

Reminder About Organic Recycling Mandates

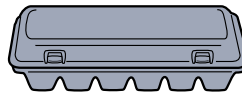
In order for California to reach its goal of recycling 75% of waste generated by 2020, new laws AB341 and AB1826 have mandated all Businesses and Multi-Family complexes to implement organic waste recycling. If you are currently generating 4 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste then you fall under these state requirements, regardless of the amount of organic waste generated.

First Thing's First: What is Organic Waste?

Very simply, organic waste is anything that was once alive.

Organic Waste includes:

- Fruits / Vegetables
- Bakery items
- Meat, poultry, and seafood (including bones and shells)
- Eggs and paper egg cartons
- Dairy products
- Coffee grounds (including paper filters)
- Tea bags



Organic waste also includes small amounts of Food-Soiled Paper products as well as Green Waste like landscape & pruning waste and non-hazardous wood waste. **IMPORTANT:** Organic waste should always be carefully separated from your regular trash & recycling items to prevent contamination.

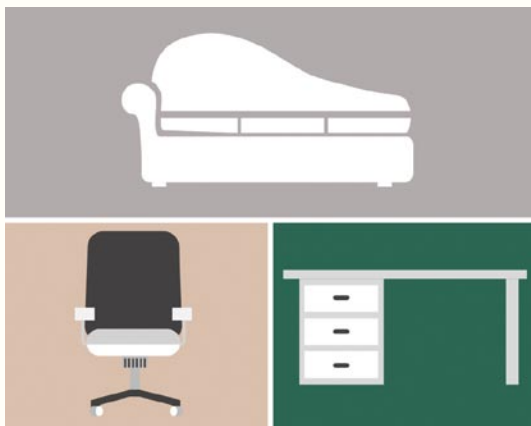
Why Organic Waste Recycling?

When we divert organic waste from going into landfills, we put valuable resources to better use while reducing greenhouse emissions. Recyclable organics is converted into useful and environmentally-friendly products such as:

- Compost
- Liquid fertilizers
- Mulch
- Biofuel, a renewable natural gas.



These products provide huge benefits to our communities. Valley Vista Services offers FREE, customized, on-site recycling program assistance upon request to help you meet compliance standards. **To find out if your Business or Multi-Family complex is affected by California mandates AB 341 and AB 1826, please visit <https://www.valleyvistaservices.com/recycling/> or call our Recycling Coordinator today at (626) 855-5539.**



Commercial Bulky Item Collection

VVSOC provides its commercial customers the opportunity to dispose of their 'bulky items' through our fee-based Bulky Item Collection Program. Bulky items are any items that are too big to fit into the standard trash bin such as filing cabinets, tables and desks. To schedule a bulky item pickup, you must call and place your request at least 24 hours in advance to have your items picked up on the next regular bulky item collection day which are on Wednesdays. Fees: All items are billed to your existing account at the rate of \$64.23 per item. Please do not leave your items out for collection without calling to schedule a pick-up and receiving confirmation. **To schedule a bulky item pickup, call our Customer Service Department today at (800) 442-6454.**

