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San Marino-Refuse and Recycling Newsletter-Commercial

Think Before You Toss: Don't Trash That Battery; Protect Your 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:

To prevent fires and protect the environment, dispose of HHW, including lithium-ion batteries and electronics, in one of two ways:

- **Local disposal events** – Find one near you: lacsd.org/hhw
- **Permanent HHW centers** – Locate a center: lacitysan.org/safecenters

Doing your part keeps your home, community, and the environment safe for everyone.

Scheduling Bulky Item Pickups

To help keep the community clean, Valley Vista Services offers Commercial properties bulky items pickups for a fee of \$45.93 per item.

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 (626) 325-6508.



Bulky item pickup service is only available on Tuesdays. To ensure timely service, please submit your request at least 24 hours in advance.

Recycling Organic Waste

To reduce methane pollution and other climate pollutants, California passed SB 1383. This law set the following targets:

- 75% less organic waste sent to landfills
- 20% of unsold, still-edible food must be sent to food recovery organizations

Organic waste in landfills emits 20% of the state's methane, a climate super pollutant that heats 84 times more than carbon dioxide. Organics like food waste, yard waste and trimmings, paper, and cardboard make up half of what Californians dump in landfills. Cutting organics out of landfills have the fastest impact on the climate.

How will your business be impacted by SB 1383 and mandatory organics recycling?

Businesses are required to participate in the City's organics curbside collection service. VVS will be assessing each commercial property to ensure organic recycling services meet your businesses' specific needs. Waste assessments for commercial accounts will be completed by the end of January. No action is required from you for this assessment. After your waste assessment is completed, a customer service representative will contact you by phone, and if available, by email, to discuss any service changes necessary for compliance. Depending upon how much organic material (food waste and yard waste) your location generates, you may be eligible for an organic waiver.

The following are requirements set on businesses per SB 1383:

- Businesses must place collection containers for organic waste and recyclables in all areas with disposal containers for customers, except restrooms. (A collection container is not required for materials that a facility does not generate.)
- Internal containers must have the required color or labeling per SB 1383.
- Businesses must:
 - Provide organic waste collection services for employees, tenants, contractors, and customers.
 - Provide access to an adequate number, size, and location of containers with correct labels or colors.

- Annually educate employees, contractors, customers, and tenants on how to sort organic waste into the correct bins.
- Provide all recycling information to new tenants within 14 days of occupation of the premises.
- Educate employees, contractors, tenants, and customers on how to sort organic material into the correct containers to reduce contamination.
- Inspect organic waste containers for contamination.
- Inform employees if containers are contaminated.

- Employees, contractors, tenants, and customers must properly sort organic materials into the correct containers at business sites.

For more information about California's SB 1383 please visit: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/collection/

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 am- 5 pm and
Saturday from 8 am-1 pm.**



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