

California's New Recycling Laws

As part of California's Integrated Plan for Addressing Climate Change, several laws have recently passed to help reduce greenhouse gases, increase recycling in the U.S., and divert organic materials away from the waste stream. These new mandates affect every business in California, and each have their own compliance requirements of businesses and multi-family residences. **See below for details on each new California State Law and resources to help ensure compliance.**



AB 341: Commercial Recycling

Purpose: For businesses and other public entities to recycle as much of the waste that they generate as possible.

Requirements: A business that generates four (4) cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week or a multifamily residential dwelling of five (5) units or more to arrange for recycling services.

Resource: Contact our Recycling Coordinator for a free consultation and customized on-site recycling program assistance at (626) 855-5539 or visit <https://www.valleyvistaservices.com/recycling/> for more information and downloadable resources regarding AB 341.

AB 1826: Organic Waste Recycling

Purpose: Nearly half of California's waste stream is organic material like yard trimmings, food waste, and lumber. AB 1826 helps divert organic material from landfills and into composting and anaerobic digestion facilities where it is transformed into rich soil amendments and biofuel.

Requirements: A business that generates four (4) cubic yards or more of solid waste per week to arrange for organic waste recycling services.

Resource: Contact our Recycling Coordinator for a free waste assessment, training and technical assistance at (626) 855-5539 or visit <https://www.valleyvistaservices.com/recycling/> for more information and downloadable resources regarding AB 1826.



SB 1383: Edible Food Recovery



Purpose: California is aiming to reduce the amount of organic waste by 50 percent by 2020 and by 75 percent by 2025. SB 1383 helps reduce short-lived climate pollutants such as methane gas, which is produced from the decomposition of organic materials, including food waste.

Requirements: Each resident and business will need to reduce their disposal of organic waste by arranging for organics recycling services, and businesses will also need to establish a food recovery program to divert edible food from the waste stream.

What does "edible food" mean? "Edible food" means unsold or unserved food that is fit for human consumption, even though the food may not be readily marketable due to appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus,

or other conditions.

Resource: Nonprofit organization, *Food Finders*, connects donated perishable food to nonprofit pantries and shelters throughout Southern California in an effort to reduce hunger and food waste, simultaneously. They currently partner with grocery stores, restaurants, food manufacturers, hotels, bakeries, hospitals, schools and others to meet growing levels of food insecurity and are a great resource to utilize in developing a food recovery program. To find out how your business can donate edible food, please visit <http://www.foodfinders.org/>.

FREE Bulky Item Pickups

In lieu of the recent cancellation of our Annual Cleanup event for the City of Walnut, which was done to protect the safety of the community as well as frontline workers, VVS would like to encourage residents to utilize their FREE Bulky Item Pickup service. VVS offers free and unlimited On-Call Bulky Pickup Service, which includes the collection of large items such as furniture, appliances, extra bags of trash and bundled or bagged yard waste. *Some acceptable items to have picked up are:*

- ◆ Chairs
- ◆ Sofas
- ◆ Mattresses
- ◆ Box springs
- ◆ Rugs
- ◆ Refrigerators
- ◆ Washers
- ◆ Dryers
- ◆ Water heaters
- ◆ Dishwashers



Pickup requests must be placed at least 24 hours in advance, to ensure pickup on your next regularly scheduled collection day. Please do not leave items out for collection without calling to schedule a pick-up and receiving confirmation.

To schedule a Bulky Item Pickup, submit your request online at ValleyVistaServices.com/Bulky-Item or call our Customer Service Department today at (800) 442-6454.

Close the Loop

Collecting materials is only the first step toward making the recycling process work. Successful recycling also depends on manufacturers making products from recovered



materials and, in turn, consumers purchasing products made of recycled materials. Do your part: **"close the loop"** and buy products made of recycled materials whenever possible.

Used Oil and Oil Filter Recycling

Walnut residents can help prevent pollution of our ground water and oceans by recycling their used oil. Residents who take uncontaminated used oil and oil filters in secured, non-leaking containers to one of the certified Used Oil Collection Centers in Walnut are eligible to receive a 4-cent per quart of used oil rebate from the collection center.

Residents are limited to a maximum of 5 gallons per visit. Pick up free used oil containers and used oil filter containers at the Maintenance and Recreation Facility at 21701 E. Valley Blvd. (proof of residency required).

Certified Used Oil Collection Centers:

Firestone Tires

860 N. Nogales St.
(626) 332-9983

The Oilmen

856 N. Nogales St.
(626) 965-4798

O'Reilly Auto Parts (formerly Kragen)

18724 Amar Rd.
(626) 965-6012

Mobil Express Lube

762 N. Nogales St.
(626) 965-6032

*Please call ahead for hours of operation. Used oil can only be dropped off during working hours.

Holiday Schedule

Collection Service will not run on these upcoming holidays:

Independence Day/4th of July

Labor Day

If your regular collection day falls on or after one of these holidays, pick up will be delayed one day. Excluding holidays, our normal business hours are **Monday through Friday 8 am - 5 pm** and **Saturday 8 am - 1 pm**.



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