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## Electrify Mountain View

### Go Electric Advisor

Bringing home the benefits of switching to electric is easier than ever with Silicon Valley Clean Energy's Go Electric Advisors ready to help you make your home safer, more efficient and healthier. Visit [Go Electric Advisor's website](#) or call 833-243-4235 to reach an Advisor.

## Your Water Heater

When was the last time you thought about your water heater? How old is that “gas-guzzler” anyway?

**Did you know?** Heat pump water heaters are more efficient, safer, healthier and less polluting than gas water heaters. Learning about heat pump water heaters can feel complicated, luckily Silicon Valley Clean Energy has developed the [HPWH Best Practices Guide](#) to walk you step-by-step through what to consider. Learn more about how a heat pump works, how to select one for your home, and how you can lower your energy bills.



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## Your Quiet and Eco-friendly Gardening

Spread the word to your friends and neighbors. For quiet and eco-friendly gardening, consider going electric! Electric landscape tools are now available for checkout from the Day Worker Center of Mountain View. Since the Tool Library Program’s launch this spring, over 100 hours of clean, electric gardening have been completed through this City-sponsored program. Learn more on the [Tool Library website](#).

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## Plant-Based Eating

*Our plant-based eating program focuses on promoting healthy and sustainable food choices, supporting equitable access to healthy food, and spreading awareness about the positive health and environmental impacts of a plant-based diet.*

### Plant-Based On-the-Go

When the weather’s right for hiking, what kind of plant-based lunches and snacks are good for the trail (or car ride, picnic, on-the-go)? Good hiking foods last out of the fridge for a few hours and are hardy enough to bounce around a bit in a backpack. For full recipes that travel well, download the [PDF of recipes we cooked at our Plant-based Summer Picnic](#) last June.



## Sandwiches

Mix and match to your taste:

### Outside:

- Sliced bread or roll
- Plant-based tortilla, pita, bagel, or wrap

### Inside:

- Spreads, like hummus or tapenade
- Tomatoes
- Avocado
- Lettuce, sprouts, or your favorite greens
- Peppers: roasted red peppers, bell peppers, or pepperoncini
- Onion
- Cucumber
- Shredded carrots
- Pickles
- Grilled eggplant or zucchini
- Salt and pepper
- Fresh herbs like basil, cilantro, or parsley
- Or just a classic peanut butter and jelly



## Snacks:

- Nut and trail mixes, add carob chips for a sweet note
- Apples, clementines/oranges, dates
- Peanut butter (with apple, banana, cracker, etc.)
- Ants on a log – celery, peanut butter, and raisins
- Fruit leathers or dried fruit
- Snack bars
- Tortilla or potato chips, popcorn, or rice cakes
- Roasted chickpeas

## Tips to Try:

- Put lettuce between the spread and bread to keep bread crisp
- Keep wet ingredients (like sliced tomatoes) separate, and put on just before eating
- Use reusable Velcro or zip-secured bags to cut down on single-use plastic

What are your favorites? Tell us on [@MVSustainability](#) or [CollaborateMV](#) Remember to pack your trash for composting later!

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# Recycling and Zero Waste Events

## Hazardous Household Waste Drop-off Event

Free household hazardous waste collection event coming to Mountain View on Saturday, August 24! Safely dispose of paint, batteries, electronics, auto fluids, used oil, garden chemicals, propane tanks, fluorescent and LED lightbulbs, aerosols and more.

Appointments are required; call 408-299-7300 or book your appointment online at [HHW.org](http://HHW.org). To schedule online, click the blue "Make a Free Appointment" button then select Mountain View on the calendar for August 24. Upon appointment booking you will receive the specific Mountain View drop-off location.



## Citywide Garage Sale

The Citywide Garage Sale is back, and registration is open now! Find more information and register [here](#).

Join hundreds of residents holding garage sales at their homes September 14 - 15. This event supports the City's Zero Waste goals by keeping reusable items out of the landfill and conserving natural resources.

Sellers may choose to participate on one day or both days of the sale. The event is advertised in local and regional newspapers, social media, websites, etc. Registration closes Wednesday, September 4.

Prior to the event, the City will publish the garage sale addresses and items for sale/donation on the City's website and on printed maps. This year, a new online map will allow participants to filter garage sales by dates open and items listed, as well as other enhanced features to help attendees plan which homes to visit for the event.

## Worm Composting Workshop October 5

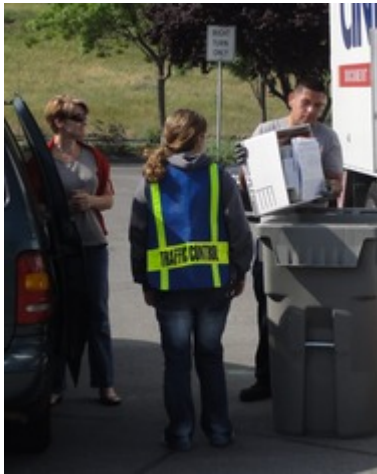
Find out how to build healthy soil and reduce kitchen food waste through worm composting at this FREE workshop for residents. Great for families, apartments, town houses, or anyone who produces a lot of food scraps!



