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Walnut - Refuse and Recycling Newsletter - Residential



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

Challenge yourself to be more eco-conscious this year. Here are a few simple ways to make this your most eco-friendly year yet:

- **Give your waste a twist — Trash, Recycle, and Compost!** Be mindful of what you throw away and aim to reduce it. Make the most of what you have and let your creativity flourish!
- **Reduce food waste.** Plan meals, store leftovers properly, and use what's in your kitchen before buying more. When scraps are unavoidable, composting helps keep organic material out of landfills and returns essential nutrients to the soil.
- **Avoid disposable items.** Single-use products add up fast. Switching to reusable items, such as carrying a refillable water bottle, is an easy habit that makes a significant difference.
- **Support small businesses and shop local.** Choosing local vendors reduces transportation impacts and strengthens your community. Walnut hosts a Farmers Market every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Temple and Amar Ave - stop by for fresh, local finds!

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

## 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) 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 <https://cleanla.lacounty.gov/hhw/>.



## Tips to Reduce Food Waste

**Plan smarter:** Make a shopping list and stick to it! Try using smaller plates for guests – less food is wasted, and they can always come back for seconds if they would like more.

**Repurpose leftovers:** Turn mashed potatoes into cheesy potato pancakes, transform turkey into tacos, or smaller bits of leftovers into a cozy soup. Leftovers = new meals in disguise!

**Donate what you can:** Got unopened cans or boxes? Drop them off at your local food pantry – your “extra” could be someone else’s dinner.

**Store food wisely:** Keep fruits and veggies fresher for longer by storing them properly – use airtight containers, label leftovers with dates, and freeze items you won’t use right away.

## 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 Walnut residents unlimited **FREE** bulky pickups. 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 [vvsbulky@myvvs.com](mailto:vvsbulky@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, 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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