

## 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 [ValleyVistaServices.com/Recycling](http://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 [ValleyVistaServices.com/Recycling](http://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 [FoodFinders.org](http://FoodFinders.org).

## Stay Tuned for Fall 2020 Events

Out of an abundance of caution, many community events scheduled for this summer in Diamond Bar have been suspended to protect the public's health and safety amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes the annual *Concerts in the Park* and *Movies under the Stars* events that VVS participates in each year. Maintaining the welfare of the community is of the utmost importance to City of Diamond Bar and Valley Vista Services. As new safety guidelines for hosting public gatherings develop, we will do our best to keep you informed. For now, please stay tuned for events coming soon in the Fall and Winter! **For the most up-to-date list of calendar events, please go to [DiamondBarCA.gov/Calendar.aspx](https://DiamondBarCA.gov/Calendar.aspx).**

## Economic Impact of COVID-19

We understand that COVID-19 continues to disrupt lives and affect our local business owners. While the business community embarks on the process of rebuilding, *Valley Vista Services is here to help.* Modification of service frequency may be an option to help in reducing expenses. **If you are experiencing hardship due to COVID-19, contact our Customer Service Department at (800) 442-6454 to discuss options.**



## Report Illegal Dumping

*In order to ensure proper pickup, all trash and recycling bin lids must be closed completely.* If bins are overfilled or have bulky items preventing the lid from closing properly, there is a risk of having items fall out during the dumping process. The bin may be tagged for safety reasons. Water heaters, mattresses, and any other large items left outside without being scheduled as bulky pickups will be considered illegal dumping. **To report illegal dumping happening in the City of Diamond Bar, please call Diamond Bar City Hall at (909) 839-7000 or submit your concerns directly to [DiamondBarCA.gov/883/Report-a-Concern](https://DiamondBarCA.gov/883/Report-a-Concern).**

## Bulky Item Collection

VVS offers Bulky Item Collection service for commercial businesses and multi-family residences to dispose of items that are too large to fit into the standard trash bin. Multi-family residences are allowed 4 items (per unit) picked up for free, 4 times per year. *Some acceptable items to have picked are:*

- Tables
- Refrigerators
- Couches
- Washers
- Dryers
- Chairs
- Stoves



To schedule a bulky item pickup, an authorized person(s) must place the request at least 24 hours in advance to ensure pickup on the next regularly scheduled collection day. **Requests can be submitted online at [ValleyVistaServices.com/Bulky-Item](https://ValleyVistaServices.com/Bulky-Item) or by calling our Customer Service Department at (800) 442-6454.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) includes items such as anti-freeze, paint, automotive products, pesticides, cleaners, solvents and other dangerous substances. *For information on how to dispose of these types of material, please call us at (800) 442-6454 or visit [CleanLA.com](https://CleanLA.com).*

## Holiday Schedule

Collection Service will not run on these holidays:

- ▶ **New Year's Day**
- ▶ **Memorial Day**
- ▶ **Independence Day**
- ▶ **Labor Day**
- ▶ **Thanksgiving Day**
- ▶ **Christmas 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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