



Recycle Right and Reduce Contamination

Know what to throw and recycle the right way. The most common recyclables are paper, cardboard, metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs. To prevent contamination of recyclables and keep from entering the landfill, make sure to follow these 3 simple steps:

- 1. Empty, clean and dry** – Recyclables that have been soiled with food waste, such as grease, sauces, and leftover food scraps, could come into contact with paper or cardboard in a recycling bin and contaminate an entire recycling truckload.
- 2. Don't bag it** - Keep recycling loose in the cart. Plastic bags can get stuck in sorting machines and damage recycling equipment.
- 3. Separate properly** - See list of what is acceptable and what is not to put in our Blue (Recyclable), Green (Green Waste) and Brown (Trash) carts.

What belongs in the Blue Cart?

Aluminum, Tin and Steel cans
Glass bottles & jars
Clear, Colored, and White Plastic
Newspapers
Paper products or Junk Mail
Magazines & Phone Books
Cereal Boxes (with the liner removed)
All plastics labeled #1 - #5
Telephone books
Shoe boxes
Plastic or glass water jugs

What does **NOT** belong in the Blue cart?

Window or safety glass
Mirrors
Aluminum Foil
Light bulbs
Styrofoam
Wax paper
Ceramics
Clothing/fabrics
Drinking cups
Disposable diapers
Toys

What belongs in the Green cart?

Grass clippings
Leaves
Brush
Shrub trimmings
Tree trimmings
Small branches (max. length 4 ft.)
Tree limbs, (max. diameter 4" - 6")
Flower cuttings
Wood chips

What does **NOT** belong in the Green cart?

Palm Tree trimmings
Palm fronds or Cactus
Dirt & rocks
Sawdust
Construction debris
Plastic or paper bags
Animal waste
Food waste
Trash

What belongs in the Brown cart?

Trash
Soiled paper and pizza boxes
Food waste
Bagged pet waste & litter
Disposable diapers
Broken dishes or glass

What does **NOT** belong in the Brown cart?

Recyclables
Green Waste
Hazardous Waste
Electronics (E-Waste)
Universal Waste
Construction debris

Overfilling or cross-contamination of collection carts may result in them being tagged for safety reasons. In order to ensure proper pickup, please make sure that all trash and recycling lids are completely closed, and that the carts have at least two (2) feet of clearance on all sides.

No Household Hazardous Waste will be collected from any of these carts. 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 **FREE Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste disposal**, please call (888) CLEAN-LA or visit CleanLA.com.

Smart Gardening Workshops

This past year, we saw an unprecedented rise in home gardeners and green thumbs. It's no surprise that while many were picking up new hobbies during the COVID-19 pandemic, the interest in learning how to grow one's own food and becoming more sustainable became a much more relevant topic.

If you are interested in getting started with home gardening or taking your skills to the next level, you can now learn everything you need from the comfort of your own home! **Los Angeles County Department of Public Works** hosts **FREE** online workshops covering topics such as:



- ▶ Intro to Composting
- ▶ Water-wise Gardening
- ▶ Organic Gardening
- ▶ Small-space Gardening

Online workshops are approximately 45 minutes and followed by a 15-minute Q&A session. There will also be an opportunity to purchase compost bins at the end of the class. **Register for the next free smart gardening workshop by going to LADPW.org/EPDISG/Webinars.cfm.**

Spring Cleanup Bins

When conducting home improvement projects, garage cleanouts, or just annual spring-cleaning where you have an excess of materials to dispose of, consider renting a temporary bin. 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 ValleyVistaServices.com/Dumpster-Rental.**



Coming Soon: Statewide Organics Recycling Collection

Beginning 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 residential properties. SB 1383 was established to help reduce the emission of Short-Lived Climate Pollutants, such as methane gas, which are major contributors to global climate change.

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 is prepared to assist residents with the implementation of organics waste recycling at the beginning of next year, and will be providing education about the new collection requirements as well as what materials to put in curbside bins.



What is organic waste?

Organic waste includes:

- ✓ Food waste
- ✓ Green waste
- ✓ Landscaping and pruning waste
- ✓ Nonhazardous wood waste
- ✓ Food-soiled paper

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 Ca/Recycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP.**

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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