Valley Vista Services

Recycle for the Earth Newsletter

CITY OF WALNUT - WINTER 2021

New Statewide Mandate: SB 1383

Beginning next year on January 1, 2022, California's *Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Law (SB 1383)* will go into effect and will require organics waste recycling in nearly every jurisdiction, including commercial and residential. The measure requires a 75 percent reduction in statewide disposal of organic waste by 2025. Additionally, 20 percent of commercial edible food will need to be recovered from the waste stream.

Organic Waste Disposal

> Statewide Reduction Requirements

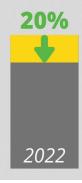






Edible Food Recovery

Statewide Recovery Requirements



What is edible food?

"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.

Property owners, organic waste generators, and commercial edible food generators will be required to implement organic waste collection programs, edible food recovery, and tracking & reporting that comply with the requirements of SB 1383. *This will include:*

Supermarkets

Wholesale food vendors

Restaurants

Grocery stores

Large venues & events

Health facilities

Hotels

Food service providers

Food distributors





What is organic waste?

Organic waste includes food waste, green waste, landscaping and pruning waste, non-hazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper. Please note, however, that multifamily dwellings with five or more units organics recycling is specific to landscape waste only (not food waste).

All single-family home residents and multifamily complexes will be required to participate in curbside collection service of organics and properly sort their organic waste into the correct containers.

VVS will provide education to all commercial and residential customers about the new collection requirements, including what materials to put in curbside bins. Stay tuned for updates regarding how SB 1383 will affect your collection service via upcoming newsletters, direct outreach, and social media. For more information, please visit CalRecycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP.

UPDATE: New AB 1826 Requirements

In October 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed California's *Mandatory Organics Recycling Law (AB 1826)*, requiring businesses to recycle their organic waste on or after April 1, 2016, depending on the amount of waste they generate per week.

On September 15, 2020, AB 1826 expanded to include all commercial properties that generate two (2) or more cubic yards of solid waste per week. (Previous guidelines stated four or more cubic yards of solid waste per week.)

All commercial properties are required to determine AB 1826 compliance status and implement an organics recycling program if eligible. Valley Vista Services will conduct a free waste assessment and assist you in making any necessary changes in service to ensure you comply with the law. To schedule a waste assessment, please call our Customer Service Department at (800) 442-6454 or email us at customerservice@myvvs.com.

In addition, you can take our quick online AB 1826 Waste Survey at *TinyURL.com/AB1826-WasteSurvey*!

Coming Soon

The VVS mobile app is almost here! We have been behind the scenes working diligently to develop a mobile application that will enable you to manage every aspect of your account service, right from the palm of your hand. Our app will allow you to take control of all your waste and recycling needs with customizable self-service features such as:

- Bulky pickup scheduling
- ✓ Bin rentals
- √ Service changes
- √ Live chat support
- ✓ Bill pay

ready to launch!

✓ Service notifications

News and Alerts

Our Android and iOS compatible app will even have a built-in Recycling Wizard to help answer all those questions about where and how to dispose of certain materials. We are very excited for this new tool, which will help you stay even more connected with us. We will keep you updated when it's



VVS provides FREE On-Call Bulky Item Pickup service for residents to dispose 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, email an itemized list to vvsbulky@myvvs.com or submit your request directly at ValleyVistaServices.com/Bulky-Item.

Holiday Tree Pickups

REMINDER: VVS will collect and recycle holiday trees placed curbside on your regularly scheduled collection day until Friday, January 8, 2021. Trees must be cut into lengths no longer than 6 feet and must be stripped of all lights, ornaments, tinsel, garland and flocking. After this seasonal service has ended, holiday trees and other foliage must be cut down to fit into the standard 96-gallon green waste container (with the lid closed). If you are a Multi-Family residence, place holiday trees adjacent to the trash and recycling enclosure on your scheduled collection day. **If you have any questions, please contact us directly at** Valley Vista Services.com/Contact-Us.

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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