

September 2022 Utilities and Community Announcements

There's no better time to go solar! Now through November 15, you can sign up for SunShares to receive discounts on rooftop solar and battery storage from vetted contractors. SunShares aims to make it easy and economical to go solar. Visit cityofpaloalto.org/sunshares to learn more and register.

Wonder what to do with unwanted hazardous household products such as paints, medications, fluorescent bulbs, or cleaners? Bring them to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Station. The HHW Station is open every Saturday from 9 – 11am and the first Friday of each month from 3-5pm. There are some holiday closures. For more information, visit cityofpaloalto.org/hazwaste or call (650) 496-5910.

September is Pollution Prevention Month! Stop pollution by properly disposing of household hazardous waste and medications, or by participating in a creek cleanup. For more information, visit cleanbay.org.

California's severe drought continues, and local and state water restrictions are in effect. Know your watering days! Limit irrigation of ornamental landscapes and lawns to two days a week (before 10am or after 6pm) Mondays & Thursdays for odd numbered and numberless addresses, and Tuesdays & Fridays for even numbered addresses (except to ensure the health of trees and other perennial non-turf plantings. Visit cityofpaloalto.org/water for more information.

Make safety a top priority! Please call 811 before digging to have your utility lines marked and avoid a dangerous and costly accident. Read more safety tips at cityofpaloalto.org/safeutility and contact us at UtilitiesCommunications@cityofpaloalto.org to request printed copies of our gas safety awareness brochure.

Hold on to those balloons! Did you know that metallic foil, or Mylar, balloons are a major cause of power outages? In recent years, Mylar balloons have caused several large power outages in Palo Alto. Mylar balloons can explode and catch fire when coming in contact with power lines, creating a dangerous situation. Visit cityofpaloalto.org/safeutility for tips on balloon safety. In the event of a power outage, check cityofpaloalto.org/outagemap for immediate updates.