

## Edible Food Recovery

Due to Senate Bill 1383, businesses and multifamily complexes are subject to changes in recycling and waste disposal, effective January 1, 2022. This new legislation was put forth in order to reduce the amount of organic waste that enters landfills with a goal to reduce organic waste disposal 75% by 2025. In addition, it aims to rescue at least 20% of currently disposed surplus food to feed those in need by 2025.

Valley Vista Services (VVS) will be collecting and diverting organic waste from the landfill via our Commercial Organics Recycling Program. The responsibility of edible food rescue will fall on all commercial food waste generators. Some helpful resources regarding food rescue are:

- ▶ **Abound Food Care** - A food recovery and recycling specialist that has pioneered the nation's most effective and cost-efficient food recovery model. They focus on ending food insecurity by connecting the different parts of the food supply chain to optimize and accelerate the movement of food. To learn more, go to [AboundFoodCare.org](https://AboundFoodCare.org).
- ▶ **ChowMatch** - A mobile app that makes donating excess edible food as easy as a few clicks. Food donation allows businesses and organizations to:
  - Offset costs associated with food waste disposal
  - Contribute to helping the hungry and resolving food insecurity in Orange County.
  - Maintain compliance with new state mandates, which include edible food recovery.
 To get started, visit [Chowmatch.com](https://Chowmatch.com).

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## Save the Food!

**40% of all food in America is wasted, and there are more than 450,000 people at risk of going hungry each month in Orange County alone.** California is taking huge steps to divert compostable materials, such as food waste, away from the landfills in an effort to combat climate pollution, and address the problem of food insecurity by recovering edible food from the waste stream.

As part of the requirements for SB 1383, food waste generators will need to participate in food waste diversion programs beginning **January 1, 2022**, but there are steps you can start taking now to manage food waste more thoughtfully. [SaveTheFood.com](https://SaveTheFood.com) provides free resources to help get you started:

### The Guest-imator

An interactive dinner party calculator that estimates how much food you need to keep guests happy and healthy.

### Meal Prep Mate

A digital tool to create meal plans and perfectly-portioned shopping lists that help you kick food waste to the curb.



### Interactive Storage Guide

Learn how to store it best, how long it should stay there, and what to do if a food item is a little past prime.

### Recipe Hacks

Give scraps and "past-its-prime" food a new (and delicious) second life! Learn how to cook everything from cilantro stems to that overripe avocado on the counter.

### Expert Tips

Find articles on a variety of food saving topics from the pros, and become a food waste warrior yourself!

**Find more ways to manage organic waste responsibly, like donating to food banks and composting for soil restoration, by visiting [CalRecycle.ca.gov/Organics](https://CalRecycle.ca.gov/Organics).**



## Contain It, Don't Drain It

Food waste, grease, cleaning solvents, mop water and trash from restaurant operations often make their way into the Orange County storm drain system, polluting local waterways. Follow these best management practices to prevent pollution and protect the environment.

### Cleaning:

- Clean floormats, filters and garbage cans in a mop sink, floor drain or proper outside area, not the parking lot, alley, sidewalk or street.
- Pour washwater into a janitorial or mop sink, not outside in the parking lot, alley, sidewalk or street.
- Use non-toxic cleaning products.

### Grease & hazardous materials:

- Recycle grease and oil, instead of pouring it into sinks, floor drains or into a parking lot or the street.
- Dispose of all unwanted hazardous materials, like cleaning products, through a facility that collects hazardous waste. These items are not trash.



### Spills:

- Use dry methods for spill cleanup, by sweeping and using cat litter instead of hosing down the area.
- Have spill containment and cleanup kits available for possible spills on your property. To report serious toxic spills, call 911.

### Outside maintenance:

- Keep dumpster lids closed and the areas around them clean. Do not fill with liquid waste or hose them out. Call a VVS waste professional at (714) 380-5450 to replace any dumpsters that leak.
- Sweep outside areas regularly and put the debris in the garbage, instead of sweeping or hosing it into the parking lot or the street.

For more information, please call (714) 229-6741 go to [CypressCA.org/Business/Pollution-Prevention/Fog-Resources](http://CypressCA.org/Business/Pollution-Prevention/Fog-Resources).

## Business Hazardous Waste

VVS is not permitted to collect and dispose of commercial Hazardous Waste such as paint, pesticides, used motor oil, cleaning products and garden care products. These products contain potentially hazardous ingredients and require special handling when you dispose of them. **Since it illegal to dispose of hazardous waste in your trash and recycling containers, please call (714) 834-6752 or visit [OCLandfills.com/HouseholdHazardous-Waste/BusinessHazardous-Waste-Referrals](http://OCLandfills.com/HouseholdHazardous-Waste/BusinessHazardous-Waste-Referrals) for information about proper commercial hazardous waste disposal.** You can also find a more comprehensive list of companies that dispose of waste in the Business-to-Business telephone directory under the listing "Waste Disposal - Hazardous" or by searching by waste type at [EnviroYellowPages.com](http://EnviroYellowPages.com).

## 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, including appliances and/or E-waste. Some acceptable items to have picked up are:

Appliances	Furniture	E-Waste
Stoves	Sofas	Televisions
Washers	Tables	Computers
Water heaters	Rugs	Monitors
Dryers	Mattresses	Fax machines
Refrigerators	Desks	Printers

To schedule a bulky item and/or electronic waste pickup, an authorized person(s) must place the request. Please do not leave items out for collection without scheduling and receiving confirmation on a pick-up date. Bulky pickup requests can be made by emailing an itemized list to [VVSbulky@myvvs.com](mailto:VVSbulky@myvvs.com) or by going to [ValleyVistaServices.com/Bulky-Item](http://ValleyVistaServices.com/Bulky-Item).



## 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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