



# Mountain View Recycling Resource

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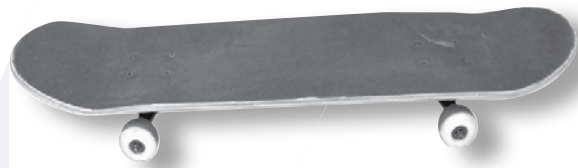
## Don't throw it away!

### Reuse Options

Reusing—whether you donate, buy or sell—is one of the best ways to reduce waste. If you are cleaning out your closets, drawers, attic or garage this spring, here are some resources (in addition to well-known organizations such as Goodwill and Salvation Army) to help you find a second home for your clothing, books and other household items. Reusing items conserves energy, natural resources and landfill space.

### Citywide Garage Sale and Community Yard Sale

Buy and sell close to home! See the adjacent article for information about the City of Mountain View sponsored citywide garage sale and community yard sale held annually in May. For a listing of citywide garage sales held in nearby communities, go to [www.reducewaste.org](http://www.reducewaste.org) and choose *Residential*.



### Freecycle

The Freecycle Network™ is probably the most well known of the grassroots efforts to keep good, re-usable stuff out of landfills. Everything posted must be offered at no charge. Each local group is moderated by a local volunteer and membership is free. To join, go to [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) and search for the Mountain View group.

### Craigs List

Free classifieds to help people buy, sell, donate and trade used goods in the San Francisco Bay Area. Go to [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org)

### Mountain View Freeshare

This is a local Google group that anyone can join. The group description states: "You have an item you don't want, and you use your computer to find someone in your community who can use it." To join go to [http://groups.google.com/group/mv\\_ar\\_freeshare?lnk=srg](http://groups.google.com/group/mv_ar_freeshare?lnk=srg)

### Fogster Ads

This website provides free classified ads in conjunction with local newspapers Mountain View Voice, Palo Alto Weekly and Menlo Park Almanac. Go to [www.fogster.com](http://www.fogster.com)

### Excess/Access

For a \$5 annual fee, this service links donations of business and household items with the wish-lists of nearby nonprofits that can provide pick-ups or accept drop-offs. Go to [www.excessaccess.com](http://www.excessaccess.com)

## Free Events for Mountain View Residents

### Free Shredding Day

**Saturday, March 14, 11 am to 2 pm**  
**Parking lot of Saint Joseph's Church**  
(Corner of Castro and Church Streets)

- Bring unwanted confidential documents such as tax returns, bank statements, medical records, diskettes, CDs, DVDs, VCR tapes, credit cards.
- Paper in binders and notebooks or with staples, paperclips or binder clips accepted.
- Limit 2 paper grocery bags or cardboard storage boxes (10" x 12" x 24").
- Enter to win a personal paper shredder
- Sponsored by Public Works, Police and Shred-It Corp.

Questions? Call **650-903-6311**



### Safe Medication Disposal and Thermometer Exchange

**At Arbor Day Celebration Saturday, March 14, 11 am to 1 pm**  
**Pioneer Park, Church Street** (near Castro Street behind City Hall)

- Bring old and unwanted prescription pills, drugs and other medications for safe and proper disposal (no controlled substances). Place medicines in original containers in zip lock bags.
- Swap old mercury thermometers for less toxic ones while supplies last. Place old thermometers in a zip lock bag separate from medicines.
- No other hazardous waste will be accepted.

Questions? Call **650-903-6311**

## Citywide Garage Sale and Community Yard Sale

**Citywide Garage Sale At Your Home**  
**Saturday, May 2, 8 am to 2 pm**

- Free newspaper advertising for sellers.
- Buyers may search online for sale items and locations at [www.mvrecycle.org](http://www.mvrecycle.org).
- Printed maps available May 1st only in the *Voice* newspaper or at City Hall this year.
- Hold a sale at your home, coordinate with your neighbors for a block sale, or raise funds for a community group.

Register by April 17 online at [www.mvrecycle.org](http://www.mvrecycle.org) or call **650-903-6227** for form.

**Community Yard Sale At Rengstorff Park** (Rengstorff Avenue and Central Expressway)  
**Saturday, May 9, 8 am to 2 pm**

- Over 100 vendors in one location with hot bargains, good food and more.
- Admission free to buyers. Sellers register to rent space for a small fee.

Register by April 17. Call **650-903-6227** for information.

Don't miss the opportunity to shop for or sell used items at these two fun events in May.

