

RECOLOGY'S CartSMART PROJECT
DISTRIBUTION OF NEW RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION
CONTAINERS



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Recology CartSMART Project?

Recology is the new weekly recycle and garbage collection service starting January 3, 2011. Recology will replace Menlo Park residents' current recycling, yard trimmings and garbage carts **October 25-November 2, 2010**. Recycling and yard trimmings will be continued to be collected every other week until January 3, 2011. Please no food scraps in the yard waste/compost cart until January 3, 2011!

As part of the program, all residents will receive:

- **A Blue Recycling Cart (64 gallon):** For all recyclables mixed together, including paper.
- **A Green Yard Waste/Compost Cart (96 gallon):** For yard trimmings and food scraps (meat, vegetable scraps, paper plates, pizza boxes, and other food soiled paper products).
- **A Black Garbage Cart (20, 32, 64 or 96 gallons):** For anything that you can't recycle or compost. Please note that your garbage rate will be based on the size of your garbage cart. A 20 gallon cart will have the lowest rate while the larger carts will respectively cost more. To change your garbage cart size, please call Recology at (650) 595-3900.
- **Small Two-Gallon Kitchen Pails:** To collect your food scraps in the comfort of your kitchen for transfer into your yard waste/compost cart.



When will I get my carts?

Recology will be delivering new carts to Menlo Park residents October 25, 2010 through November 2, 2010.

How to use your new carts before January 3, 2011

Once you receive your new carts, you can start using them immediately with your current collection schedule.

How to use your new carts starting January 3, 2011

Recology collection services officially begin the week of January 3, 2011 with **weekly** service for your recycle and yard waste/compost carts. This means you won't have to try to remember whether it's your week for recycling or not – every week will be recycling week! Also, residents can add food scraps (meat, vegetables, paper plates, pizza boxes, etc.) and food soiled paper products to the green yard waste/compost cart.

Am I receiving a kitchen pail?

Recology will be delivering kitchen pails to **ALL** Menlo Park single-family homes on December 8, 2010 through December 9, 2010.



How do I use the kitchen pail?

First, place your food scraps and/or food-soiled paper in your new, small 2-gallon kitchen pail. Food scraps include meat, vegetables, paper plates, pizza boxes, or other food soiled paper (No waxy paper products). Second, empty the contents of the pail into your green, large yard waste/compost cart. **Remember, no food scraps in the yard waste/compost cart until January 3, 2011!**

What do I do with my old garbage can, recycling tubs/crates and yard trimmings cart?

Once you have your new carts, Allied Waste of San Mateo County will have crews out to pick up your old cans, tubs and carts for reuse or recycling. This includes your old yard trimmings carts (except if you purchased them directly from Allied Waste) or you can choose to keep your recycling tubs and garbage cans that you purchased). If you do want them taken away, simply place your recycling tubs empty and upside down next to your carts. Stickers will be provided for you to place on your old garbage cans if you want them to be removed. You will receive additional information and stickers with your new carts when they are delivered.

Can I use my old recycling tubs or garbage can after January 3, 2011?

No. Residents must use the new carts when the Recology program starts. This is because new collection trucks with a mechanical arm will be used for service, making service more efficient.

For more information please visit

www.RethinkWaste.org or www.RecologySanMateoCounty.com.

How can I obtain more information?

Attend a Community Meeting in Menlo Park on October 14th at the City Council Chambers from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. or contact Menlo Park's Environmental Program at (650) 330-6740.