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San Marino 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:

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 support the cleanliness of the community, Valley Vista Services provides San Marino residents with two (2) **FREE** bulky item pickups each year, allowing for up to ten (10) items per pickup.

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.

Holiday Cleaning Projects

Get a head start on your New Year cleaning with a temporary bin rental! VVS offers temporary bins in various sizes to fit your needs, from 3-yard bins for household and garage cleanups to 40-yard bins for larger construction projects. Request a free quote online at valleyvistaservices.com/dumpster-rental/ or email sanmarino@myvvs.com.

Recycling Organic Waste



San Marino residents are now required to begin sorting organic waste, including bagged food waste, into their green waste containers, now known as Organics!

What is organic waste?

Organic material comes from anything living – plants and animals. Organic waste includes grass clippings, leaves, twigs, shrubbery, weeds, and garden trimmings. This also includes food waste such as meat, fish, dairy, fruit, vegetables, breads, pastas, grains and plate scrapings.

Why Must We Recycle 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.

Is everyone required to recycle organic waste?

Yes, all customers are required to have two containers for collection: the first container for trash and recycling (commingled), and the second for organics (yard trimmings and bagged food scraps).



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 third 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 waste container with the lid closed. If you have any questions, contact us at valleyvistaservices.com/contact-us.

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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