, soda and juice bottles
Yogurt tubs

NOT ACCEPTED

Paper

Any paper that has touched food.
Beverage cups, coffee cups
Binder clips (staples and small paperclips okay)
Donut boxes, fast-food cups, burger wrappers
Egg cartons (polystyrene foam)
Foil gift wrap
Food and candy wrappers, snack or potato chip bags
Frozen food boxes
Hardback books
Ice cream cartons
Milk, soy, juice cartons or bags
Paper covered with paint or pet waste
Pizza boxes
Plastic-coated papers (photographs)
Spiral-bound notebooks or vinyl binders
Tissues, paper towels, paper plates
Waxed (dark brown) cardboard

Metal Cans

Aerosol can (empty or full)
Construction debris, nails, metal pipes or car parts
Pots, pans and appliances

Glass Bottles and Jars

Ceramic coffee cups or dishes
Drinking glasses
Fluorescent tubes or any light bulb
Mirrors, picture frame glass, window glass

Plastic Bottles and Tubs

Any plastic container not marked #1 through #7
Any plastic container larger than 2-gallons
Beverage cups, plates, utensils and straws
Bubble-wrap, shrink-wrap, plastic tarps
Buckets, laundry baskets, crates, plant pots, pails
Clamshells (deli, fast-food)*
Computer disks or "jewel" boxes for disks
Foam beverage cups, food or meat trays
Foam packaging, blocks or "peanuts" (Styrofoam)
Garden hoses or plastic toys
Lids and caps
Medical waste (saline bags, needles/syringes)
Photographs, negatives, microfiche, transparencies
Plastic bags of any kind even if marked #1 through #7
Plastic pens, pencils, glue bottles and glue sticks
Styrofoam
Toothpaste and ointment tubes



* Clamshells are containers with a connected lid.

THIS LIST MAY ALSO BE USED FOR APARTMENT AND BUSINESS RECYCLING. CHECK CONTAINER LABEL TO SORT RECYCLABLES.

2008 CURBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR

For Homes with Split Carts: When is my Collection Day?

Find Your Collection Day/Recycling Week:

- 1 Locate your neighborhood on the map below and note the collection day and color (or use the online street index below*.)
 - 2 Match the color to the calendar at right for the recycling week (i.e. Grey = Week B).
- Example:** On Church Street between Hope and Castro, garbage day is every Tuesday, and recycling day is every other Tuesday starting on January 8 (Week A).

Questions? Call Foothill Disposal for schedules.

Apartments with group carts should call Foothill Disposal at 650-967-3034 for schedules.



Color = Week A

Grey = Week B

January 2008

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Holidays

Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 27), Christmas (December 25) and New Year's Day (January 1). If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week, with Friday Collection on Saturday.

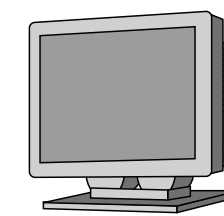
Free On-Call Plus Clean Up Program

Residents may schedule 3 curbside collections of extra trash, yard waste and bulky goods by calling Foothill Disposal at 650-967-3034. Appointments may be scheduled any time before December 24, 2008 and can be used to set out extra material in an 8'L x 4'W x 4'H area PLUS up to 3 bulky goods such as a washer, sofa and mattress at no charge. Appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul to the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale. No appointments accepted December 24, 2007 through January 18, 2008.

*Find your collection day online: www.mvrecycle.org and click on collection schedule



Household Hazardous Waste Services



Effective February, 2006, California banned consumer electronics and other hazardous waste from the trash. These items cannot be placed in garbage or recycling containers because they contain lead, copper, mercury or chromium that can pollute the environment. The SMaRT Station and the County Household Hazardous Waste Program accept many items without charge. Foothill also accepts many items in the On-Call Plus Clean Up Program without charge, but fees may apply for special handling of refrigerators, computer monitors and television sets.

Foothill Disposal (650-967-3034)

Curbside Collection On Call Plus (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer disk drives
- Fax machines, calculators
- Keyboards, mouse
- Microwaves, stoves
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Printers, scanners
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- VCRs, DVD players
- Washer, dryer
- Water heaters

Special Collection (fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers
- Computer monitors, laptops
- Televisions
- Tires

SMaRT Station (408-752-8530)

301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale (see map p.4) (fee/no fee)

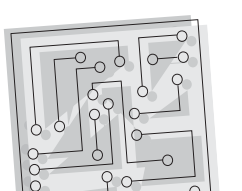
- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers (fee)
- Batteries (household¹ and vehicle)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer monitors, laptops, disk drives
- Fax machines, printers, scanners, calculators
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Keyboard, mouse
- Microwaves and stoves (fee)
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Televisions
- Thermometers, thermostats
- Tires (fee)
- VCRs and DVD players
- Washer, dryer (fee)
- Water heaters (fee)

County HHW Facility (408-299-7300) By Appointment Only (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Fire extinguishers, flares
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Oil, paints, solvents, pesticides
- Pool chemicals, asbestos
- Medicine
- Propane/balloon tanks
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Thermometers and thermostats.

¹ Household batteries may also be recycled through the residential curbside program (650-967-3034).

² Cell phones may be taken back to retail stores



Recycling Directory

Bulb and Battery Take-Back Locations

Fluorescent lamps (compact bulbs, straight, circular, spiral and U-bent tubes) and **Household batteries** (no automotive batteries) can be taken to the following locations free of charge.

