

City of Los Altos



Solid Waste Municipal Code Revisions Options and Discussion



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Los Altos Environmental Commission
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Recommendation

- ❑ Staff requests Environmental Commission action to approve recommendations:
 - ❑ Separate Solid Waste Ordinance from new C&D requirements
 - ❑ Incorporate Commercial and Multi-family recycling
 - ❑ Incorporate Special Event Recycling
 - ❑ C&D actions to be integrated into the Green Building Code

Environmental Commission Review



- ❑ City Council Directed Staff to Engage the Environmental Commission
 - ❑ Discuss Policy Implications
 - ❑ Obtain Feedback
 - ❑ Revise Draft Update
- ❑ Staff Present Revised Update to City Council





Why An Update is Needed

- ❑ Bring municipal code to current standards
- ❑ Comply with changes in State Law
 - ❑ Mandatory multi-family and commercial recycling (AB 341)
 - ❑ Minimum 50% diversion of construction and demolition materials (CalGreen)
 - ❑ Special Event Recycling (CalRecycle)
- ❑ Support the City's franchise agreement that requires 78% diversion from landfill

Key Changes:

Subscription and Storage



- ❑ Property owners must subscribe and pay for garbage collection service from the City's franchised hauler
- ❑ Solid waste must be stored in closed containers
 - ❑ No overflow of solid waste
 - ❑ Containers may not be stored in public streets, alleys, or right-of-ways
 - ❑ Residential containers removed from public view when not being serviced
- ❑ Garbage can not be accumulated for more than 7 days
- ❑ Only the franchised hauler may haul garbage

Key Changes:

Authorized Service Providers



Franchised hauler

- Exclusive collection and hauling of garbage and organics materials
- Provides source-separated recycling at no cost
- Must meet 78% franchised diversion
- Must comply with franchise agreement



Self-haulers and as otherwise allowed by State and Federal Law

Key Changes:

Self Haulers



Self-haul exemptions

- Periodic hauling of ½ cubic yard of garbage
- Gardeners and landscapers
- C&D self-haulers that meet City requirements
- Sale or donation of recyclables

Key Changes:

C&D Diversion Requirements



- ❑ Applies to:
 - ❑ Projects that cost \$25,000 or more and that require a building permit
- ❑ How to comply:
 - ❑ Contract with the City's franchised hauler; or
 - ❑ Self-haul to a certified construction and demolition debris facility and complete self-haul form
- ❑ Diversion requirements:
 - ❑ Inert Material - 95%
 - ❑ Structural Debris - 75%
 - ❑ No Inert Material - 75%
 - ❑ Roofing Material - 75%

Key Changes:

Commercial and Multi-family Recycling (AB 341)



- ❑ Applies to all business and multi-family complexes of 5+ units that have 4 cubic yards of solid waste/week
- ❑ Options for compliance:
 - ❑ Subscribe to franchised hauler's recycling program
 - ❑ Use authorized non-franchised recycler (no garbage)
 - ❑ Self-haul source separated recyclables (no garbage)
- ❑ Recyclables must be taken to a licensed/permitted recycling facility
- ❑ Must provide on-site signage

City is required to implement public educational and outreach and monitoring to support commercial and multi-family recycling

Key Changes:

Special Event Recycling



- ❑ Event organizer must provide for recycling containers
- ❑ Recycling containers must equal or exceed the number of garbage containers
- ❑ Appropriate signage to indicate contents of each container
- ❑ Recyclable materials must be delivered to a recycling facility
- ❑ Incorporate requirements in Special Event Permit



Discussion



Discussion on Draft Municipal Code Update

