

RECYCLING GUIDE

When you recycle, take a few moments to explain to your children what you are doing. Our school is now providing some services. Recycling technology changes constantly: please let us know if any of the information below needs updating. All phone numbers are in the 650 area code (PST) unless noted otherwise.

Put even your smaller kids to work protecting our planet. Young children are very capable of doing lots of recycling tasks and of sorting recyclables into the proper containers (mixed paper; glass/cans/plastics).

Ideas or questions about what to recycle where: Contact Catherine McMillan (gregandcat@aol.com or 321-8202). If I don't know the answer, I'll try and find out! Also visit San Mateo County's phenomenal recycling website: www.recycleworks.org or call 1-888-442-2666.

RECYCLING AT HILLVIEW

ITEM	WHAT TO DO
Batteries (alkaline, such as AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, hearing aid & watch batteries). <i>See below for rechargeable batteries (Ni-Cad, lithium, including cell phone batteries)</i>	<i>It's the law!! Batteries (rechargeable or not), may no longer placed in the trash. When school is in session, drop off single-use batteries at school in battery bucket located in the office. When school is not in session, drop off at MP Library, 801 Alma, 330-2500, Onetta Harris Community Center, 100 Terminal Avenue, 330-2250, or Palo Alto Hardware, 875 Alma St., 327-7222. Single-use only!! <u>No rechargeable batteries or cell phones: see below for recycling info.</u></i>
Cans/Plastic food containers	Recycling containers are everywhere in the lunch areas. Make sure your kids know what is recyclable. (Plastic dairy and drink containers only.)
Glass containers	Not allowed on campus!

RECYCLING AT HOME

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ITEMS	WHAT TO DO	COMMENTS
Aluminum foil and pie plates	Stanford Recycling Center , 701 Serra St, Stanford, 723-0919 (M-F 8-5 & Sat 9-5); Palo Alto Sanitation , 2380 Embarcadero Rd., PA, 496-5910 (Daily, 8-5)	Please rinse.
Bubble wrap	For re-use: GreenMail , 1259 El Camino Real, MP, 326-6245 (M-F 9-6 & Sat 10-4) and UPS Store (next to Yogurt Stop), 405 El Camino Real, MP, 326-4415 (M-F 8:30-6:30 & Sat 10-6). For recycling: Stanford Recycling Center , 701 Serra St, Stanford, 723-0919 (M-F 8-5 & Sat 9-5). Place in same bin as plastic bags.	
Cartridges/toner	Take a postage-paid plastic envelope from dispenser in the school office , place your used cartridge, and mail from any mailbox.	A small cash value for each recyclable cartridge benefits the PTO.
Cell phones	All major wireless companies accept old cell phone batteries and old phones at all locations. Some of them are: Verizon Wireless , 219 University Avenue and 2517 El Camino Real in Redwood City; Cingular , 2805 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, and 4191 El Camino Real, PA; T-Mobile , 165 University Ave, Palo Alto. Goodwill store , 711 Santa Cruz Avenue, MP, 324-9380, M-Sat 9-8, Sun. 10-6; Goodwill Donation Center (Safeway parking lot), 625 El Camino Real, MP, Tu-Sat 9:30-4:30, cl. 1-2pm.	Cell phone retailers are required to collect used cell phones, at no cost to the consumer, to be reused, recycled or properly disposed. To donate your cell phones to a charity, visit www.collectivegood.com .
Electronics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>It's in good condition and less than 5 years old:</i> Bring your unwanted computers or hand-held electronics to a Goodwill donation site. For other donation options, go to http://www.recycleworks.org/pdf/reuse_guide.pdf or go to www.RecycleWorks.org/ewaste/. ○ <i>It's older and/or it doesn't work:</i> Bring to 	<i>It's the law!! Electronic devices may not be placed in the trash.</i> Through RECONNECT, a partnership between Dell and Goodwill, donated items in working order are refurbished, then sold or made available to community groups. Non-working components are broken down and recycled in a safe and environmentally responsible way. Funds from these programs support Goodwill's job training

