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East Los Angeles – Refuse and Recycling Newsletter – Residential

New Year, New Sorting Habits

Remember to place all organic waste, including food and yard waste, in the green organic waste cart.

Food Waste

- Bones
- Meat & Fish
- Eggs
- Dairy Products
- Food Scraps

Yard Waste

- Leaves
- Grass
- Flowers
- Twigs
- Small Branches

Place food waste in a **securely tied, clear or transparent plastic bag** before disposing of it in the organic waste cart. This helps contain waste.

Yard waste can be placed directly into the organic waste cart without a plastic bag.

Do NOT place these items in the organic waste cart:

✗ Straws	✗ Used Plates
✗ Wrappers	✗ Plastic Utensils
✗ Diapers	✗ To-Go Cups
✗ Palm Fronds	✗ Takeout Containers
✗ Pizza Boxes	✗ Pet Waste & Litter

Contaminating organic waste loads with trash items can result in them being treated as general waste and sent to landfills.

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**.

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 are 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!

Holiday Schedule

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

◆ 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. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.



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.

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.

Upcoming Events

Mulch, Compost and Shredding Event

Saturday, March 14, 2026 | 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Belvedere Community Park,
Parking Lot between 1st St. and Mednick Ave.

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 (reusable):** Unlimited 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](tel:8004426454).

Scan to Schedule



Please provide an itemized list of the items you want collected when scheduling your pickup. Submit your request no later than 24 hours before your service day to ensure timely service.

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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