## New Construction and Demolition Ordinance

The City's new Construction and Demolition Debris Diversion (C&D) Ordinance went into effect January 1, 2009. The ordinance applies to all construction, demolition and renovation projects of 5,000 square feet or more and requires diverting at least 50% of the project debris from the landfill through salvage and recycling practices. For more information about the ordinance and how to comply, visit [www.mvrecycle.org](http://www.mvrecycle.org) or call **650-903-6311**.



# How to Recycle at Home

## Household Batteries

Place used batteries in the bag provided by Foothill Disposal and set on top of cart. Foothill will empty it and return the bag to you for reuse. (Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire. Spent batteries may have enough voltage remaining to start a fire.)

## Mixed Containers (Blue Lid)

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and wide-mouth tubs #1 through #7, metal cans and metal lids in the cart under the blue lid.

## Paper (Grey Lid)

Put newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the cart under the grey lid.

## Used Motor Oil and Filters

Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Foothill Disposal and set on top of the curb.

## Cardboard

Cut large cardboard into pieces about 3'x3' and place on top of curb.

## Extra yard trimmings and recycling

If you *regularly* have extra recycling or yard waste, order a larger or second cart (no charge). If you *occasionally* need more service, use an On Call Plus Clean Up appointment (no charge) or schedule an extra collection (\$10/cart). Call Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034**.

## Extra garbage

Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Lucky, Safeway, Nob Hill or Rite-Aid stores, the City Library or Finance Department at City Hall. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.



## Where to Set Out Carts

- 1 Set out all carts **in the street** by 6 am on collection day. Remove carts no later than the next day.
- 2 Place carts in the street **at least 18 inches apart** (for mechanical collection). Keep carts away from overhanging trees, carports and balconies.
- 3 Store the carts inside the garage or behind a fence, hedge, or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.
- 4 Do not place carts on top of the curb or on the sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, driver will collect carts from the top of the curb.

**Questions? Call Foothill Disposal at 650-967-3034.**

## WHAT'S RECYCLABLE?

### What's accepted?

#### Paper

- All paper should be clean and without food residue.
- Catalogs, magazines, telephone books (no plastic wrapper)
- Cereal and cake mix boxes (remove all liners)
- Computer and plain fax paper
- Construction or art paper (less than 50% painted)
- Corrugated cardboard boxes (flattened)
- Egg cartons (paper only)
- Gift-wrapping paper and greeting cards
- Junk mail and envelopes (plastic windows okay)
- Manila file folders
- Newspaper and inserts
- Paper (any color), tablet paper and backs
- Paper bags
- Paperback books
- Post-it notes
- Shoe or clothes boxes (flattened)
- Shredded paper (no plastic bag)
- Store receipts (NCR carbonless ok)

#### Glass Bottles and Jars

- Beverage bottles
- Canning jars
- Jam and peanut butter jars
- Olive oil and vinegar bottles
- Soup and spaghetti jars
- Wine bottles (no corks/wrappers)

#### Metal Cans

- Aluminum cans
- Bimetal cans (cat food cans)
- Metal food cans and lids
- Steel and tin cans



#### Plastic Bottles and Tubs #1 through #7

- Baby wipe tubs
- Bakery, deli and salad tubs (no clamshells)\*
- Catsup bottles
- Cottage cheese tubs
- Detergent bottles
- Margarine tubs
- Milk jugs
- Peanut butter jars
- Prescription bottles
- Shampoo bottles
- Syrup bottles
- Water, soda and juice bottles
- Yogurt tubs

\* Clamshells are containers with a connected lid.

### What's not accepted?

#### Paper

- Any paper that has touched food.
- Beverage cups, coffee cups
- Binder clips (staples and small paperclips okay)
- Donut boxes, fast-food cups, burger wrappers
- Egg cartons (polystyrene foam)
- Foil gift wrap
- Food and candy wrappers, snack or potato chip bags
- Frozen food boxes
- Hardback books
- Ice cream cartons
- Milk, soy, juice cartons or bags
- Paper covered with paint or pet waste
- Pizza boxes
- Plastic-coated papers (photographs)
- Spiral-bound notebooks or vinyl binders
- Tissues, paper towels, paper plates
- Waxed (dark brown) cardboard

#### Metal Cans

- Aerosol can (empty or full)
- Construction debris, nails, metal pipes or car parts
- Pots, pans and appliances

#### Glass Bottles and Jars

- Ceramic coffee cups or dishes
- Drinking glasses
- Fluorescent tubes or any light bulb
- Mirrors, picture frame glass, window glass