	Shoreway Recycling Center , 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos (650-592-0255), Mon-Sat, 8:30AM-4PM. No fees for computer towers, copiers, faxes, VCRs and stereos.	programs. Goodwill also accepts: telephones, small electrics, cell phones, etc.
Eyeglasses	Lenscrafters , El Camino next to Big 5, MP, 329-8181); Ann's Coffee Shop , 772 Santa Cruz Ave, MP, 322-0043, 6:30AM-4PM daily, cl. Sundays; MP Library's Front Desk , 330-2500 (call for hours).	Eyeglasses are collected by the Lions Club and donated to underprivileged people in the US and in developing countries.
Fluorescent lamps or tubes	IKEA (Return counter) , 1700 E. Bayshore Rd., EPA, 650-323-4532 (daily 10-9). Shoreway Recycling Center , 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos (650-592-0255), Mon-Sat, 8:30AM-4PM. Fluorescent fixtures can also be dropped off at a HHW collection event. Call (650) 363-4305.	<i>It's the law!! Fluorescent light bulbs, as well as batteries and electronic devices, may no longer be placed in the trash!</i>
Hangers (dry-cleaning)	Many dry cleaners take them back for reuse, including 1-800-DryClean and the Goodwill Trailer in the El Camino Safeway parking lot. Ask your dry cleaner if they'll take hangers back. Tailors are also in need of them (and the plastic film, in good condition). For recycling, take them and any other scrap metal to Stanford Recycling Center , 701 Serra St, Stanford, 723-0919 (M-F 8-5 & Sat 9-5).	Hangers of all types, including wire hangers, are sought by many agencies for the retail stores (Cerebral Palsy, etc). When these call to ask for donation pick-ups, ask if they want those.
Household Hazardous Wastes	San Mateo County's Environmental Health Department manages regular the collection of household hazardous wastes (HHW) at rotating locations throughout the county . They include: oil-based paints, paint thinner, varnish, and stain; garden, swimming pool, and hobby chemicals; household cleaning products and batteries; fluorescent tubes, propane tanks, and automotive products.	Drop-off is free, but by appointment only. Schedule one online at http://events.smhealth.org/events/make_appointment.aspx , or call (650) 363-4305.
Junk Mail	Visit the Direct Marketing Association (DMA)'s website at www.dmaconsumers.org as well as www.recycleworks.org/junkmail/residential for	The average adult is on 50 mailing lists (Source: Native Forest Network). Tax dollars spent to dispose of junk mail: \$320 million! (Source: Ecofuture). Ask catalog companies

	excellent, step-by-step junk mail reduction tips, including printable form letters to direct-marketers. (Following some of the tips may require giving out your social security number.)	to remove you from their lists. Include ALL variations of your name (Snow White, S. White, Snow M. White etc.).
Latex paints	BFI Recycling Center , 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos (650-592-0255), Mon-Sat, 8:30AM-4PM.	Latex paints can also be dropped off at a HHW collection event. For date/location, call (650) 363-4305.
Nursery containers	<u>For re-use:</u> Redwood City Nursery , 2760 El Camino Real, RC, 368-0357 (Th-Mon 8:30-5:30; closed Tu./Wed); Wegman's , 492 Woodside Road, RC, 368-5908 (1 gal. or larger); M & M Nursery , 332 Woodside Rd, RC, 366-4429 (5 or 15 gal. only); <u>For recycling:</u> Palo Alto Sanitation , 2380 Embarcadero Rd., PA, 496-5910 (Daily, 8-5). Only if there is a number at bottom; black plastic OK. Do NOT take them to Roger Reynolds as they throw them out in the trash!	Believe it or not, those sturdy black containers are not recycled and end up in landfills, although they are perfectly reusable! A few places DO accept them and give them back to the growers. Call ahead.
Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Print on both sides of paper o Before you discard anything printed on one side only, place it in your printer tray or re-use as scrap paper for "sloppy copies", shopping lists, scribbling etc. THEN place in recycling bins or shred as filler for packaging. 	Every time a ton of paper is recycled, you've helped saved 17 trees, 7,000 tons of water, 4 barrels of oil, and you've reduced our pollution by 60 lbs! (Source: EPA web site)
Plastic bags, including dry-cleaning film, newspaper wrappers, grocery bags, and other retail bags	Safeway , El Camino in Menlo Park (24/7), Safeway in Sharon Heights, MP; Stanford Recycling Center , 701 Serra St, Stanford, 723-0919 (M-F 8-5 & Sat 9-5), and Palo Alto Sanitation , 2380 Embarcadero Rd., PA, 496-5910 (Daily, 8-5).	No Saran wrap. Remove hard plastic handles, string handles and receipts. Clean bags only.
Plastic cutlery; plastic tablecloths	Not recyclable.	If using either for birthday parties or picnics, clean and consider re-using.
Plastic rings	Not recyclable.	Before throwing away, cut all circles, including the two