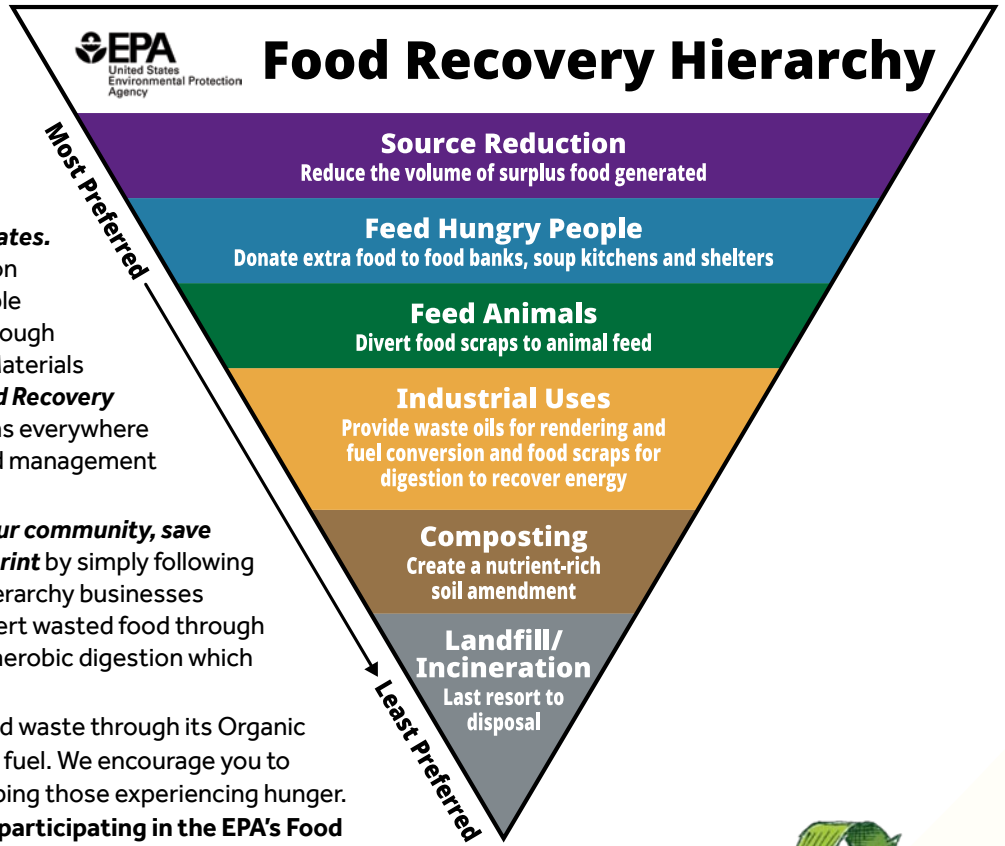
Reduce Food Waste & Help End Hunger

Join the Food Recovery Challenge!

Today, 40% of food is wasted in the United States. This adds up to an astonishing total of 70 billion pounds of food, with more than 315,000 people in Orange County alone who aren't getting enough food to eat. As part of the EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Program, they've created a **Food Recovery Challenge** where businesses and organizations everywhere are pledging to improve their sustainable food management practices.

This program allows your business to **help your community, save money, and reduce your environmental footprint** by simply following the **Food Recovery Hierarchy**. By using the hierarchy businesses can prioritize their actions to prevent and divert wasted food through prevention, donation, composting and/or anaerobic digestion which helps to create renewable energies.

VVSOC is already doing its part to reduce food waste through its Organic Waste Recycling Program and it's use of CNG fuel. We encourage you to consider ways to cut back on waste while helping those experiencing hunger. **To find out how your organization can start participating in the EPA's Food Recovery Challenge and make an impact in your community, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/food-recovery-challenge-frc>.**



Sustainability Tips:

Did you know that buying recycled products benefits the economy, the environment, and your bottom line as a business owner? It's also an important step in completing the lifecycle of a recycled item! This helps to create the demand needed for materials collected in recycling programs. Some really great and easy products to start swapping out for recycled materials are: packaging materials, refilled printer cartridges, plastic "to-go" containers, and most paper products like coffee cups and printer paper.

Holiday Tree Recycling

Make an impact on the environment by using V.V.S.'s free Holiday Tree Recycling Program for Multi-Family complexes in the city of Cypress. **Valley Vista Services will collect and recycle holiday trees placed adjacent to the trash and recycling enclosure on your regularly scheduled service day from December 26, 2019 through January 18, 2020.** Trees must be cut into lengths no longer than 6 feet and stripped of all ornaments, garland, tinsel, flocking and stands. If you have any questions, please call Valley Vista Services at (800) 442-6454 for more information.



Holiday Schedule

Trash pickup will be delayed by one day if your regular collection day falls on or after the following holidays:

- Thursday, November 28th, 2019 - Thanksgiving Day
- Wednesday, December 25th, 2019 - Christmas Day
- Wednesday, January 1st, 2020 - New Year's Day

If your collection days falls on a weekend, pickup will be made up on the prior Friday or following Monday.

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