#### Plastic Bottles and Tubs

- Any plastic container not marked #1 through #7
- Any plastic container larger than 2-gallons
- Beverage cups, plates, utensils and straws
- Bubble-wrap, shrink-wrap, plastic tarps
- Buckets, laundry baskets, crates, plant pots, pails
- Clamshells (deli, fast-food)\*
- Computer disks or "jewel" boxes for disks
- Foam beverage cups, food or meat trays
- Foam packaging, blocks or "peanuts" (Styrofoam)
- Garden hoses or plastic toys
- Lids and caps
- Medical waste (saline bags, needles/syringes)
- Photographs, negatives, microfiche, transparencies
- Plastic bags of any kind even if marked #1 through #7
- Plastic pens, pencils, glue bottles and glue sticks
- Styrofoam
- Toothpaste and ointment tubes



**This list may also be used for apartment and business recycling. Check container label to sort recyclables.**

# For Homes with Split Carts: When is my Collection Day?

## Find Your Collection Day/Recycling Week:

- 1 Locate your neighborhood on the map below and note the collection day and color (or use the online street index below\*).
- 2 Match the color to the calendar at right for the recycling week (i.e. Grey = Week B). **Example:** On Church Street between Hope and Castro, garbage day is every Tuesday, and recycling day is every other Tuesday starting on January 6 (Week A).

**Questions?** Call Foothill Disposal for schedules.

Apartments with group carts should call Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034** for schedules.

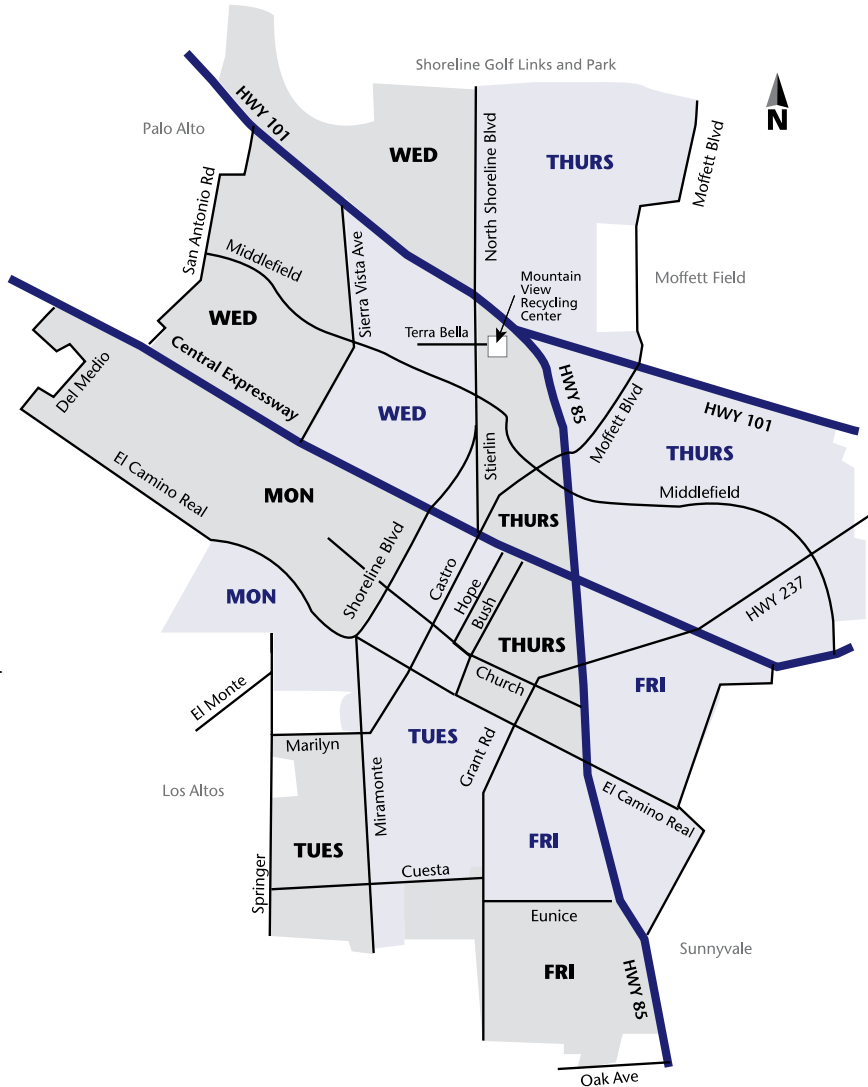
## Holidays

Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 26), Christmas (December 25) and New Year's Day (January 1). If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week, with Friday collection on Saturday.