around cans		smaller ones in the middle. Small wildlife get their necks tangled in them.
Rechargeable batteries	<p>Rechargeable batteries are found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, camcorders, digital cameras, remote control toys, etc. <i>All retailers that sell rechargeable batteries are required to accept back used rechargeable batteries at no cost to the consumer.</i> Other locations include:</p> <p>Menlo Vacuum & Fix-It Shop, 1179 El Camino Real, MP, 322-9333 (Tu-F 9-5:30 & Sat 9-5); Palo Alto Hardware, 875 Alma, PA, 327-7222 (ask for the GreenCitizen Kiosk; M-F 7:30AM-8PM & Sat/Sun 8-6); Kragen Auto Parts, nr. Target in RC, 368-2831 (M-Sat 8AM-9PM & Sun 8-7)</p>	<p><i>It's the law!! Batteries are not allowed in the trash!</i> Although retailers of rechargeable batteries are not required to take back any other kind of universal waste batteries, many voluntarily take back alkaline and other universal waste batteries. Check with your local retailer.</p> <p>Rechargeable batteries are more and more common, yet they are also detrimental to the environment, but less so in the sense that they can be recharged. All components of the products shipped back for recycling are broken down and re-used: for instance, the cadmium is used to make new batteries; the nickel and iron are used for new stainless steel products.</p>
Sneakers	Bring them in to The Runners High , 859 Santa Cruz Ave, 325-9432 (T, W, F, Sat 10-6, Th 10-8, Sun 11-5).	Athletic shoes only, any brand, no lights.
Styrofoam (a.k.a. polystyrene)	Styrofoam packing peanuts and/or blocks may be dropped off at these locations: GreenMail , 1259 El Camino Real, MP, 326-6245 (M-F 9-6 & Sat 10-4/blocks, peanuts); UPS Store (next to Yogurt Stop), 405 El Camino Real, MP, 326-4415 (M-F 8:30-6:30 & Sat 10-6; blocks & peanuts); UPS Store , 325 Sharon Park Drive, MP, 233-1953 (blocks & peanuts); Postal Annex , 345 Stanford Shopping Center, 324-8082 (M-F 9-7, Sat 10-7 & Sun 11-6/peanuts, NO blocks).	Avoid using Styrofoam plates and cups indiscriminately. Try limiting their use to those occasions when hot/freezing temperature is essential. Styrofoam does NOT decompose! In addition, since it is light, it also flies away, posing a danger to wildlife and creating great unsightliness.
Water	By simply turning the water off when you brush teeth, you could be saving 4 gallons each time! If every Bay Area resident turned off the tap every time they brushed teeth, we could fill 210 Olympic-sized swimming pools daily! (Source: Lawrence Hall of Science, Univ. of Calif. at Berkeley)	There were 1 million people living in the Bay Area in 1900; there are 6.7 million of us now – our water needs have been multiplied <u>by 6.7</u> but our water resources have NOT!

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