

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

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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/ 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, email sustainability@menlopark.gov or call 650-330-6720.

UPCOMING ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Saturday, September 7
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
City Corporation Yard
333 Burgess Ave.

RethinkWaste and Recology San Mateo County are teaming up with the City of Menlo Park to encourage residents to properly recycle old electronics. Accepted items include TVs, computers, printers, monitors, cables/cords, cell phones, MP3 players, DVD players, laptops and more (working or not).

Items that will not be accepted include household appliances like fans, floor heaters, smoke detectors, vacuum cleaners, cooktops, dishwashers, microwaves, ovens, stoves, refrigerators, freezers or household hazardous waste.

Proof of residency may be required. The event will only be available until the end time, until the trucks are full or while supplies last.

For more information, please email jpchen@menlopark.gov or visit the citywide calendar at menlopark.gov/citywide-calendar.

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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. 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 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 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 for more information.



POPULAR SHREDDING EVENT IS BACK

Saturday, August 3
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
City Corporation Yard
333 Burgess Ave.

Did you file your taxes and need those confidential documents shredded? Do you have piles of office paperwork lying around from working at home? If you answered "Yes" to these questions, you're in luck!

Residents and businesses can prevent identity theft by shredding sensitive documents at the City's popular free shredding event. Confidential document destruction includes items such as receipts, checks, pre-approved credit applications, credit card statements, outdated tax returns, pre-printed envelopes, return address labels and business cards. Participants are limited to three boxes (10" x 12" x 15") per vehicle and materials will be shredded on-site. Documents with paper clips and staples are acceptable.

Do not bring any e-waste or household hazardous waste materials.

Please follow these guidelines for smoother drop-off service:

- Please label "Shred only" on any shredding materials and leave them in the trunk.
- It is recommended to remove all other personal items from the trunk to avoid any accidents.
- Residents will open their trucks prior to driving up to the vendors, remain in their vehicles with their face masks on, and the vendors will pick up the shredding materials from the trunks.

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GARBAGE/RECYCLING SERVICE QUESTIONS

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