

### LA PUENTE - COMMERCIAL - FALL 2021

## SB 1383 Organic Waste Collection: A Statewide Effort!

In September 2016, former Governor Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 1383, which established Statewide targets to reduce landfill disposal of organic waste (food and yard waste) by 50% by year 2020 and by 75% by year 2025, and recover surplus edible food for donation that would otherwise be sent to landfills.



SB 1383 requires every jurisdiction in the State to adopt an ordinance to ensure and enforce all organic waste generators (*businesses, institutions, multifamily residents and single-family residents*) subscribe to organic waste collection services with their waste hauler, and requires businesses to donate the maximum amount of edible food they would otherwise dispose, to food recovery organizations.

### 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. Some other great ways to meet SB 1383's food recovery requirements are to partner with local food recovery organizations or services, such as:

- Food banks
- Food pantries
- Soup kitchens
- Food runners
- For-profit food recovery services
- Non-profit distribution centers

**Food Finders** is a food rescue non-profit organization with a primary focus of reducing hunger while also reducing food waste. They coordinate the daily pick-up of donated excess food from grocers, restaurants, hospitals, schools, manufacturers and more; food is then distributed directly and immediately to nonprofit recipients, such as pantries, shelters, youth programs and senior centers, to be used for serving hot meals or as grocery distribution for people who are struggling and food insecure. **Learn how** 

you can start donating edible food at *FoodFinders.org* and visit *CalRecycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP* to find more information of California's SB 1383.

# **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:

Furniture	Appliances	E-Waste
Tables	Washers	Televisions
Mattresses	Dryers	Computers
Couches	Refrigerators	Monitors
Rugs	Stoves	Printers

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** 

*ValleyVistaServices.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 Tree-cycling**

When trees get recycled, they can start a new life cycle beyond the holidays by being ground and shredded to create useful products, such as mulch and fertilizer. Instead of your tree sitting in a landfill waiting to decompose, it can be used to benefit the local community with landscaping at

public parks and playgrounds.

After the holidays have come and gone, make sure to keep your holiday trees and foliage out of the landfill by taking advantage of our FREE Holiday Tree Recycling Program. VVS will collect and recycle holiday trees placed adjacent to the



trash and recycling enclosure on your regularly scheduled collection day from **December 26, 2021 through January 7, 2022**. Please be sure to follow these guidelines in preparation for recycling your trees:

- Remove all tree stands, lights, ornaments, tinsel and garland.
- ✓ No flocked trees.
- Trees must be cut into lengths no longer than 6 feet.

If you have any questions, please contact us directly at *ValleyVistaServices.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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