

PRESS RELEASE

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COVID-19 Response Update

The City of Cupertino continues to monitor the effects of COVID-19 as the safety of our residents, staff, and visitors remains our highest priority. The following information regards the City's response to the latest recommendations from the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department. For more information, visit <u>www.cupertino.org/coronavirus</u>.

<u>New</u>

City Compost Site to Reopen on Friday, May 29 at 8:00 a.m.

The City of Cupertino will be reopening its compost site to residents for free pickup on Friday, May 29 at 8:00 a.m. The compost site will be open on Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to noon from May 29 to mid-November. The site is located at 12100 Stevens Canyon Road across from the Stevens Creek Reservoir dam parking lot.

New health protocols have been put in place and include:

- Face coverings and social distancing are required
- Shovels will not be provided
- There is no public access to the portable restroom at the site

<u>Reminder</u>: There are no containers or bags offered at the site. Visitors need to bring their own containers or bags to carry out compost.

The City understands that residents are excited to have access to this service again after such a late start. Residents are urged to be patient as there may be a long waiting period first thing in the morning. The City encourages residents to arrive later in the morning. There is plenty of compost at the site, so it is not anticipated to run out.

Attendants at the site will be directing traffic and visitors will need to follow instructions so that vehicles can get in and out of the compost loading area safely.

#CupertinoCares: Write a Letter to Deployed Troops, Veterans, or Wounded Heroes You don't need to go far in Cupertino to show gratitude to a veteran — this Memorial Day weekend, write a letter to deployed troops, veterans, or wounded heroes. Send your letter to:

Operation Gratitude 9409 Owensmouth Ave Chatsworth, CA 91311

For letter writing tips, visit <u>www.cupertino.org/cupertinocares</u>

You could also take a virtual visit to the Cupertino Veterans Memorial at Memorial Park (<u>www.cupertinoveteransmemorial.org</u>). Many Cupertino citizens have stopped by the memorial since its dedication in 2007 to remember all those who have served and sacrificed for our country. The Guardians statue stands in the middle of the memorial and depicts two defenders back to back. The two soldiers represented are James Suh and Cupertino's own Matthew Axelson, both Navy SEALs died fighting in Afghanistan during Operation Red Wings, which inspired the book and movie "Lone Survivor."

Let's all take a moment this weekend to remember all those who have served and sacrificed for our country. #CupertinoCares

Upcoming Virtual Meetings and Events

Sort Your Waste While Sheltering in Place – Wednesday, May 27 from 1 to 2 p.m. The City of Cupertino, in collaboration with waste hauler Recology, is hosting a free waste sorting webinar on Wednesday, May 27 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

This webinar is intended to provide guidance to Cupertino residents on how to better manage their waste during the COVID-19 period. Learn about general waste sorting, hear about impacts of COVID-19 on the waste industry, and ask your waste related questions during our live Q&A.

Participate in this webinar by registering at:

https://cityofcupertino.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7pcRZRmlRBmW8PYxGJH9eA (After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.)

City Services

All City in-door facilities remain closed. While City Hall is closed to the public, services are available online at <u>www.cupertino.org</u> and by phone at (408) 777-3200.

- To submit requests for service, visit <u>www.cupertino.org/311</u>
- For Building, Planning, Housing, and Code Enforcement services and permits, visit <u>www.cupertino.org/communitydevelopment</u>
- For Public Works services and permits, visit <u>www.cupertino.org/publicworks</u>