

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

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SOLID WASTE AND WATER DISCOUNT PILOT PROGRAM

A new rate assistance pilot program started January 1, 2021, and runs through June 30, 2021. Qualified households may receive a 20 percent monthly discount on solid waste service from Recology San Mateo County and a \$14.11 fixed monthly discount on water service from Menlo Park Municipal Water.

To be eligible for this pilot program, households must meet the following criteria:

- Must be enrolled in the PG&E CARE program, which is another discount program that offers a monthly minimum of 20 percent on gas and electricity
- Submit most recent PG&E bill to verify CARE enrollment. Address on the PG&E bill must be the same on the solid waste and water bills, but the names may be different
- Submit a most recent Recology and Menlo Park Municipal Water bills to receive applicable discounts
- Re-certify eligibility according to the PG&E CARE program enrollment expiration date.

Households may enroll in the PG&E CARE program by either visiting their website at pge.com/carefera, calling 1-877-743-2273 or emailing careandfera@pge.com. After enrolling in the CARE program, please visit the City's

webpage at menlopark.org/rateassistance for more details about the pilot program.

For households who live in the California Water (Cal Water) service area, Cal Water's Low-Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) program provides financial assistance for qualified households.

Visit calwater.com/lira or email lira@calwater.com.

PROPERLY RECYCLE BATTERIES AND CELLPHONES

Single-family residents can conveniently recycle household batteries and cell phones at the curb by placing the batteries and cell phones in a zip-top bag and placing them on the lid of your black garbage cart for recycling on your collection day. Please tape button-type batteries and wrap cell phones in paper before placing them in the zip-top bag.

DO NOT place batteries and cell phones inside the cart.

You can also drop off batteries free of charge at the Shoreway Environmental Center located at 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos.

PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY OFFERS \$2,500 REBATE FOR ALL-ELECTRIC HEAT PUMP WATER HEATERS

Did you know at least 40 percent of methane gas from residential homes come from heating water? Replacing gas-fueled water heaters with heat pump water heaters (is a great start to making houses more energy efficient. Heat pump water heaters may be three to four times more efficient than gas water heaters. To help with the transition, Peninsula Clean Energy offers residential rebates of \$2,500 or more to replace gas water heaters with all-electric heat pump water heaters (HPWHs).

For more information about the rebate qualifications, visit peninsulacleanenergy.com/rebates



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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF

Make an appointment with San Mateo County Health to drop off household hazardous waste (HHW) materials at a special drop-off location in San Mateo. Location to be announced upon appointment confirmation.

Acceptable HHW items include acids/bases, aerosol cans, automotive supplies (car batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, break fluids), cleaning products, fertilizers, pesticides, flammable liquids, fluorescent lights (compact and tubes), paints, inks and photo chemicals. Radioactive, explosive, medical and commercial waste is prohibited.

Schedule an appointment online by visiting menlopark.org/hhw or call 650-372-6200.

ON-CALL BULKY ITEM COLLECTION SERVICE

Twice a year, Recology offers a scheduled pickup service of large and bulky items. Residents may set out:

- Two cubic yards of bagged/boxed solid waste
- One large appliance (such as a washing machine, dryer, refrigerator or freezer)
- One bulky item (such as a mattress, couch or tires)
- Electronic waste (such as a TV, computer or computer monitor)

No liquids, dirt, rock, concrete, asphalt, hazardous waste or items that exceed 5 feet in length.

Contact 650-595-3900 to schedule an appointment. For residents in multifamily dwellings, please contact your property manager to schedule a bulky item pickup.

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GARBAGE/RECYCLING SERVICE QUESTIONS

Recology San Mateo County
650-595-3900
RecologySanMateoCounty.com

City of Menlo Park

701 Laurel St.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
650-330-6720
menlopark.org/citymanager

PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY NOW PROVIDING 100 PERCENT EMISSION-FREE POWER TO ALL CUSTOMERS

Peninsula Clean Energy has begun providing 100 percent carbon-free electricity to all of its nearly 300,000 customers, which is well ahead of California's 2045 zero-emission power generation mandate and a critical step in helping the agency achieve its ultimate goal of providing all customers 100 percent renewable power on a 24/7 basis.

The agency is continuing to provide all of its customers with at least 50 percent renewable power in 2021 generated by solar, wind, biomass and small hydropower projects.

The remainder of the emission-free power will be provided from large hydropower and other carbon-free generation. None of that generation in 2021 will stem from nuclear power. The agency's 2020 power mix was 95 percent carbon-free.

Peninsula Clean Energy customers will continue to receive clean power at rates lower than those charged by PG&E.

ECO-100 customers will continue to receive all electricity from wind and solar power.

BE AN ECO HERO! CHOOSE 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY

Opting up to ECO100 is a powerful action you can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, and it is easy! Opting up to Peninsula Clean Energy's ECO100 option means that 100 percent of your electricity supply will be sourced from clean, renewable energy like solar and wind. ECO100 rates cost just 1 cent per kilowatt/hour more than ECOplus (50 percent renewable energy) rates. For the average household, this premium is only about \$2.50 more per month than what you would usually pay PG&E, or less than the cost of one latte.

Sign up at menlopark.org/optup and receive 100 percent renewable and carbon-free energy!