## Free On-Call Plus Clean Up Program

Residents may schedule 3 curbside collections of extra trash, yard waste and bulky goods by calling Foothill Disposal at **650-967-3034**. Appointments may be scheduled any time before December 18, 2009 and can be used to set out extra material in an 8'L x 4'W x 4'H area PLUS up to 3 bulky goods such as a washer, sofa and mattress at no charge. Appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul to the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale. No appointments accepted December 18, 2009 through January 15, 2010.

\*Find your collection day online: [www.mvrecycle.org](http://www.mvrecycle.org) and click on collection schedule.



Color = Week A

Grey = Week B

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# Household Hazardous Waste Services

Effective February, 2006, California banned consumer electronics and other hazardous waste from the trash. These items cannot be placed in garbage or recycling containers because they contain lead, copper, mercury or chromium that can pollute the environment. The SMaRT Station and the County Household Hazardous Waste Program accept many items without charge. Foothill also accepts many items in the On-Call Plus Clean Up Program without charge, but fees may apply for special handling of refrigerators, computer monitors and television sets.



## Foothill Disposal (650-967-3034)

### Curbside Collection On Call Plus (no fee)

- Batteries (household<sup>1</sup>)
- Cell phones<sup>2</sup>, telephones, answering machines
- Computer disk drives
- Fax machines, calculators
- Keyboards, mouse
- Microwaves, stoves
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Printers, scanners
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorc
- VCRs, DVD players
- Washer, dryer
- Water heaters



### Special Collection (fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers
- Computer monitors, laptops
- Televisions
- Tires

## SMaRT Station (408-752-8530)

### 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale (see map p.4) (fee/no fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers (fee)
- Batteries (household<sup>1</sup> and vehicle)
- Cell phones<sup>2</sup>, telephones, answering machines
- Computer monitors, laptops, disk drives
- Fax machines, printers, scanners, calculators
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Keyboard, mouse
- Microwaves and stoves (fee)
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Televisions
- Thermometers, thermostats
- Tires (fee)
- VCRs and DVD players
- Washer, dryer (fee)
- Water heaters (fee)

## County HHW Facility

### (408-299-7300)

### By Appointment Only (no fee)

- Batteries (household<sup>1</sup>)
- Fire extinguishers, flares
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Oil, paints, solvents, pesticides
- Pool chemicals, asbestos
- Medicine
- Propane/balloon tanks
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Thermometers and thermostats.



<sup>1</sup> Household batteries may also be recycled through the residential curbside program (**650-967-3034**).

<sup>2</sup> Cell phones may be taken back to retail stores.

# Recycling Directory

## Bulb and Battery Take-Back Locations

**Fluorescent lamps** (compact bulbs, straight, circular, spiral and U-bent tubes) and **Household batteries** (no automotive batteries) from residential households can be taken to the following locations free of charge:

### Lamps and batteries

Blossom True Value Hardware  
1297 W El Camino Real, 650-964-7871  
(Leave with employee at register)

Orchard Supply Hardware  
2555 Charleston Road, 650-691-2000  
(Leave at customer service desk)

### Lamps only

New Era Lighting  
2243 Old Middlefield Way, 650-940-1559

### Batteries only

Wolfe Camera  
1898 W El Camino Real, 650-968-5666

## Services

### Utility and garbage billing information

including starting or changing garbage accounts, and purchasing extra garbage tags. City Finance and Administrative Services Department  
650-903-6317

### Garbage and recycling collection

including pickup schedule, missed pickups, what's recyclable, extra bins, extra yard trimmings, clean up and bulky goods services. Foothill Disposal Company  
650-967-3034

**Household batteries** can be taken to either Mountain View or SMaRT Station recycling centers (above). Residents with split carts may use curbside pickup (see page 2).

**Household hazardous waste** can be taken for free disposal by appointment. County Toxics Hotline  
408-299-7300  
www.hhw.org

### Home composting information

including free local workshops, compost bins and brochures. County Compost Hotline  
408-918-4640  
www.ReduceWaste.org

**Pollution prevention information** including best methods to reduce pollution. City Environmental Safety Staff  
650-903-6378

### Recycling Leaders Program

City Public Works Department  
650-903-6311

**Water conservation** information including methods, technology, and product rebates. City Water Conservation Staff  
650-903-6216

