

GreenWays

THE QUARTERLY RESIDENTIAL NEWSLETTER FROM GREENWASTE OF PALO ALTO WINTER 2021

IS IT COMPOSTABLE?



1) Yes! Compostable. 2) No, plastic containers should be recycled. 3) No, while small amounts of used cooking oil can go in compost, large amounts should be taken to the HHW Station. 4) No, pet waste should be landfilled. 5) Yes! Compostable. 6) Yes! Compostable.

GREENWASTE HIGHLIGHTS



- **CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION:**
For the four weeks following Christmas day, Christmas trees will be collected curbside. Trees must be undecorated, unflocked, cut to four-foot lengths with stands removed, and placed curbside next to your green compost cart.
- **ARTIFICIAL TREE VS REAL TREE:**
Be mindful when choosing an artificial tree versus a real tree. Artificial trees are not recyclable or 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

- **FREE COMPOST PICK-UP:**
Compost Giveaway Station
Eleanor Pardee Community Garden
Tuesday - Sunday, 9am-4pm
851 Center Dr, Palo Alto
- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) STATION:**
Every Saturday 9am-11pm
First Friday of each month 3pm-5pm
2501 Embarcadero Way, Palo Alto
- **HHW STATION CLOSURES:**
 - » December 25, 2021 for Christmas
 - » January 1, 2022 for New Year's

"GREEN" NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

This New Year, we challenge you to commit to changes that will better yourself, your community, AND the environment.

Even changing minor aspects of your daily life can have a positive impact on the environment. Incorporate these "Green" tips into your New Year's resolutions.

COMPOST BEYOND FOOD SCRAPS:

- » Compost your paper towels, tissues, pizza boxes, paper (or compostable) containers, and other soiled paper.
- » Visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/soiledpaper for more information.

MAKE THE SWITCH TO REUSABLES:

- » Replace disposables in your household with durable and reusable alternatives such as reusable snack packs, cleaning spray bottles, soap dispensers, wool dryer balls, and more!
- » Visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/zwliving for more ideas.

STOP JUNK MAIL:

- » Save precious paper resources by stopping your junk mail. Go to www.cityofpaloalto.org/junkmail for helpful tools.

REDUCE HOUSEHOLD FOOD WASTE:

- » 40% of all food in the US is wasted.
- » The average American family of four tosses out more than \$1,600 a year in wasted food.
- » Buy only what you need, store food to last, get creative with recipes to use all the food in your home before it expires, and eat all your leftovers.
- » Visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/foodwaste for more tips.



ZERO WASTE GIFT GUIDE: HOLIDAY EDITION

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the average American household produces 25% more waste during the holiday season.

That extra waste equates to 25 million tons of garbage or about 1 million extra tons per week! When planning your holiday festivities this season consider some of the following zero waste tips:

WASTE FREE GIFTS

- » Opt for homemade gifts or give experiences, subscriptions, trips, or services this year instead of a physical gift.

MINDFUL PACKAGING

- » Look for retailers that offer recyclable or package free options for your purchases.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT WRAPPING

- » Use cloth, newspaper, or reusable bags to wrap your gifts.

PLAN MEAL PORTIONS

- » Try the Guestimator at www.savethefood.com.

SAVE OR REPURPOSE YOUR LEFTOVERS

- » Check out the Freestyle Cooking video at www.cityofpaloalto.org/foodwaste to get tips on how to whip up something tasty with whatever you have handy.

DECORATIONS

- » Use reusable or compostable decorations such as pinecones, real foliage, and fruits.



COLLECTION SCHEDULE: HOLIDAY SERVICE DAYS



Good news! There will be no collection day changes this holiday season.

For Christmas and New Year's Day, there are no collection day changes since both holidays fall on Saturdays this year.



Please remember to place your carts at the curb the night before or by 6:00 AM on your collection day.

Contact GreenWaste customer service at (650) 493-4894 or pacustomerservice@greenwaste.com if you have collection questions. Happy recycling and composting!