

# ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES



### ON-CALL BULKY ITEM COLLECTION SERVICE

Twice a year, Recology offers a free scheduled pickup service of large and bulky items from Feb. 1–Dec. 31. Residents may set out:

- Two cubic yards of bagged/boxed solid waste
- One large appliance (such as a washing machine, dryer, refrigerator or freezer)
- One bulky item (such as a mattress, couch or tires)
- Electronic waste (such as a TV, computer or computer monitor)

No liquids, dirt, rock, concrete, asphalt, hazardous waste or items that exceed 5 feet in length.

Contact 650-595-3900 or visit [recology.com/recology-san-mateo-county/](https://recology.com/recology-san-mateo-county/) to schedule an appointment. For residents in multifamily dwellings, please contact your property manager to schedule a bulky item pickup.



## Creating an environmentally sound community

### GAS LEAF BLOWERS AND TRIMMERS PROHIBITED JULY 1



Starting July 1, 2024, the use of gas leaf blowers and string trimmers is prohibited in the City of Menlo Park. Property owners will be responsible for violations and violators could be subject to enforcement actions up to and including monetary fines.

This ordinance was passed by City Council on July 11, 2023 as part of the City's Climate Action plan.

Eligible residents, landscaping professionals, and businesses may receive a voucher to support the purchase of zero emission landscaping equipment. Learn more about the new rules and voucher program on our website [menlopark.gov/zele](https://menlopark.gov/zele), email [sustainability@menlopark.gov](mailto:sustainability@menlopark.gov) or call 650-330-6720.

### ORDER FREE KITCHEN PAILS FOR TENANTS TO COLLECT COMPOST

If your multifamily complex subscribes to the composting program, Recology provides each tenant with a 2-gallon kitchen pail for in-home use. Kitchen pails are a handy and convenient way to keep the kitchen neat and clean while collecting food scraps and other compostable materials, including paper towels, napkins, and cups. When the pail is filled, you simply toss the contents into the green compost cart or bin on the property.

Contact 650-595-3900 or email [greenyourbiz@recology.com](mailto:greenyourbiz@recology.com) with your address and unit number to order the kitchen pails. Visit [rethinkcompost.org](https://rethinkcompost.org) for helpful composting tips and information.



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### CULTIVATING A GREENER MENLO PARK: PROTECTING AND NURTURING OUR URBAN FOREST

Menlo Park's urban forest is the collection of public and private trees growing in close association with people. This dynamic ecosystem provides critical benefits to people and wildlife. It helps combat climate change, promotes biodiversity, filters air and water, reduces energy costs, mitigates the urban heat island effect, and increases property values. Our trees add beauty, form, and structure to urban design. By reducing noise and providing places to recreate, our urban forest also strengthens social cohesion and adds economic value to our community.

To safeguard this invaluable resource, Menlo Park enforces regulations governing both public and private trees.

The City takes pride in maintaining approximately 19,000 street and park trees, ensuring their health and safety through regular inspections and maintenance. Residents are encouraged to report any concerns about public trees to the City for prompt attention by visiting [menlopark.gov/actmenlopark](http://menlopark.gov/actmenlopark). Additionally, the removal of public trees requires City approval, a permit, and a replacement plan to preserve our urban forest.

Beyond public trees, Menlo Park protects private heritage trees. Removal of these trees is permitted only with valid justification and a heritage tree permit, with a requirement for suitable replacement plantings. Our heritage tree ordinance also safeguards these trees from construction-related damage and improper pruning, ensuring their longevity and contribution to our urban forest. Visit [menlopark.gov/trees](http://menlopark.gov/trees) for more information on the permitting process.

Maintaining and caring for Menlo Park's urban forest is a collective responsibility. Residents are encouraged to take an active role in maintaining their own private trees by engaging certified arborists for regular inspections and care. Visit [treesaregood.org](http://treesaregood.org) to find a local certified arborist.

By working together, we can amplify the benefits that trees bring to our community and create a greener, healthier, more resilient Menlo Park for generations to come.

Want to learn more about Menlo Park's tree regulations or how you can contribute to our urban forest? Visit the City's webpage at [menlopark.gov/trees](http://menlopark.gov/trees) for more information.

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### GARBAGE/RECYCLING SERVICE QUESTIONS

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- Call 650-595-3900