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Recycling Containers Come to Cupertino Curbsides

Cupertino residents will soon see blue, recycling carts on City streets. The wheeled carts replace the grey bins currently used to collect paper, bottles, cans, and other items. Residents should begin using the carts once they receive them. The new semi-automated recycling program, which combines recyclables into one container for weekly collection, is offered at no extra cost. Recycling carts will be delivered throughout April.

To participate, residents must place recycling containers in the street with wheels against the curb by 6 a.m. on regular trash pick-up days. Items accepted in recycling carts include: cardboard, glass bottles and jars, metal cans, plastic containers, juice boxes, plastic bags, and foam plastic. Extra recyclables that cannot fit into carts may be placed in old recycling bins, cardboard boxes, or paper grocery bags and set alongside recycling carts on pick-up days.

Recycling bins that are no longer needed will be collected on the first Saturday after carts are delivered. Bins must be empty and upside down for pick-up beginning at 6 a.m. Residents who miss the Saturday bin collection should call Los Altos Garbage Company for drop-off information at the Company's Santa Clara offices.

Weekly collection of yard waste also begins at the same time residents receive their recycling carts.

For a complete list of accepted recyclables, to learn more about garbage and recycling collection in Cupertino and to arrange for bin drop-off, call Los Altos Garbage Company Customer Service at (408) 725-4020, or visit the City of Cupertino web site at www.cupertino.org.

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