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Recycling Review: What Belongs in the Blue?

PAPER PRODUCTS

- corrugated cardboard & paper boxes
Large or multiple pieces should be flattened and/or cut.
- shredded paper - *in a paper bag, secured with a staple*
- junk mail
- newspaper
- phonebooks & catalogs
- dairy cartons
- aseptic boxes - *juice, soup & soy milk*
- books up to 40 lbs.

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

ALUMINUM & METAL

- aerosol cans (*empty*)
- cans & pans
- scrap pieces up to 20 lbs.

PLASTICS LABELED ♻️

- bottles & jars
- tubs & trays
- plastic bags - *Protect the environment by avoiding single-use bags. -Reuse them when possible. -When recycling multiple bags, stuff one bag full of the others; tie off the full bag before placing in the recycling.*



Service Reminder

Mission Trail provides curbside service from 6am to 6pm, Monday through Friday. The time of day that each of our trucks arrive can vary week by week. On your scheduled collection day, please be sure your cart is out before 6am. If one or more of your carts has not been emptied by 6pm, please leave the cart(s) at the curb and contact us at 650-473-1400 to report a missed collection. We'll send a truck back on the next business day.



Holiday Schedule

Service days will not change during the weeks of July 4th and Labor Day.

What's on the Web

www.MissionTrail.com includes:

- Service & Rate Menus
- Frequently Asked Questions (*and answers*)
- Paperless Billing Signup
- Waste Reduction Tips
- Contact Form (*for asking questions any time*)
- Account Login (*for ordering or changing service and making payments*)



Organics Overview: What Goes in the Green Cart?

FOOD PRODUCTS

- Fruits and vegetables including peels, pits and rinds
- Bread, pasta and other grains
- Dairy products and egg shells
- Coffee grounds and tea leaves
- Meat and bones

FOOD-SOILED PAPER

- Paper plates and cups
- Paper napkins and towels
- Paper coffee filters and tea bags
- Paper bags and newspaper (*used to contain or wrap food scraps*)
- Paper takeout containers
- Waxed paper and waxed boxes
- Wooden chopsticks

YARD TRIMMINGS

- Flowers and leaves
- Weeds and grass clippings
- Small branches (*less than 6" in diameter*)



Certified compostable bags may be used to line your kitchen pail. Visit www.BPIWorld.org/BPI-Public/Approved.html for a list.

Deep Frying a Turkey?

Did you know that fats, oils, and grease (FOG) can do serious damage to sewer lines? During the holidays and all year round, be sure to dispose of FOG properly.

- Don't pour them down the drain. Instead, wait for FOG to cool and either scrape it out or absorb it into a paper towel.
- Do not put hardened FOG and FOG-soiled paper into your kitchen pail and organics cart.



- For large amounts of FOG, such as used oil from a turkey fryer, collect cooled oil in its original (*or similar*) bottle. Place bottle next to (*not inside*) your recycling cart on your collection day. Please make sure the bottle is clearly labeled and sealed tightly with a screw-top lid. Do not place the bottle in the gutter.

Holiday Service Reminders

There will be no service on Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day.



For the week of
November 19-23, 2012

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| If your collection day is: | Mon. 19 | Tue. 20 | Wed. 21 | Thu. 22 | Fri. 23 |
| Your collection day will be: | Mon. 19 | Tue. 20 | Wed. 21 | Fri. 23 | Sat. 24 |



For the week of
December 24-28, 2012

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| If your collection day is: | Mon. 24 | Tue. 25 | Wed. 26 | Thu. 27 | Fri. 28 |
| Your collection day will be: | Mon. 24 | Wed. 26 | Thu. 27 | Fri. 28 | Sat. 29 |



For the week of
Dec. 31, 2012 - Jan. 4, 2013

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| If your collection day is: | Mon. 31 | Tue. 1 | Wed. 2 | Thu. 3 | Fri. 4 |
| Your collection day will be: | Mon. 31 | Wed. 2 | Thu. 3 | Fri. 4 | Sat. 5 |

Watch your mailbox in mid-December for information about this year's holiday tree collection.



Information Alert!

What You Need to Know About the Latest Legislation

Assembly Bill 341: California's New Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law

Am I affected?

The new law applies to businesses that create four cubic yards or more of garbage per week, and to multi-family residential complexes of five units or more.

What does it require?

If you are affected, and aren't already recycling, you must arrange for recyclables collection **BEFORE JULY 1, 2012**.

How can I arrange for recyclables collection?

Mission Trail provides an appropriate level of recyclables and organics service at no additional charge. Contact Mission Trail through our website at MissionTrail.com or by phone at **650-473-1400**. Free waste assessments and technical assistance are available.

Where can I get more information about this new law?

Please visit CalRecycle.ca.gov/climate.



Already Recycling?

Mission Trail offers sincere thanks to the many avid recyclers in the Los Altos community!

For a little recognition or for suggestions on how to become even more green, please contact us today. We have representatives who are happy to conduct a free waste assessment and suggest methods for reducing waste and making the most of our recycling and organics programs. We also have representatives waiting to write up your success story for a future edition of this newsletter. Additional support and recognition for eco-friendly businesses can be found at these web sites:

Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP)
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/wrap/

California Green Business Program
www.greenbusinessca.org

Bay Area Green Business Program
www.greenbiz.ca.gov

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Green Shopping Galore!

