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# **Mandatory Recycling and Organics Waste Diversion**

As part of California's Integrated Plan for Addressing Climate Change, several laws were passed to help reduce greenhouse gases, increase recycling in the U.S., and divert organic materials away from the waste stream. See below for details on each new California State Law and resources to help ensure compliance.

## **AB 341: Commercial Recycling**

The aim of AB 341 is for businesses and other public entities to recycle as much of the waste they generate as possible. AB 341 requires that businesses that generate four (4) cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week or are a multifamily residential dwelling of five (5) units or more must now arrange for recycling services. For on-site training and a customized recycling program, contact Valley Vista Services (VVS) at (800) 442-6454. For more information

regarding AB 341 and downloadable resources for your business, go to Valley Vista Services.com/Recycling.

## **AB 1826: Organic Waste Recycling**

About half of California's waste stream is organic material like yard trimmings, food waste, and lumber. Organic material can be diverted from landfills into composting and anaerobic digestion facilities where it is transformed into rich soil amendments and biofuel. California is aiming to reduce the amount of organic waste by 75 percent by 2025. In



order to achieve this target, AB 1826 requires commercial business to arrange for organic waste recycling services if they generate two (2) cubic yards or more of solid waste per week. (This has been updated from previous guidelines stating 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. Please note, however, that multifamily dwellings organics recycling is specific to landscape waste only (not food waste).

To find out if you are in AB 1826 compliance, fill out the online survey at

TinyURL.com/AB1826-WasteSurvey or call VVS at (800) 442-6454 to schedule a free waste assessment.

## **SB 1383: Edible Food Recovery**

In September 2016, Governor Brown Jr. set methane emissions reduction targets for California in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP). The targets must:

- Reduce organic waste disposal 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2025.
- Rescue for people to eat at least 20% of currently disposed surplus food by 2025.

Beginning next year on January 1, 2022, California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Law (SB 1383) will go into effect and will require property owners, organic waste generators, and commercial edible food generators 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

SB 1383 requires businesses to donate the maximum amount of edible food they would otherwise dispose, to food recovery organizations. Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and Food Finders are great organizations that partner with local businesses and will distribute donated to food to people in need. **To learn more about how you can start preparing for SB 1383, please visit** *CalRecycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP/Education*.

# **Spring Cleanup Bins**

It's spring-cleaning time! If you are currently working on a remodel, demolition, or some other spring project where you have an excess of materials to dispose of, consider renting a temporary bin or roll-off container. Many of the precious resources you come into contact with can be

recovered. VVS currently collects and recycles materials such as wood, metal, film plastic, asphalt, carpet (clean), drywall and concrete.



Depending on the amount of waste and type of materials being disposed of, our waste professionals can help recommend the most appropriate dumpster for the job. **Temporary Bins** and **Roll-Off Rentals** come in various sizes, including 3-Yard, 10-Yard, 26-Yard, and 40-Yard to help meet your project needs. **Request a free dumpster rental quote online at** *Valley Vista Services.com/ Dumpster-Rental.* 

# **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.

To report illegal dumping happening in your trash bin or anywhere else in the City of La Puente, please call City Hall at (626) 855-1500 or download the FREE city issue reporting app called GORequest. All issues submitted

using this online mobile application will go directly into the City's issue tracking system. App users can input descriptions, GPS-specific location, as well as photo or video of the issue. Once a request is submitted, you can keep track of pending and completed requests through



the app. **Download the GORequest app today on the App Store or on Google Play to report issues happening in your neighborhood.** 

# **Bulky Item Pickups**

Valley Vista Service offers Commercial Bulky Item Collection service for businesses and multi-family residences to dispose of items that are too large to fit into the standard trash bin, including appliances and/or E-waste. Some acceptable items to have picked are:

<b>Appliances</b>	E-Waste
Washers	Televisions
Dryers	Computers
Refrigerators	Monitors
Stoves	Printers
	Washers Dryers Refrigerators

To schedule a bulky item and/or electronic waste 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. Please do not leave items out for collection without receiving confirmation that your bulky pickup has been scheduled. Items found left outside without being scheduled will be reported as illegal dumping. Please schedule Bulky Pickup requests online at Valley Vista Services.com/Bulky-Item or by emailing an itemized list to VVSBulky@myvvs.com.

#### VVS does NOT collect Household Hazardous Waste.

Examples of hazardous waste include:

Antifreeze • Abrasive Cleaners • All Batteries

Motor Oil • Transmission Fluid • Paint

Pesticides • Prescription Drugs

Sharps/Syringes/Lancets • Solvents

For information on Household Hazardous Waste disposal in Los Angeles County, please call (888) CLEAN-LA or go to *CleanLA.com*.

## **Holiday Schedule**

Collection Service will not run on these upcoming holidays.

Memorial Day - Monday, May 31, 2021 Labor Day - Monday, September 6, 2021

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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