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Cypress - Refuse and Recycling Newsletter - Residential

## Embrace the New Year, Unleash a Sustainable You!

This new year, challenge yourself by being more eco-conscious. Here are a few simple ways to make this year your most eco-friendly yet:

- **Give a twist to your waste — Trash, Recycle, and Compost!** Pay attention to what you discard and aim to minimize it. Make the most of what you have and let your creativity flourish!
- **Reduce food waste.** Plan meals ahead, store leftovers properly, and use what's already in your kitchen before buying more. When food scraps are unavoidable, composting helps keep organic material out of landfills and returns valuable nutrients back to the soil.
- **Avoid disposable items.** Single-use products like plastic bottles and takeout utensils add up quickly. Switching to reusable alternatives is an easy way to reduce waste. Starting small – carrying a reusable water bottle is a simple habit that makes a big difference.
- **Support small businesses and shop local.** Choosing local vendors reduces transportation impacts and supports your community. Did you know Cypress has a Farmers Market every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.? Stop by the market at Katella and Lexington to explore fresh, local options.

Start the year with small, meaningful changes, and watch your sustainable habits grow.

## Post-Holiday Recycling Tips

After the holidays, extra packaging and décor can pile up. Here's a quick guide to what can and can't go in the recycling cart.

### Recyclable Items

Plain, non-metallic, and glitter-free materials can be recycled, such as:



Gift Tags



Cards & Envelopes



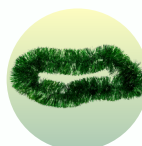
Tissue Paper



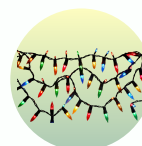
Paper Gift Bags

### Non-Recyclable Items

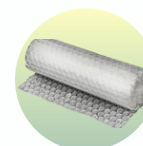
Items made with plastic, foil, or mixed materials should be kept out, including:



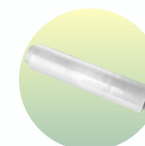
Tinsel



String Lights



Bubble Wrap



Plastic Wrap

Consider reusing or repurposing items for crafts or future holidays to reduce waste.



### THINK BEFORE YOU TOSS!

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) includes products with toxic, reactive, or corrosive components, such as batteries, paints, oils, cleaners, and lightbulbs. These items can be dangerous if placed in the trash, causing fires or environmental harm. For safe disposal, visit [oclandfills.com/hazardous-waste](https://oclandfills.com/hazardous-waste).

## Cardboard & Packaging Recycling Reminders

January always brings an overflow of cardboard from holiday gifts and online returns. To keep your recycling running smoothly this season, here are a few quick tips:

- Break down all boxes to save space and prevent jams in the cart.
- Keep cardboard dry by placing it inside the cart; wet cardboard can't be recycled.
- Don't overload the cart. If you have extra cardboard, schedule a bulky pickup.

A few simple steps help ensure clean, quality recycling and keep extra holiday packaging out of the landfill.

## Rainy Season Pickups



During the rainy season, heavy rain can wash debris into streets and waterways. Help prevent pollution from waste and recycling carts by following these tips:

- Watch for stormwater runoff around your property.
- Keep bins at least two feet from the curb, away from runoff areas.
- Bring bins back promptly after collection to avoid them being washed away.

If you are unable to locate your bin after heavy rains, please contact us at [valleyvistaservices.com/contact-us](https://valleyvistaservices.com/contact-us).

## Decluttering for the New Year



The holiday festivities are behind us, and it's time to make space for the new items in our homes. VVS is here to help you declutter by offering Cypress residents **FREE** pickup of up to 2 bulky items each year. Bulky items include large furniture, appliances, or electronic waste that do not fit inside the trash cart.

### To schedule a pickup:

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

Scan to Schedule



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

## Holiday Schedule

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

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| ✦ 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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