



# TOWN OF LOS GATOS

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#### **Recycling cans and solar powered trash compactors installed in Downtown Los Gatos**

The Town of Los Gatos is excited to announce the expansion of our recycling program to include the Downtown shopping district. Recycling receptacles were recently installed selected trash cans on North Santa Cruz Avenue and Main Street to collect recyclables such as glass, plastic and aluminum beverage containers. The receptacles are located next to existing trash cans, making disposing of trash and recyclables in the appropriate receptacle simple. The recycling cans look similar to the green trash cans and have been fitted with round beverage slots to encourage the deposit of beverage containers while discouraging the deposit of non-recyclable goods.

In addition, three solar powered trash compactors with an attached recycling receptacle have been installed: one at the Civic Center and two at Plaza Park. These areas were identified the most heavily used in Downtown Los Gatos. The compactor units hold several times more garbage than the standard trash can, reducing collection needs by up to 80%. This also reduces the carbon foot print caused by more frequent collections and reducing Town maintenance costs incurred to empty the cans between collection days. The units have the potential to eliminate the persistent overflow of garbage in heavily used locations resulting in a cleaner, greener, and more beautiful community.

Look for the recycling receptacles and solar powered trash compactors on your next visit to Downtown Los Gatos and join our community as we "Grow Greener Together." For more information about the Town's green efforts, or *Los Gatos: Growing Greener Together*, the Town's green business campaign, visit [www.LosGatosCA.gov/green](http://www.LosGatosCA.gov/green).

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