

FREE Bulky Item Collection



As part of your standard trash & recycling services, VVS provides **FREE unlimited on-call bulky item collection service for city of Walnut residents.** Bulky items are any items that are too large to fit into the standard collection cart such as refrigerators, sofas and other furniture. This service also applies to e-waste items that are banned from landfills like T.V.s, computers, keyboards and monitors. Bulky item pick-up requests must be placed at least 24 hours in advance to ensure being picked up on your next regularly scheduled trash day. *TIP: When scheduling a bulky item pick-up either via phone or email, please make sure to provide an itemized list including the*

description of each item to be picked up and the quantity of each item. To schedule a bulky item pickup, please call our Customer Service Department today at (800) 442-6454 or email in your request to vsbulky@myvvs.com.



IMPORTANT: VVS will not collect any hazardous materials such as paints, solvents or cleaners, and will not collect any demolition debris or dirt as part of our free bulky pick-up service. For safe and proper disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW), please call (888) CLEAN-LA.

Reach Recycling Goals With VVS

Are you meeting the current state recycling mandate requirements? California's passage of Assembly Bills 341 and 1826 have set forth new standards when it comes to recycling for businesses and multi-family complexes. Currently under **AB 341 (Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law)**, businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of waste weekly and multi-family properties of 5 units or more are required to arrange for recycling services. Under **AB 1826 (Mandatory Organics Recycling Law)**, businesses and multi-family complexes must start recycling organic waste if they generate 4 or more cubic yards of solid waste and/or organic waste. Organic waste recycling includes recycling of the following types of material:

- Food Waste
- Green Waste
- Landscape & Pruning Waste
- Non-Hazardous Wood Waste
- Food-Soiled Paper*

*Food-soiled paper includes items such as wax-coated food containers and soiled napkins mixed with food waste. Food-soiled paper does not include paper products with a plastic coating, e.g. paper cups with a polyethylene coating.

Please note: The criteria for AB 1826 compliance may increase later this year to 2 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week if statewide disposal of organic waste is not decreased by half as determined by Cal Recycle.

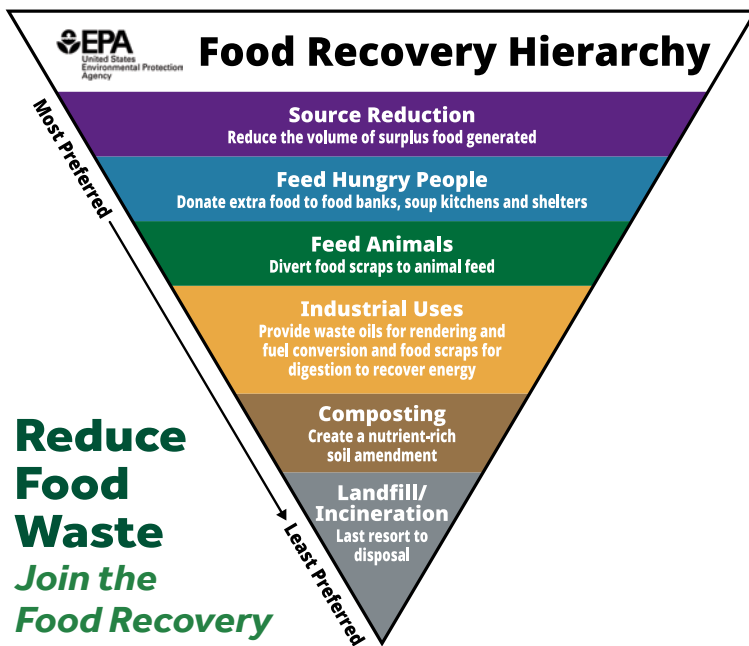


The Green Team at VVS can help you assess your waste stream, make suggestions regarding how to reduce waste & increase recycling, and make sure that appropriate collection service is arranged. Whether starting from scratch or looking to revise or expand an existing program, our customized on-site recycling program can help you. To get started:

- Contact a VVS Green Team Member
- Get a FREE consultation by our experts
- Receive FREE Training & Technical Assistance
- Divert waste from going into the landfill



To schedule your free consultation, please call our Recycling Coordinator today at (626) 855-5539.



Reduce Food Waste
Join the Food Recovery Challenge!

Wasted food is the single largest category of material placed in municipal landfills each year and represents nourishment that could have helped feed families in need.

In order to help prioritize actions organizations can take to prevent and divert wasted food, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has created the **Food Recovery Hierarchy** which focuses on different management strategies for wasted food. By using the hierarchy, businesses can prioritize their actions and divert food waste into various programs such as food banks and donation centers, organics recycling, composting and/or anaerobic digestion which helps to create renewable energies.

In addition, the EPA's initiated the **Food Recovery Challenge** where businesses and organizations everywhere can now pledge to improve their sustainable food management practices. This program allows businesses to **help their community, save money, and reduce their environmental footprint** by simply following the Food Recovery Hierarchy. Valley Vista Services is already doing its part through our Organic Waste Recycling Program and use of CNG fuel. We encourage everyone to consider ways to cut back on waste while helping those experiencing hunger.

To find out how your organization can start participating in the Food Recovery Challenge, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/food-recovery-challenge-frc>.

Possible Danger to Children

Remove Doors from Large Appliances Left Outside - Leaving doors attached to large appliances left on public right of way is illegal. Doing so is a criminal offense under California Penal Code Section 402b PC and applies to refrigerators, washers, dryers and other appliances with the capacity of 1.5 cubic feet or more. These large appliances may not seem to pose much of a danger however, they could be the perfect hiding spot and create a substantial risk for children or others who may attempt to enter one, ultimately getting trapped and suffocating inside.



Please remember to remove all doors from such appliances, or securely tape the doors shut, prior to leaving out for bulky item collection. Also, please make sure that all food and other items are removed from inside the appliances before leaving out for collection.

Rainy Season Tips

Each year, heavy rains during the winter season cause increased runoff which may flood street gutters and can potentially wash away residential collection carts.

In preparation, here's 4 helpful tips:

1. Ensure street gutters are clear of trash and other loose or bulky items that could potentially block storm drainage.
2. On your collection day, during heavy rain place collection carts 2 feet away from the curb to keep the street gutters clear.
3. Consolidate your trash so that your waste carts are full to weigh them down.
4. After collection, promptly return carts onto your property and away from the gutter.



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