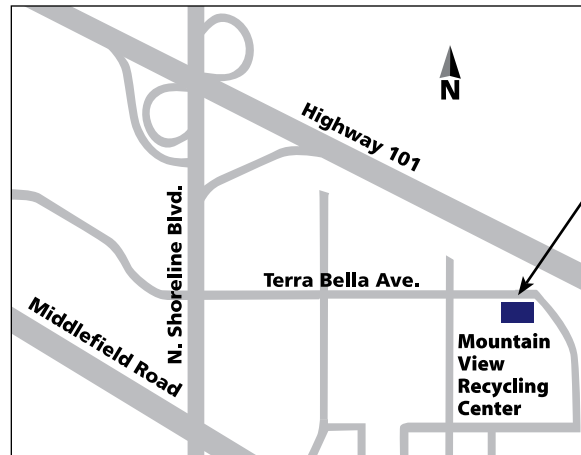
**Visit the City of Mountain View's web site** for business or residential recycling information: [www.mvrecycle.org](http://www.mvrecycle.org)



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## Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers

Mountain View sponsors two recycling centers where residents and businesses can drop off extra recycling or redeem "California Redemption Value" cans and bottles for cash.



### Mountain View Recycling Center 935 Terra Bella Avenue, Mountain View

**Hours:** Buy-back Tues-Sat 9 am-3 pm  
Drop-off Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 6 pm.

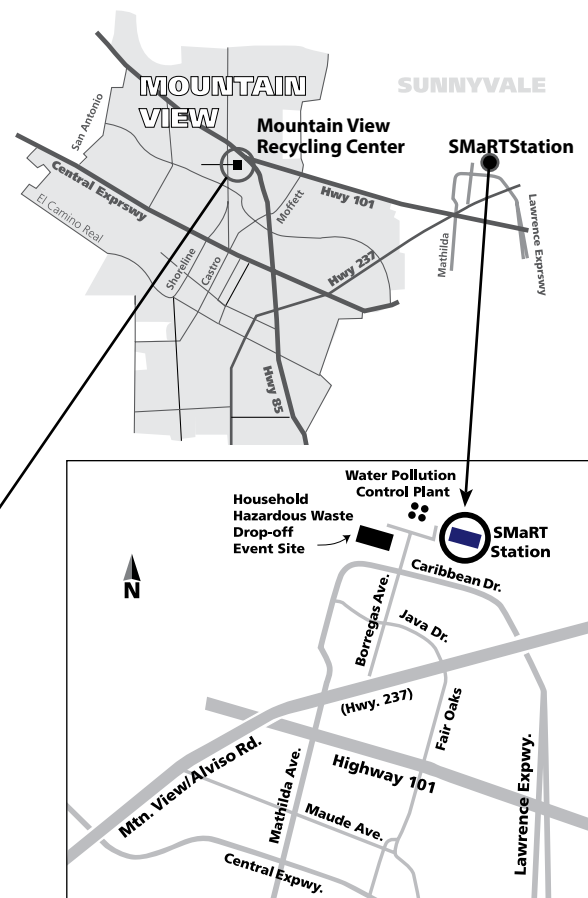
**Questions?** Call Foothill Disposal at 650-967-3034. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

### Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries\*
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7

\* **Batteries are accepted only during Buy-Back hours, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday**

Please take motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, fluorescent lights or construction material to the SMaRT Station.



### SMaRT Station 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View's garbage, yard trimmings, and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies). Free compost and mulch may be picked up by residents at the drop-off center.

**Hours:** Daily 7 days a week 8 am-5 pm.

**Questions?** Call SMaRT at **408-752-8530**.

### Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7
- Plastic bags
- Scrap metal less than 6 feet long, pots and pans

## Solid Waste and Recycling Calendar 2009

March 14	<b>Arbor Day</b> at Pioneer Park <b>Confidential Paper Shredding Event</b> (see page 1) <b>Medication Disposal and Thermometer Exchange</b> (see page 1)
March 21	<b>Compost Workshop</b> <b>Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day</b>
April 18	<b>Compost Workshop</b> <b>Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day</b>
April 22	<b>Earth Day</b> ( <a href="http://www.earthday.org">www.earthday.org</a> )
May 2	<b>Citywide Garage Sale at homes</b> (see page 1)
May 9	<b>Community Yard Sale at Rengstorff Park</b> (see page 1)
May 16	<b>National River Cleanup Day</b> ( <a href="http://www.cleanacreek.org">www.cleanacreek.org</a> ) <b>Compost Workshop</b> <b>Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day</b>
June 20	<b>Compost Workshop</b> <b>Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day</b>
July 18	<b>Compost Workshop</b> <b>Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day</b>
August 15	<b>Compost Workshop</b> <b>Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day</b>

### Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off

To make an appointment, call Santa Clara County HHW Program at **408-299-7300**. Visit [www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org) for more information.

### Compost Workshop

To register and request a compost bin, call Santa Clara County Home Composting Program at **408-918-4640** or register online at [www.reducewaste.org](http://www.reducewaste.org).