The workshop will be held on Saturday, October 5 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Heritage Park, 771 Rengstorff Avenue. The event will be held outdoors. For more information



and to register, [click here](#) or call the Rotline at 408-918-4640. Walk-ins are also welcome.



## Free Confidential Paper Shredding November 2

Looking for a safe way to securely shred and recycle your confidential paperwork and documents? A free paper shredding event is available for Mountain View and Sunnyvale residents on Saturday, November 2, at the SMaRT Station (301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn more [here](#).

- Proof of residency is required (e.g., Driver's License or utility bill).
- Limit of five banker-sized boxes or paper bags per household.
- Paperclips, staples, spiral notebooks, and rubber-bands are acceptable. Please refrain from disposing of heavy binders or binder clips to prevent damage to shredding equipment.
- Event line closes at 3:00 p.m. sharp. Late arrivals will be turned away.

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## Transportation



### Vision Zero Marketing and Outreach Campaign

The City launched a traffic safety awareness campaign for Vision Zero in early August 2024. We hope to see an increasingly safe environment on our city streets so that more students and adults will choose to walk, roll and ride transit to school, work, and all over town. Vision Zero aims to reduce the number of traffic deaths in our city to zero. Vision Zero is an integrated set of policies, plans and programs based on the philosophy that fatal collisions are unacceptable and preventable. To learn more, visit the [Vision Zero website](#).

## California Street “Complete Streets” Pilot Project Coming Soon

The City of Mountain View has a project to enhance safety, eliminate fatal or severe injury crashes, and increase the number of sustainable trips on California Street between Showers Drive and Shoreline Boulevard. As part of the 2024 repaving project,

the City plans to install new crosswalks and sidewalk corners, and redo the lane striping on California Street. This neighborhood will first experience a Pilot Project, which will be evaluated before it becomes permanent. Once installed, some Recology customers on California Street will need to place their containers in a new location on California Street. For more information, visit the [California Pilot website](#).

## Caltrans Repaving of El Camino Real Will Begin after Labor Day

Caltrans will repave El Camino Real (SR-82) in Mountain View and Palo Alto, all lanes in both directions, beginning this Fall 2024. Construction night work will include scraping off old pavement, and repairing cracks and potholes.

Caltrans will install new pavement, lane striping, high visibility crosswalks, ADA curb ramp improvements, protected bike lanes, and 3 new pedestrian crossing beacons at Bonita Avenue, Crestview Drive and Pettis Avenue. The space where on-street parking has been will be repurposed and used for the bike lane. Protected bike lanes help increase safety on our roads and can help increase the number of sustainable trips. Once installed, this will be the first time and first location where El Camino Real will be open to cyclists of all ages and abilities. This project received financial support from the voter-approved 2016 Measure B program and from the city. To learn more, visit the [El Camino Project website](#).



## Caltrain Launches Electric Service

Caltrain will be launching their electrified service in September! The new electric fleet is quieter, accelerates and decelerates faster (reducing travel times), increases local air quality and health, and reduces climate impacts.

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# Biodiversity Strategy and Urban Forest Plan



The City of Mountain View has launched the community engagement process for the Biodiversity and Urban Forest Plan (Plan). The Plan will be built on science-based guidance and community needs, values, and priorities, and will be the first of its kind in the Bay Area to serve as a progressive framework that defines biodiversity requirements for landscaping and tree canopy. The Plan will also inform and influence City projects and ordinances regarding vegetation, wildlife, and habitats, and include Urban Forestry to replace the existing 2015 Community Tree Master Plan.

The success of the Plan will depend on active community engagement. Your input matters! There are many opportunities to get involved including pop-up events, community workshops, a survey, and a shared idea board. Please visit the [project webpage](#) for more information and to stay up to date. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on topics including habitat restoration and enhancement, preserving green spaces and natural resources, environmental resiliency, and increasing tree canopy!

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## Water Resources for the Home and Garden



## New! Receive Design Assistance for the Landscape Rebate Program

Convert your grass to approved California-friendly landscapes and receive a rebate. Apply for the Landscape Rebate Program to get a free onsite consultation for proposed front yard lawn conversions

only. The new Landscape Design Assistance Program offers rebate applicants with access to a pre-approved professional landscape designer for a two-hour consultation. Explore [landscape information and resources](#) for ideas and inspiration, and sign up for a [landscape rebate](#) today!

## Leak Detection

Did you know a leaky toilet can waste up to 5 gallons of water per minute, or 300 gallons per hour? The most common home water leaks are due to worn toilet flappers and broken irrigation components. You can save water and money by performing periodic leak checks. Identify where your water meter is located and how to read it for water use investigations. Visit the [website](#) to view [step-by-step leak check instructions](#), or contact us for assistance.

## Free Water-Efficient Gear

Mountain View residents and businesses can order free water-efficient devices directly from Valley Water's Online Shopping Cart. Devices include low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, garden hose nozzles, toilet leak detection tablets, and more. View a complete list of available items at the [Online Shopping Cart](#) and order today.

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