

# City of Palo Alto

## Garbage and Recycling Services Fact Sheet

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### SINGLE FAMILY RATE INFORMATION

TYPE	FEE	SERVICE		COMMENTS
		Curbside	Backyard	
Refuse, mini-can (20 Gallon)	\$ 20.97	X	X	
Refuse, 1-can (32 Gallon)	\$ 26.58	X	X	
Refuse, 2-can (32 Gallon)	\$ 54.70	X	X	
Refuse, 3-can (32 Gallon)	\$ 82.83	X	X	
Recycling		X		Included in refuse rate
Yard Trimmings		X		Included in refuse rate
Extra Refuse can	\$ 9.59	X		

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### RECYCLING PROGRAM INFORMATION

**PROGRAM ESTABLISHED**  
**COLLECTION SCHEDULE**  
**CONTAINER ISSUED**

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Same day as weekly garbage pick-up

**Single Family Dwelling (SFD) & Multi-Family Dwelling (MFD)**

**with fewer than five units:** Wheeled recycling carts and wheeled yard trimming carts. Wheeled carts are also available for garbage, but must be placed at the curb for collection.

**MFD (greater than five units):** Wheeled recycling carts and wheeled yard trimming carts on a case-by-case basis, call PASCO for more information at (650) 493-4894.

### SINGLE FAMILY RECYCLING PROGRAM (And multi-family dwellings with less than five units)

MATERIALS	COLLECTION		PREPARATION AND SORTING REQUIREMENTS
	Yes	No	
<b>Aseptic Container (Juice Box)</b>		X	No curbside collection. Juice boxes accepted at the Palo Alto Recycling Center. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Aerosol Cans</b>	X		Non-hazardous, empty (e.g., shaving cream, hairspray).
<b>Batteries</b>	X		Household/Dry cell (e.g. AAA, AA, C, D, 9-volt, hearing aid and camera batteries, and other single-use or rechargeable batteries) place in the battery bag provided by PASCO (650) 493-4894. Follow directions on bag. <i>Auto batteries are not accepted curbside; but are accepted at the Palo Alto Recycling Center.</i>
<b>Bulk Item Pick-Up</b>	X		\$25 for each item. One free clean up day per calendar year (by appointment) where residents can put 4 large items on curbside.
<b>Cans</b>	X		Metal cans, lids, food trays, and foil; rinse.
<b>Cardboard</b>	X		Flattened and cut to fit loosely in cart; no waxed cardboard.
<b>Household Batteries</b>	X		Place AAA, AA, C, D, 9-volt, hearing aid and camera batteries, and other single-use or rechargeable batteries in the battery bag provided by PASCO and place next to recycling cart.
<b>Glass</b>	X		Bottles and jars, rinse. No porcelain, china, ceramics, window glass, mirrors, Pyrex, or light bulbs.
<b>Magazines</b>	X		
<b>Metals, Other</b>		X	Accepted at Palo Alto Recycling Center.
<b>Metals, Scrap</b>	X		Small scrap metals no larger than a toaster oven; (place in small cardboard box) larger scrap metal is accepted at the Palo Alto Recycling Center.
<b>Mixed Paper</b>	X		Catalogs, paperboard (e.g., cereal, tissue boxes), paper envelopes, non metallic wrapping paper, white, colored, and glossy paper, junk mail, shredded paper, paperback books, maps, and more.
<b>Newspaper</b>	X		Newspaper and newspaper inserts.
<b>Oil</b>	X		Place in clear one-gallon plastic container with secure top.
<b>Oil Filters</b>	X		Drain oil from filter. Place oil filter in the bag provided by PASCO (650) 493-4894.

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MATERIALS	COLLECTION		PREPARATION AND SORTING REQUIREMENTS
	Yes	No	
Plastic (#1-#7)	X		Containers only. No film plastic (e.g., bags, bubble wrap, etc). No utensils, hoses, toys, straws, piping, tubing, etc.
Polystyrene (Plastic #6)		X	No curbside collection of <b>expanded</b> polystyrene (i.e., foam). Blocks and “peanuts” are accepted at the Palo Alto Recycling Center.
Yard Trimmings	X		Materials up to two inches in diameter and four feet in length; collected weekly. No dirt, sod, rock, tan bark, stumps, construction lumber, bamboo, pampas grass, palm, yucca, flax, cactus, poison oak, food scraps or manure.

### MULTI-FAMILY RECYCLING PROGRAM

MATERIALS	COLLECTION		PREPARATION AND SORTING REQUIREMENTS
	Yes	No	
Aseptic Container (Juice Box)		X	No curbside collection. Juice boxes accepted at the Palo Alto Recycling Center.
Aerosol Cans	X		Non-hazardous, empty (e.g., shaving cream, hairspray).
Bulk Item Pick-Up		X	
Cans	X		Metal cans, lids, food trays, and foil; rinse.
Cardboard	X		Flatten and cut to fit loosely in cart; no waxed cardboard.
Glass	X		Bottles and jars; rinse.
Magazines	X		
Metals, Other		X	No curbside collection. Accepted at Palo Alto Recycling Center.
Metals, Scrap		X	No curbside collection. Accepted at Palo Alto Recycling Center.
Mixed Paper	X		Catalogs, paperboard (e.g., cereal, tissue boxes), paper envelopes, non metallic wrapping paper, white, colored, and glossy paper, junk mail, shredded paper, paperback books, maps, and more.
Newspaper	X		Newspaper and newspaper inserts.
Oil		X	No curbside collection. Accepted at Palo Alto Recycling Center.
Plastic (#1-#7)	X		Containers only. No film plastic (e.g., bags, bubble wrap, etc). No utensils, hoses, toys straws, tubing, piping etc.
Polystyrene (Plastic #6)		X	No curbside collection of <b>expanded</b> polystyrene. Blocks and “peanuts” are accepted at the Palo Alto Recycling Center.
Yard Trimmings		X	Call PASCO at 493-4894 for more information, available on a case-by-case basis.

#### FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>All materials that are collected for curbside recycling may also be dropped-off at the Palo Alto Recycling Center, (650) 496-5910. Residents and businesses may also drop-off juice boxes and milk cartons, appliances, automotive fluids, batteries, computer monitors, glass, metal, paper, plastic containers #1-#7, and polystyrene blocks/peanuts. Call ahead for details.

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### **OTHER SERVICES**

- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

The first Saturday of the month 9am-12pm at Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant.  
Call (650) 496-6980 for specific dates. Proof of Palo Alto residency required.

### **LANDFILLS**

Palo Alto residents may use any landfill that is open to the public.

### **COMMERCIAL RECYCLING FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

The City of Palo Alto has an agreement with Palo Alto Sanitation Company (PASCO). An independent recycling provider may only collect source-separated recyclables. The collection of mixed recyclables is not permitted in the City of Palo Alto.