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East Los Angeles – Refuse and Recycling Newsletter – Residential

Preventing Garbage Truck Fires: Safe Disposal of Hazardous Materials

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

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



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:

Take HHW, including lithium-ion batteries and electronics, to a local collection center. For free and safe disposal options, visit CleanLA.com.

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

Timing Is Everything: Don't Let Your Trash Carts Break the Rules

Please ensure trash carts are removed from the public right-of-way after being serviced. To report violations, contact the **Department of Public Health** at **(888) 700-9995**.



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** for **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 cart, with the lid closed. If you have any questions, please contact us at valleyvistaservices.com/contact-us.

Holiday Schedule

Collection Service **will not** run on these holidays:

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| ✦ New Year's Day | ✦ Labor Day |
| ✦ Memorial Day | ✦ Thanksgiving Day |
| ✦ Independence 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 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Quick Fall Waste Disposal Tips



Leaf & Yard Waste:

Raking leaves and trimming branches is a fall tradition. Toss leaves, grass clippings, and small branches into the green waste cart.



Pumpkins & Gourds:

Compost whenever possible! Natural decorations like pumpkins, hay, and corn stalks can go in your green waste cart or be composted at home.



Holiday Prep:

As the fall holidays approach, remember that food scraps – like apple cores, pie crusts, vegetable peels, and bones – belong in the green waste cart in a clear or transparent plastic bag. Keep plastic wrappers, utensils, and foil out of the compost. Cool cooking oil and grease, seal it in a container, and place it in the brown trash cart.



Holiday Recycling:

Stay on track with your recycling this season! Flatten cardboard boxes and place wrapping paper (no metallic or glitter), paper gift bags, newspapers, and magazines loose in the blue recycling cart. Avoid plastic film, Styrofoam, ribbons, bows, or foil, which cannot be recycled.

Avoid Blocking Bike Lanes

Residents with bike lanes in front of their homes should place carts on the sidewalk, not in the lanes, to ensure cyclist safety. VVS drivers will retrieve and return carts to the sidewalk. Carts should also be placed back on your property after trash service.

Bulky Item Pickups



East LA residents can schedule **FREE unlimited bulky item pickups** year-round. Bulky items include large furniture, appliances, and electronic waste (note: appliances and e-waste should never go inside trash carts).

VVS also collects up to 4 times per year:

- **Excess Trash:** Up to 5 bags, no loose trash
- **Green Waste:** Up to 25 bags/bundles, under 4 ft.
- **Clothing:** Unlimited reusable bags/bundles
- **Wood & Dry Lumber:** Up to 2 bags/bundles, under 4 ft. long, under 70 lbs each, and no nails
- **Electronic Waste:** Up to 10 items

Three ways to schedule a bulky pickup:

1. Submit a request online at valleyvistaservices.com/bulky-item/

2. Email an itemized list to vvsbulky@myvvs.com.

3. Contact customer service at (800) 442-6454. Please submit requests at least 24 hours in advance for timely service.

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Take a Stand Against Illegal Dumping

Please help keep our communities clean by reporting illegal dumping in unincorporated Los Angeles County. Here's how you can take action:

- **By phone:** Call (888) CLEAN-LA (253-2652)
- **By email:** Send an email to dumping@pw.lacounty.gov
- **By mobile app:** Download the free *The Works* app on your iPhone or Android to file a report



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