

April 2021 Utilities and Community Announcements

It may be April Fool's this month, but illegal dumping is no joke. If you see a potentially hazardous material near a storm drain, report it to 650-329-2413 for cleanup to keep pollutants away from people, and out of our creeks and the San Francisco Bay. Visit [cleanbay.org](https://www.cleanbay.org) for more info.

Help your garden thrive. Adding compost to your yard and garden will improve your soil's structure, helping to maintain a healthy soil ecosystem so your plants can grow bigger, stronger and healthier. Attend a compost workshop to learn how to make your own or pick up some that is garden-ready at our Compost Giveaway Station. For more information visit [cityofpaloalto.org/compost](https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/compost) or call (650) 496-5910.

The City of Palo Alto Utilities has been recognized as a "Platinum" level Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) by the American Public Power Association (APPA) for safety and reliability! The RP3 program recognizes community-owned, not-for-profit public power utilities that exhibit operational excellence and demonstrate leading practices in reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. This RP3 designation is a sign of our dedication to operating an efficient, safe, and reliable distribution system.

Call before you dig! Your safety is our number one priority. If you're planning to plant a tree, build a fence or dig in your yard for any other reason, you must call 811 to have your utilities marked.

This year's Earth Day theme is "Restore The Earth." Visit [earthday.org](https://www.earthday.org) to sign up to participate in a local clean-up, plant trees, or find other ways to take climate action.