

LA PUENTE - RESIDENTIAL - 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.

Valley Vista Services will be arranging the collection and recycling of organic materials beginning 2022. When we collect organic waste separately from trash, we can keep it out of the landfill and process it to create useful products such as compost or renewable electricity and transportation fuel without releasing methane into the air, reducing our impact on climate change. Look forward to the new organic waste collection services rolling out soon via upcoming newsletters and social media. **For more information, please visit [CalRecycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP](http://CalRecycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP).**



## Save the Date! - Annual Clean-Up Event

Valley Vista Services will host its Annual Spring Clean-Up Event on the dates below. During this event, residents can dispose unlimited bulky items, household appliances, and e-waste at no additional cost! Please place items at the curbside by 6 a.m. on your scheduled event date. Toxic, hazardous, or liquid waste will not be collected during the event.

Regular pick up day:	Curbside Clean-up Day:
Monday	Monday, April 4, 2022
Tuesday	Tuesday, April 5, 2022
Wednesday	Wednesday, April 6, 2022
Thursday	Thursday, April 7, 2022
Friday	Friday, April 8, 2022

## Household Hazardous Waste Disposal



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) items should be stored in a cool, dry environment away from children and pets until you are able to properly dispose. This includes items such as aerosols, anti-freeze, asbestos, fertilizers, motor oil, paint supplies, photo chemicals, poisons and solvents.

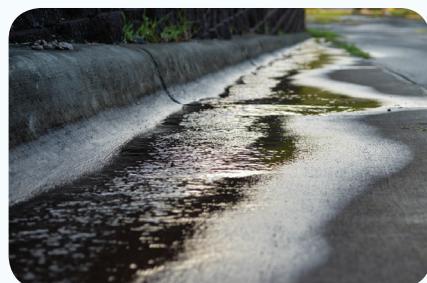
Do NOT throw these items in the trash. Note: Liquids should never be mixed. **For information regarding the safe disposal of Household Hazardous Waste, call (888) CLEAN-LA or visit [CleanLA.com](http://CleanLA.com).**

## Rainy Season Pick-Ups

Storms with heavy rainfall may cause debris to be washed onto the street or debris flows that go into waterways. Help prevent pollution caused by spillage from waste, recycling or green waste carts by taking the following steps:

- ★ Be aware of potential stormwater runoff in and around your property.
- ★ Place bins at least two feet away from the curb so that they are not in the stormwater runoff area.
- ★ Place bins back on your property immediately after being serviced to prevent bins from getting washed away.

If you are unable to locate your bin after heavy rains, please contact us at [ValleyVistaServices.com/Contact-Us](http://ValleyVistaServices.com/Contact-Us).



## Let's Squash Food Waste!

After Halloween often comes the unwanted task of disposing of old pumpkins. Whether carved or not, there are plenty of ways to reuse or recycle pumpkins after the holidays that can benefit you, wildlife, and even your garden. However, this only applies to unpainted pumpkins, as the toxins in paint can be harmful to wildlife. **Here are 5 ways to reuse or recycle your pumpkin after Halloween:**



- 1. COMPOST IT** - Pumpkins are 90% water, meaning they break down quickly. Prevent unwanted pumpkin plants from sprouting by removing seeds, then chop them up and place in the compost pile or bin to use for your garden during the winter months.
- 2. MAKE A PUMPKIN PLANTER** - For uncarved pumpkins, cut off the top and remove the seeds and flesh from inside. Then fill with potting soil until it is about one-third full. Place your plant into the pumpkin then add more soil. For carved pumpkins, you may have to come up with a creative way to keep soil from escaping out of the carved face. You can leave your pumpkin plant on the porch for a few days or plant the whole thing right away. Over time, the pumpkin will naturally break down, providing fertilizer for your plant.
- 3. LEAVE PUMPKIN SEEDS FOR WILDLIFE** - After removing seeds from your pumpkin, let dry (do NOT add salt or seasoning), and lay on a shallow bird feeder in your garden. You can even mix with existing birdseed.
- 4. ROAST PUMPKIN SEEDS** - For you! Not for the animals this time. Cut the top off your pumpkin and separate the seeds from the guts. Rinse them thoroughly and place them in a single layer on an oiled baking sheet. Stir them around to coat with oil. You can add salt for a classic roasted taste, or if you have a sweet tooth, you can sprinkle them with brown sugar and cinnamon before roasting. *Don't leave salted or sugared pumpkin seeds for the animals.*
- 5. PLANT PUMPKIN SEEDS** - Grow your very own pumpkins for next year!

## Bulky Item Pickups

If you have broken appliances, furniture, or other large items to dispose of, please schedule a Bulky Item Pickup with Valley Vista Services. City of La Puente residents are offered 4 items, 3 times per year, to be picked up at no charge by submitting a bulky item pickup request online at [ValleyVistaServices.com/Bulky-Item](http://ValleyVistaServices.com/Bulky-Item) or emailing an itemized list to [VVSBulkY@myvvs.com](mailto:VVSBulkY@myvvs.com).

## Holiday Tree-cycling

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 curbside 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.

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 have any questions, please contact us directly at [ValleyVistaServices.com/Contact-Us](http://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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