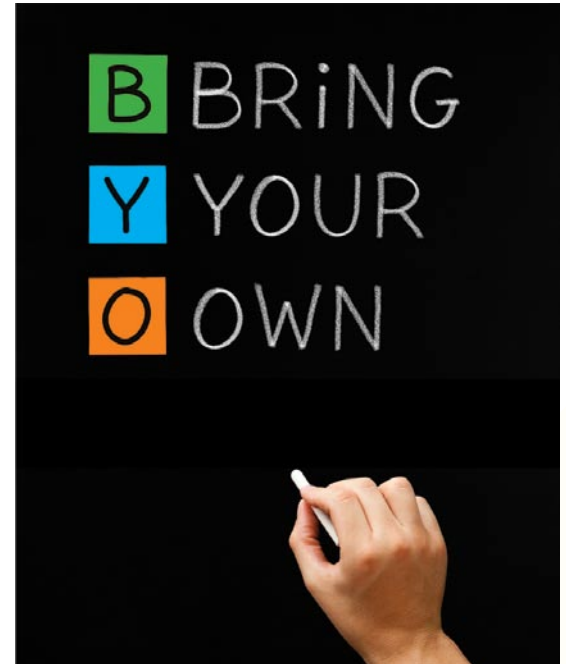


In the New Year: **BYO...**

It's 2020 and the BIGGEST New Year's resolutions to consider right now are ones that benefit the planet. The best recommendation we can give is to start reducing waste by **Bringing Your Own (fill in the blank)!** To help, we've compiled a list of all the major everyday items you can start swapping out for more eco-friendly alternatives.

Here are our Top 10 BYO Items for 2020:

1. **Water bottle** - If you're new to the low waste lifestyle, getting your own water bottle is the best starting point.
2. **Travel mug** - We know coffee is a must, but all those single-use coffee cups really add up to a big mess. Nowadays, travel mugs are pretty much sold everywhere, so finding one that fits your personal style is easy.
3. **Cups** - As with coffee mugs, travel cups called *tumblers* are typically made from stainless steel which maintains your drink's temperature for hours (hot or cold). Some tumblers are specifically for iced drinks and even come with their own straw.
4. **Straws** - Yes, there are reusable straws on the market! Most are collapsible, come in their own travel cases, and include a mini bottle brush to keep it clean on-the-go.
5. **Cutlery** - Avoid all the plastic spoons, forks and knives while out and about. Invest in a handy reusable cutlery set that you can quickly grab and throw in your bag when heading out.
6. **Food containers** - As with cutlery, grab whatever containers you already have and throw them in your bag when you know you're going to be eating food out that day.
7. **Snack bags** - Reusable silicone sandwich bags are much sturdier than their Ziploc baggie counterpart. Plus, they're easy to clean and come in a variety of sizes.
8. **Food wraps** - Sustainable food storage is here! Reusable and washable food wraps are a great alternative to the traditional saran wrap and foil, and keep food items fresher for longer.
9. **Shopping bags** - Keep a few extra reusable shopping bags in the trunk of your car, so no matter where you pull up to shop at you're prepared.
10. **Lunch** - Meal prepping and becoming organized with what you're going to eat during the week ensures that you don't over-purchase on foods you don't end up eating, which most likely end up in the trash.



FREE Materials Exchange Program



Have you heard of the new Materials Exchange Program by OC Waste & Recycling? It's a FREE program for Orange County residents to drop-off and pick up partially used household, yard, and car care products. Residents are not required to drop anything off to pick up an item and can choose up to *five items per week, per household* at no charge. The Materials Exchange Program is located at each of the four Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers in Orange County. **For a list of locations please visit <http://www.oilandfills.com/hazardous/locations>, or call OC Waste & Recycling at (714) 834-4000 if you have any questions.**

Orange County HHW & E-Waste Disposal

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients are considered Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and require special handling when you dispose of them. These products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries and pesticides should NEVER be thrown away in the trash, poured into the sink drain, or poured down storm drains. Unwanted electronic waste (e-waste) such as televisions, tablets, cell phones and computers should also be taken to a HHW collection facility for proper disposal as they contain harmful chemicals such as lead and mercury.

Orange County residents can dispose of their Household Hazardous Waste items for FREE at any of the county's four **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers** listed below:

- **Anaheim Collection Center**
1071 N. Blue Gum Street • Anaheim 92806
- **Huntington Beach Collection Center**
17121 Nichols Street • Huntington Beach 92647
- **Irvine Collection Center**
6411 Oak Canyon • Irvine 92618
- **San Juan Capistrano Collection Center**
32250 Avenida La Pata • San Juan Capistrano 92675



Hours of Operation

Tuesday through Saturday 9 am - 3 pm
(closed on major holidays and during rainy weather)

For your safety, please review the following regulations in preparing for your visit:

- A maximum of 15 gallons or 125 pounds may be transported per vehicle, per trip. It is illegal to exceed these limits.
- Containers larger than 5 gallons will not be accepted.
- Containers will not be returned, except for oil containers, upon request.
- Materials must be in original containers (except motor oils, fuels and antifreeze).
- All containers must have lids, be sturdy, non-leaking, labeled and protected from breakage.
- Do not combine different types of waste.
- Do not mix oil-based paint with latex paint.
- Empty containers with lids can be discarded in the trash.

For a full list of acceptable items, please visit http://www.oclandfills.com/hazardous/fact_sheets, or call OC Waste & Recycling at (714) 834-4000.

New & Improved Website

Residential Services Available Online

Valley Vista Services has a new look! Recently we launched our website revamped with new features and tons



of helpful information for residents. Many of our applications and forms no longer require you to come into the office to submit. There's even a dedicated page specifically for City of Cypress residents providing them access to:

- New Service Request
- New Customer Information
- What Goes in The Cart
- Community Clean-Ups
- Residential Newsletters
- Auto Pay Application
- Stop Service Application

To find helpful information related to your trash & recycling services in the city of Cypress, please visit <https://www.valleyvistaservices.com/residential/cypress/> today!

Holiday Tree Pickups

Reminder about our Holiday Tree Recycling Program: **VVSOC will collect and recycle holiday trees placed curbside on your regularly scheduled trash day 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. After this service has ended, trees must be cut down to fit into your regular 96-gallon green waste container (with the lid closed). **Please call Valley Vista Services at (800) 442-6454 for more information.**



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