

New Year Brings Changes to the Palo Alto Recycling Center

The Palo Alto Landfill is nearing its closure date so it is now necessary to reduce the size of the Palo Alto Recycling Center. As of **January 12, 2009**, the southern portion of the current Recycling Center will be closed and used by the landfill to finalize its filling operations.

Although smaller in size, the Recycling Center will remain in its current location, at the eastern end of Embarcadero Road before the landfill tollbooth. However, the gate will be relocated slightly north of its current location and will open on **January 12, 2009**.



What does this Recycling Center change mean to you?

1) LESS SORTING – The new location will consolidate many materials into single stream bins. Items accepted in the single stream bins are the same as those accepted curbside: paper, cans, foil, glass and plastics.

All other items accepted at the Recycling Center will still need to be sorted. A detailed list is available on our web site or by calling the Zero Waste Program.

2) CATHODE RAY TUBES will be collected at the Recycling Center by the Goodwill during its trailer operating hours. They will no longer be accepted at the landfill tollbooth.

3) MATERIALS NO LONGER ACCEPTED – Due to a combination of space constraints and costs, the Recycling Center will no longer be accepting the following items:

Not Accepted

Alternative Options

Polystyrene foam blocks

No local recycling facilities will accept polystyrene foam blocks

Polystyrene peanuts

Take to packaging stores for reuse

Milk and juice cartons

No local reuse or recycling options for your milk and juice cartons (*This will change in July 2009 – thank you for your patience*)

Please consider eliminating, or at least limiting, your use of items that are no longer accepted. Zero Waste is about changing our consumer model, not just by accepting more items for recycling, but also by creating change in how our products are made. If items do not have a strong recycling market and/or are cost prohibitive to recycle, we may need to ask manufacturers to adjust their processes. Let manufacturers know how you feel, your voice is important in reaching our Zero Waste goal.



Palo Alto Zero Waste Program

Use less, recycle the rest.

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