Lamps and batteries:

Blossom True Value Hardware
1297 W El Camino Real, (650) 964-7871
(Leave with employee at register)

Orchard Supply Hardware
2555 Charleston Road, (650) 691-2000
(Leave at customer service desk)

Lamps only:

New Era Lighting
2243 Old Middlefield Way, (650) 940-1559

Batteries only:

Wolfe Camera
1898 W El Camino Real, (650) 968-5666

Services

Utility and garbage billing information including starting or changing garbage accounts, and purchasing extra garbage tags. City Finance and Administrative Services Department
650-903-6317

Garbage and recycling collection including pickup schedule, missed pickups, what's recyclable, extra bins, extra yard trimmings, clean up and bulky goods services. Foothill Disposal Company
650-967-3034

Household batteries can be taken to either Mountain View or SMaRT Station recycling centers (above). Residents with split carts may use curbside pickup (see page 2).

Household hazardous waste can be taken for free disposal by appointment. County Toxics Hotline
408-299-7300
www.hhw.org

Home composting information including free local workshops, compost bins and brochures. County Compost Hotline
408-918-4640
www.ReduceWaste.org

Pollution prevention information including best methods to reduce pollution. City Environmental Safety Staff
650-903-6378

Recycling Leaders Program
City Public Works Department
650-903-6311

Water conservation information including methods, technology, and product rebates. City Water Conservation Staff
650-903-6216

Visit the City of Mountain View's web site for business or residential recycling information: www.mvrecycle.org

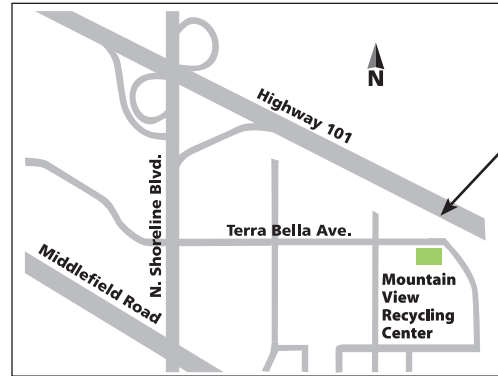
Resource

We welcome your comments and suggestions. Call 650-903-6311.

The Resource is printed on 30% post-consumer recycled paper.

Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers

Mountain View sponsors two recycling centers where residents and businesses can drop off extra recycling or redeem "California Redemption Value" cans and bottles for cash.



Mountain View Recycling Center 935 Terra Bella Avenue, Mountain View

Hours: Buy-back Tues-Sat 9 am-3 pm
Drop-off Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 6 pm.

Questions? Call Foothill Disposal at 650-967-3034. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

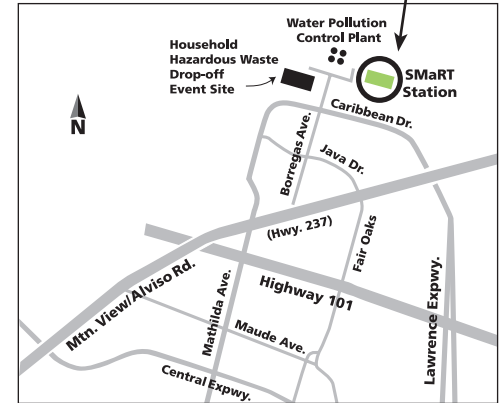
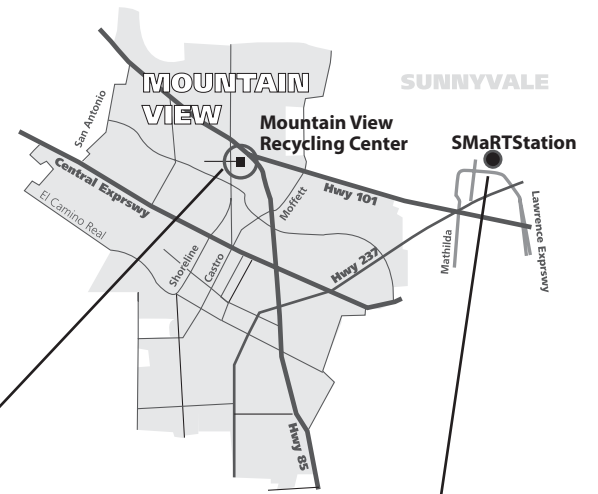
Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries*
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7

* **Batteries are accepted only during Buy-Back hours, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday**



Please take motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, fluorescent lights or construction material to the SMaRT Station.



SMaRT Station 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View's garbage, yard trimmings, and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies). Free compost and mulch may be picked up by residents at the drop-off center.

Hours: Daily 7 days a week 8 am-5 pm.

Questions? Call SMaRT at 408-752-8530. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

Same items as Mtn. View Recycling Center plus:

- Hardback books
- Plastic bags
- Scrap metal less than 6 feet long, pots and pans

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR 2008

March	
8	Arbor Day at Pioneer Park Confidential Document Shredding Event (see page 1) Safe Medication Disposal and Thermometer Exchange (see page 1)
15	Compost Workshop Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
April	
12	Great American Litter Pick Up (www.keepcaliforniabeautiful.com)
19	Compost Workshop Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
22	Earth Day (www.earthday.org)
May	
3	Citywide Garage Sale at homes (see page 1)
10	Community Yard Sale at Rengstorff Park (see page 1)
17	National River Cleanup Day (www.cleanacreek.org) Compost Workshop Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
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August	
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Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off
To make an appointment, call Santa Clara County HHW Program at 408-299-7300. Visit www.hhw.org for more information.

Compost Workshop
To register and request a compost bin, call Santa Clara County Home Composting Program at 408-918-4640 or register online at www.reducewaste.org.