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East Los Angeles - Refuse and Recycling Newsletter - Commercial

## New Year, New Sorting Habits

Make sustainability your New Year's resolution! California is pushing forward to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and proper organic waste sorting makes a real impact. Keep food and yard waste out of the regular trash to help meet these goals.

### What is Food Waste?

Food waste includes:

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Meat
- Fish
- Bones
- Eggs
- Dairy
- Bread
- Grains
- Coffee Grounds & Filters

Place food waste in a **clear or transparent plastic bag** before placing it in the organic waste container. This helps keep food waste contained and ensures proper processing.

### What is Yard Waste?

Yard waste consists of materials such as:

- Leaves
- Grass
- Flowers
- Small Branches & Twigs

Yard waste can be placed directly into the organic waste container.

By properly sorting food and yard waste, residents and businesses can contribute to a cleaner, more sustainable future.

## Food Recovery Programs

CalRecycle estimates that enough edible food to provide 2.5 billion meals is discarded into landfills annually. SB 1383 mandates that businesses involved in food production, distribution, or service participate in food recovery programs to address this issue.

Edible food refers to items that are safe for consumption but not sold due to appearance, freshness, age, size, or surplus quantity. This includes prepackaged and prepared foods.

To connect with a food rescue partner, explore the following resources:

- California Association of Food Banks
- FoodRecovery.org
- Food Rescue Hero
- MealConnect
- Replate



For additional resources and information, visit [calrecycle.ca.gov](http://calrecycle.ca.gov).

### 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 a.m.- 5 p.m.**  
**Saturday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**



## Holiday Tree Recycling

Valley Vista Services will collect and recycle holiday trees placed next to your trash enclosure 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 organic waste container, with the lid closed. If you have any questions, please contact us at [valleyvistaservices.com/contact-us](https://valleyvistaservices.com/contact-us).

## Food Waste: Small Changes, Big Impact

Food waste adds up fast, but small actions can make a difference. Compost food scraps in your organic waste container to reduce waste and stay compliant. Look for simple reuse opportunities and prevent spoilage with proper storage, labeling, and First-In, First-Out (FIFO) rotation.

These small steps help create a cleaner, more sustainable operation.

## Scheduling Bulky Item Pickups



To help keep the community clean, Valley Vista Services offers commercial and multi-family properties unlimited **FREE** bulky items pickups. VVS will also collect up to 4 times per year, bagged trash, green waste, and electronic waste (e-waste).

No bulky items generated from a business will be collected. For example, used tires from a tire shop, mattresses from a mattress shop, etc.

### Three ways to schedule a bulky pickup:

1. Submit a request online at [valleyvistaservices.com/bulky-item/](https://valleyvistaservices.com/bulky-item/).
2. Email an itemized list to [vvsbulky@myvvs.com](mailto:vvsbulky@myvvs.com).
3. Contact customer service at (800) 442-6454.

Scan to Schedule



To ensure timely service, please submit requests at least 24 hours before your scheduled service day.

## 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](mailto: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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