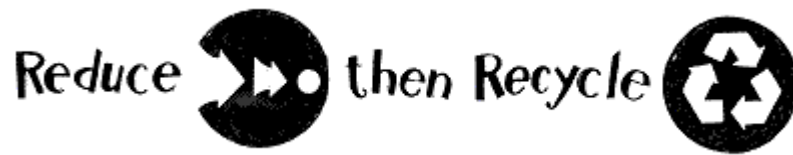


# What Else Can I Do To Reduce Waste?



There are a number of ways that you can reduce waste at home and work.

## WORK

- Use a reusable cup instead of disposable cups.
- Make double-sided copies.
- Use the blank backside of printed pages for taking notes or for internal memos.
- Print only what is absolutely required.
- Use refillable printer cartridges and be sure to recycle any that aren't.
- Preview documents on your computer to avoid unnecessary paper usage.
- Use voice mail or e-mail to send messages rather than printing these materials on paper.
- Route items around the office rather than printing an individual copy for each employee.

## HOME

- Don't use disposable dishware or plastic utensils.
- Cancel your newspaper subscription and read it online.
- Compost your food scraps and green scraps material. Visit [www.recycleworks.org/compost/index.html](http://www.recycleworks.org/compost/index.html) for information on topics such as general composting, how to order a compost bin and how to obtain mulch and compost. You can also look for free compost workshops in your area.
- Buy larger quantities of items to reduce the amount of packaging thrown away.
- Remove your name from mailing lists. Request and use a junk mail kit. Contact the San Mateo County RecycleWorks Program to request a junk mail reduction kit at 1-888-442-2666 or visit their website at [www.recycleworks.org/junkmail/index.html](http://www.recycleworks.org/junkmail/index.html)
- Grasscycle: leave your grass clippings on the lawn to provide a valuable soil amendment
- Purchase remanufactured printer cartridges (if available) for your home printer

For other suggestions on this topic, visit: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/BizWaste/FactSheets/>

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## Used Electronics

Electronic waste is a significant problem in Silicon Valley. There are a number of things that can be done with used electronics such as cell phones, televisions, and computer equipment. Most of these materials can be donated to organizations that will reuse the materials and keep them out of the landfill. As a last resort, these materials can be disposed of, but there are restrictions on how this can be done. Visit the San Mateo County RecycleWorks or visit [www.recycleworks.org/ewaste/index.html](http://www.recycleworks.org/ewaste/index.html) or contact them by phone at 1-888-442-2666 to gain more information on this topic.

Computer monitors and televisions are considered a hazardous waste because the "picture tubes" within them contain approximately 5 pounds of lead. These items can be taken to the Shoreway Road Transfer Station, call 592-0255 at no cost.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Please read through the list below to gain information about our most commonly asked questions.

1. I thought that I was only allowed to place plastic bottles #1 and #2 in my recycling crate, but my neighbor informed me that this is not true. Is this correct?

**Recycling customers may recycle all plastic bottle and dairy food containers. The following plastics are still not accepted in the recycling program: black plastic (any type), plastic buckets, baskets, crates, carts, nursery containers, take-out food containers, plastic grocery bags or other film plastic, toys or Styrofoam® (any type).**

2. I have a large amount of trash to dispose of, and I reside in a single-family home with my own garbage service. I was told that I am allowed one call clean up a year, is this true? If so, how do I schedule an on-call clean up?

**Menlo Park residents are allowed two free on-call pickups a year for a designated quantity of items. After these on call clean-ups are used, charges apply to the disposal of items. To schedule your pick-up date contact Allied Waste at 592-2411 or e-mail [info@alliedwastesanmateocounty.com](mailto:info@alliedwastesanmateocounty.com). You can also visit Allied Waste's website at [www.alliedwastesanmateocounty.com](http://www.alliedwastesanmateocounty.com) for more detailed information.**

3. I heard that there are locations that I can drop off items such as latex paint, automotive oil and filters, household batteries, and fluorescent lamps year round without an appointment. Is this true? **There are a number of locations in San Mateo County where these materials can be taken free of charge. Please see the household hazardous waste (HHW) section for further information. The most commonly used locations for Menlo Park residents are:**

**Latex Paint:**

**Shoreway Recycling Center at 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos**

**Household Batteries:**

**Menlo Park Library located at 801 Alma Street**

**Onetta Harris Community Center at 100 Terminal Avenue in Menlo Park**

**Belle Haven Child Development Center at 410 Ivy Drive in Menlo Park**

4. How do I register for a home composting workshop?

**The County of San Mateo sponsors periodic compost workshops. The workshops are free of charge, but reservations are encouraged. Event dates are subject to change and may be canceled due to low participation. To register for a workshop or for more information, please visit [www.recycleworks.org/compost/workshop.html](http://www.recycleworks.org/compost/workshop.html), call 1-888-442-2666 or email [info@RecycleWorks.org](mailto:info@RecycleWorks.org)**

5. My trash or recycling was not collected on my regular service day. My neighbor's containers were serviced, but my containers are still full. How can I get my containers serviced?

**Allied Waste should be contacted to arrange pickup. Allied Waste can be contacted by calling 592-2411 or by e-mailing [info@alliedwastesanmateocounty.com](mailto:info@alliedwastesanmateocounty.com).**