Local businesses and shoppers clearly have made being "green" a top priority.

During a recent trip around town, shoppers could be seen carrying their own reusable shopping bags and refillable cold and hot cups. A number of businesses featured eco-friendly products for sale, provided reusable or easily recyclable shopping bags, served up food/beverages in eco-friendly to-go containers, and supplied easily accessible collection bins for recyclables and organics. A few examples:



A.G. Ferrari Foods

and several other food service establishments serve up fresh food in easily recyclable and compostable containers.

Cooks Junction

sells 100% recycled plastic cutting boards, refillable water filtering pitchers by Mavea, and the whole line of SodaStream products. Cooks

Junction even takes back the SodaStream CO2 bottles for recycling. *Using tap water and a product like the Mavea pitcher or SodaStream soda*

maker creates less waste and a smaller carbon footprint than buying single-serving beverages off store shelves.



Jamba Juice

is beginning to serve more blended beverages in clear plastic cups that are recyclable. Jamba Juice joins many local coffee houses and other businesses in offering reusable cold and hot cups for sale.



Service Tip: Bulky Items

Mission Trail can handle the removal of most large pieces of furniture and appliances. Contact us for applicable rates and to schedule a pick-up.



Holiday Schedule

Service will be provided as usual during the weeks of July 4th and Labor Day.

Mission Trail congratulates the many green shoppers and businesses in our community. Thank you for all you do!

Doing something green that you'd like Mission Trail to know about?
E-mail us at info@missiontrail.com and we'll try to include it in a future newsletter.

Focus Area & Measure

Suggested Adds/Deletes to 'Tier 1'

+/- GHGs MTCO_{2e}/yr

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| 1.1 | Improve Non-Motorized Transportation | Suggest partially incorporating 1.1E and 1.1F into Tier 1, further accelerating development of up to 50% of bicycle and pedestrian master plan improvements (versus ~30% now in Tier 1); significant quality of life and safety co-benefits from additional bike and pedestrian-friendly development. | + ~2,700 |
| 1.2 | Expand Transit and Commute Options | Suggest incorporating 1.2 D into Tier 1, developing school and possibly senior transit options on selected primary routes. Also serves to reduce local traffic congestion, and provide citizens with alternative modes. | + ~200 |
| 1.3 | Amend the General Plan | Suggest incorporating 1.3A into Tier 1, amending land use zoning to increase height, diversity, density – if incremental, and specifically limited to downtown and possibly other commercial zones such as Loyola Corners. | + ~750 |
| 1.5 | Provide Alternative Fuel Vehicle Infrastructure | Suggest incorporating 1.5C into Tier 1, amending parking standards to require residential EV pre-wiring, and commercial charging stations in all new development, and possible incentives for additional deployment beyond minimum requirement; additional cost of these features is low during new construction versus a later retrofit. | + ~290 |
| 2.2 | Increase Energy Efficiency | Suggest partial incorporation of 2.2J into Tier 1; require simple home energy use reporting at time of sale.g. High Energy Audits analysis (note Energy Star reporting now a state requirement for commercial buildings at time of sale)energy efficiency improvements for homes exceeding specified kwh/SF threshold. Analyses like HEA are inexpensive/simple/non-obtrusive, and provides prospective buyer with useful information and comparisons. Highest consuming homes use a disproportionate amount of energy, and thus are the very best targets for efficiency investment. This builds upon Tier 1 action 2.1B | + ~680 |
| 2.3 | Incentivize Renewable Energy | Suggest adding a new action not previously identified - for new homes/major remodels, suggest a development incentive (e.g. additional FAR allowance) for designs that incorporate solar PV. High-impact, cost-effective way to encourage renewable energy, and reward related investment. | TBD |
| 4.1 | Create Low-Carbon Neighborhoods | Suggest moving 4.1 A from Tier 1 to Tier 2; these programs are very difficult to implement, and potential improvements may be more easily addressed via other Tier 2 actions suggested for incorporation into Tier 1. | _ ~410 |
| 4.2 | Sustain a Green Infrastructure System and Sequester Carbon | Suggest incorporating 4.2B and 4.2C into Tier 1. Additional planting of shade trees, and management of stormwater runoff via bioswales and other low-impact development strategies. These are good general design principles that should be encouraged – with co-benefits in local quality of life, and enhancement of rural character of Los Altos. | + ~40 |
| 4.3 | Support the Local Economy | Suggest incorporating 4.3B, 4.3C into Tier 1. These are inexpensive actions, with important quality of life co-benefits, and encourage additional economic vitality in our downtown district. Also, suggest establishing a program to require or incentivize local businesses to complete a Green Business | TBD |

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ATTACHMENT B

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| | | Certification via the county-supported green business program (this would be a new Action) | |
| 5.1 | Operate Efficiency Government Facilities | Suggest incorporating 5.1D and 5.1F into Tier 1. These are best practices – periodic, detailed energy efficiency audits and upgrades, and a simple system to track municipal energy use and GHG emissions on a month to month basis should pay for themselves in terms of ongoing energy savings. | + ~100 |
| 5.2 | Reduce City Vehicle Fuel Consumption | Suggest incorporating 5.2D into Tier 1. As older municipal vehicles reach end-of-life, replace with hybrid electric, or electric/alternative fuel vehicles. The economics for ownership have improved significantly, and depending on duty cycle and operational life, may save the city money. | + ~130 |
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