

## December 2020 Utilities and Community Announcements

Confused about what goes in your recycle, compost, and garbage carts? **Zero Waste Palo Alto has information and tools to help you figure out what goes where!** Visit our What Goes Where Tools page at [cityofpaloalto.org/wgwtools](http://cityofpaloalto.org/wgwtools) for material guides, posters, sorting games, how-to videos, FAQs, and the “RecycleWhere” search tool. You can also simply call us at (650) 496-5910.

**Prepare for winter storms!** Visit [cityofpaloalto.org/storms](http://cityofpaloalto.org/storms) to monitor storm and creek activity, report storm problems, find free sand bag locations and other helpful resources. Visit [cityofpaloalto.org/creekmonitor](http://cityofpaloalto.org/creekmonitor) to monitor real-time Palo Alto creek level information and sign up at [sfcjpa.org/floodwarning](http://sfcjpa.org/floodwarning) for automatic flood and storm notifications.

**Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) clog pipes!** Incorrect disposal of these substances will eventually cost you time, mess, money and hassle. When poured down a drain or toilet, the water will solidify FOG and coat the interior of your plumbing, possibly leading to backed-up sewage in your home or yard. Learn how to properly dispose of FOG at [cityofpaloalto.org/hazwaste](http://cityofpaloalto.org/hazwaste)

**Are you ready for the winter rain season?** The City has information and resources to help your family prepare for stormy weather. Learn how to protect your home or business against possible flooding and refer to our checklist for creating an emergency supplies kit. Visit [cityofpaloalto.org/storms](http://cityofpaloalto.org/storms) and [cityofpaloalto.org/preparedness](http://cityofpaloalto.org/preparedness) for tips and materials.

**Do you know how best to keep your home cozy and warm this winter?** Check out some of our DIY efficiency suggestions at [cityofpaloalto.org/efficiencytips](http://cityofpaloalto.org/efficiencytips), or get free virtual assistance with trained professionals by visiting [cityofpaloalto.org/efficiencygenie](http://cityofpaloalto.org/efficiencygenie) or calling (650) 713-3411.