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Diamond Bar Residential Refuse and Recycling Newsletter

Think Before You Toss: Don't Trash That Battery; Protect Your Home & Community!

Never throw away lithium-ion batteries – they are a major fire risk!

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) includes items with toxic, corrosive, or flammable ingredients. Improper disposal can cause trash truck fires and environmental harm.



Common Uses for Lithium-Ion Batteries:

- Smartphones, laptops, and tablets
- Electric vehicles (EVs)
- Power tools
- E-bikes and scooters
- Solar energy storage systems

Proper Disposal Options:

Valley Vista Services offers residents two **FREE** household hazardous waste pickups per year, including batteries and fluorescent bulbs. To schedule a pickup, call our Customer Service Department at (800) 442-6454.

Residents can also drop off batteries and fluorescent bulbs at **Ken's Ace Hardware (303 S. Diamond Bar Blvd)**.

Dispose of other electronic waste safely by bringing it to **Goodwill of Southern California (21070 Golden Springs Drive)**.

Protect your home and community by disposing of HHW and batteries safely!



Holiday Tree Recycling

Valley Vista Services will collect and recycle holiday trees placed curbside on your regularly scheduled collection day from **December 26, 2025 through the second week of January** FREE. Please 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 ft.

After this free 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). Trees not collected within the time frame can be called in as a bulky item pickup and will count toward your four free pickups per year. If you have any questions, please contact us at valleyvistaservices.com/contact-us.

Right Cart, Right Start

National Recycling Day is November 15th, a perfect time to refresh recycling habits. Make sure recyclables like paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum cans, and certain plastics are empty, clean, and dry before placing them loose in the blue cart – never in plastic bags. Proper sorting helps prevent contamination and increases the chances of materials being successfully recycled into new products.

Christmas Cleanup: What Belongs in the Recycling Cart?

Recyclable Items:

These items can be recycled if they are plain and free of glitter or metallic embellishments:



Gift Tags



Cards & Envelopes



Tissue Paper



Paper Gift Bags



Cardboard Gift Boxes



Wrapping Paper

Non-Recyclable Items:

These items cannot be recycled:



Ribbons



Bows



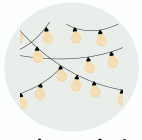
Tinsel



Cellophane



Bubble Wrap



String Lights

Food Waste Tips:

Holiday Leftovers & Parties

Plan smarter: Make a shopping list and *stick to it!* Try using smaller plates for guests – less food wasted, and they can always come back for seconds.

Repurpose leftovers: Turn mashed potatoes into cheesy potato pancakes or transform turkey into tacos or a cozy soup. Leftovers = new meals in disguise!

Donate what you can: Got unopened cans or boxes? Drop them at your local food pantry – your “extra” could be someone else’s holiday dinner.

Free Year-Round Compost and Mulch for Diamond Bar Residents



Diamond Bar residents can grab free compost and mulch at **Sycamore Canyon Park** (22930 Golden Springs Drive) any time of year during regular park hours. Materials are self-serve and replenished regularly. There are no limits on how much you can take, but please take only what you need. Bring your own **gloves, shovel, and containers**, as staff are not available to assist.

Tips: Compost enriches soil, and mulch helps retain moisture, regulate temperatures, and suppress weeds. Support sustainable landscaping and reduce waste in your community!

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 from 8 am–1 pm.**



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