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The Connection

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Spring 2009
 Cupertino

LAGCo Connection
 650 Martin Avenue
 Santa Clara, CA 95050

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

Los Altos Garbage Co.
 408-725-4020 or
 650-961-8040
 Fax 408-588-1102
www.losaltosgarbage.com

City of Cupertino
www.cupertino.org

Countywide Recycling Info
 800-533-8414
www.recyclestuff.org

Home Composting Education Program
 408-918-4640
www.reducewaste.org

Household Hazardous Waste Program
 408-299-7300
www.hhw.org

Apple Electronic Waste Recycling Program
 408-862-2667



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ENVIRONMENTAL DAY FOCUSES ON REUSE & RECYCLING

Not even a little rain could stop residents from taking part in Cupertino's 2nd Environmental Day on Saturday, January 24th.

Environmental Days, a partnership between Los Altos Garbage Company and the City of Cupertino, provides residents with a one-stop-shop for recycling. With this type of convenience, it's no wonder that residents were flocking to the event. Take it from Nancy Becker who said "I love it!", as she and her husband Richard dropped off fluorescent bulbs, a mercury thermometer and documents for shredding.

When asked what she thought of the event, Cupertino resident Liz Mulford said "I'm grateful you're here." April Gilley cleaned out her closet before the event, and donated her reusable goods to St. Vincent de Paul, a non-profit organization that helps those less fortunate. April said "The best thing about Environmental Days is that it forces you to go through your stuff and it helps save the environment!" That seemed to be the sentiment of the day as residents dropped off televisions, computer monitors, confidential documents, construction debris, toys and household goods. The event was a huge success and helped divert tons of material from the landfill.

To learn more about Environmental Days, visit www.losaltosgarbage.com or call a Customer Service Representative at 408-725-4020.

NOTE: Environmental Days are reuse and recycling events only. To dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), please refer to page 2 for information on the Countywide HHW Drop-Off event.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT ENVIRONMENTAL DAY



Saturday, April 18th
 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

De Anza College, Parking Lot "B"
 (Corner of Stelling & Stevens Creek Blvd)



Representatives (left to right) Tammy Del Bene (LAGCo), Erin Cooke and Cheri Donnelly (Cupertino), Melinda Harris and Lynell Johnson (LAGCo).



Cupertino resident, Blake Burke, brought 20 years of records to be confidentially shredded.



St. Vincent de Paul staff show off a bicycle that was donated at the event.



Los Altos Garbage Company Employee-Owners take a break from the action and "Say Cheese" at Cupertino's Environmental Day.



CUPERTINO CELEBRATES THE EARTH!

Join us for an Earth Day Festival on **Sunday, April 19, 2009** at Memorial Park and the Quinlan Center, from **10:00am – 2:00pm**. Cupertino staff and partners will offer an opportunity for you to:

- Watch the Recycling Wizard's show featuring comedy, juggling, magic and audience participation to learn how to become a waste prevention superhero
- Enjoy kid-friendly crafts, demonstrations, contests and other activities
- Register your home for a FREE home energy audit or sign up to be trained as a home energy auditor
- Grab a FREE Cupertino reusable shopping bag
- Learn 10 easy steps to reduce your personal greenhouse gas emissions and **SAVE MONEY!**
- Talk to experts and create an action plan to green your home, school or business
- Exchange your mercury thermometer through the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Discover the many ways you can celebrate Earth Day every day! To learn more, visit the City of Cupertino's website at www.cupertino.org, or contact Erin Cooke, Environmental Affairs Coordinator at **408-777-7603** or erinc@cupertino.org.

PAPER OR PLASTIC?

That's a question everyone hears at grocery stores. But bags of all types add up. Trips to the mall, hardware store, farmer's market and many other places add to the number of bags that Americans use every day and each of those bags have an environmental impact as well. One thing that everyone can do to lower their carbon footprint on our environment is to bring a reusable bag to the stores you frequent.



Reusable bags are a great and easy way to lower the amount of energy and resources that are used to make single-use bags. Many retail stores have reusable bags available for sale, and some even offer a discount each time you bring them to the store.

Here's a few tips to remember:

- Return bags to your car after each trip to the store.
- Look for reusable bags made from recycled content. Help close the loop. ♻️
- Only buying a few items? Just carry them out by hand.
- Look for small reusable bags that fit easily into a purse or pocket for those quick trips to the market.
- Too many reusable bags? Give some to a friend or family member and spread the reuse message.

So the next time the store clerk asks if you would like paper or plastic, you can say "Neither one, thanks. I brought my own."

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2009 COUNTYWIDE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) AND ELECTRONIC WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT



Drop-off your HHW and E-Waste at the County of Santa Clara's drop-off event. **Appointments required.** Materials collected include the following:

Automotive fluids • batteries (car and household) • computer monitors
fertilizers • flammable liquids
fluorescent lamps • garden chemicals
helium tanks • household cleaners • latex and oil based paint and stains • mercury thermometers • propane tanks
sharps-hypodermic needles • televisions

For a complete list of acceptable materials, event location or to schedule an appointment (only after 3/15/09), please call the County of Santa Clara Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program at **408-299-7300** or visit www.hhw.org.

COMPOST WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

CUPERTINO

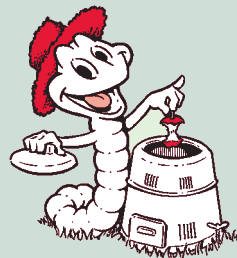
Quinlan Community Center
10185 North Stelling Road
Social Hall
Saturday 10am – Noon
March 7, October 3,
November 7

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Community Center
201 S. Rengstorff Avenue
Saturday 10am – Noon
April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18,
August 15, September 19

SUNNYVALE COMMUNITY CENTER ARBORETUM

Heritage Garden Meeting Room
550 E. Remington Dr.
Registration: **408-730-7262** or
visit www.sunnyvalerecycles.org
Saturdays 10am – Noon
April 18, July 18, August 15,
September 19



Please call the County's Rotline at **408-918-4640** or email compost@aem.sccgov.org for additional workshop dates and locations or to pre-register (unless otherwise indicated above).

