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Diamond Bar Residential Refuse and Recycling Newsletter

## Senate Bill 1383: Organic Waste Recycling

It is estimated that approximately six million tons of food waste from California end up in landfills annually. Once in landfills, food waste decomposes and releases methane gas, a potent greenhouse gas with significant environmental impacts. These emissions contribute to extreme heat, drought, wildfires, and rising sea levels that threaten communities across the state.

In response, California enacted Senate Bill 1383, which aims to reduce organic waste sent to landfills by expanding organic recycling, generating renewable energy from food scraps, and strengthening food recovery programs to help feed Californians in need.

### Progress with SB 1383

Since implementation began in January 2022:



Most California communities now offer residential organic waste collection.



Food recovery programs have expanded statewide, rescuing edible food that would otherwise go to waste.



Approximately 700 million meals have been provided to Californians in need through food recovery efforts.

## Cardboard & Packaging Recycling Reminders

The new year 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.



### THINK BEFORE YOU TOSS!

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), which includes lithium-ion batteries, paints, oils, cleaners, and lightbulbs, should never go in the trash due to fire and environmental risks. Lithium-ion batteries are especially dangerous.

#### Safe disposal options:

- **Two FREE HHW pickups/year** with Valley Vista Services (800-442-6454)
- **Drop off batteries & bulbs** at Ken's Ace Hardware, 303 S. Diamond Bar Blvd
- **Drop off other e-waste** at Goodwill of Southern California, 21070 Golden Springs Dr.

## 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. By placing food waste in a clear plastic bag in your green organic waste cart and putting yard waste directly into the cart without a bag, you help divert organic waste from landfills and protect the environment.

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 while staying in compliance with SB 1383.



## 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](http://valleyvistaservices.com/contact-us).

## Decluttering for the New Year



The holiday festivities are behind us, and it is time to make space for the new items in our homes. VVS is here to help you declutter by offering Diamond Bar residents 4 **FREE** bulky pickups, up to 4 items per pickup. Bulky items include large furniture, appliances, or electronic waste that do not fit inside the trash cart.

### Three ways to schedule a bulky pickup:

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

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.

### 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, pickup 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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