

# *Your Environment*

## Cypress - 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 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 cart.

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

### Food Recovery Programs

CalRecycle estimates that approximately 2.5 billion meals' worth of edible food 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](https://calrecycle.ca.gov).

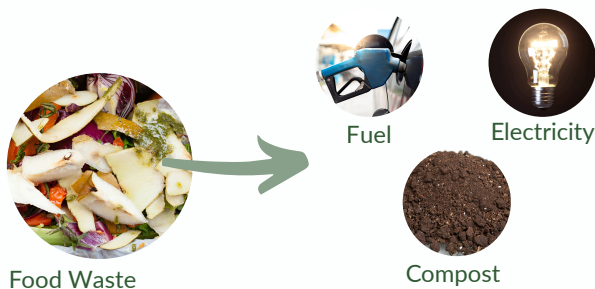
### Disposing of Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste includes products with toxic, reactive, or corrosive components. These items include, but are not limited to, batteries, household cleaners, paints, oils, and lightbulbs. Improper disposal of these chemicals can cause trash truck fires and create harmful environmental pollutants that pose risks to human health. For hazardous waste disposal guidance, contact the Anaheim Collection Center at (714) 834-4000.

## From Waste to Resource: The Journey of Organic Recycling and Composting

When you recycle organic waste with VVS, it is turned into valuable resources like mulch, compost, or renewable energy.

Composting is a simple and effective way to reduce your carbon footprint and support your local community. Whether you compost at home or use VVS services, you are helping create healthy soil!



## Scheduling Bulky Item Pickups

To help keep the community clean, Valley Vista Services offers each multi-family property FREE pickup for up to 2 bulky items total per year.

### 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 (626) 325-6508.

Scan to Schedule



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

## Building a Low-Waste Workplace

Businesses play a key role in cutting waste. The EPA reports that food waste (24.1%), plastic (18.5%), and paper (11.8%) are the top contributors to landfills.

Here is how to make an impact:



**Go Digital:** Reduce paper with digital systems and limited printing.



**Choose Reusables:** Encourage reusable cups, bottles, and utensils.



**Compost:** Start a composting program for organic waste.

When waste **cannot** be avoided:



**Recycle:** Provide convenient recycling bins.



**Reuse Materials:** Repurpose boxes, packaging, and durable plastics.



**Buy Smart:** Choose products that are durable, repairable, and recyclable.

### 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.**



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