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Using Your Organics Waste Container



Proper use of your organics container ensures collected materials are recycled rather than redirected to a landfill. Knowing what does and does not belong in the organics container is the first step.

What is considered organic waste?

Food Waste

- ✓ Bones
- ✓ Meat & Fish
- ✓ Eggs
- ✓ Dairy Products
- ✓ Food Scraps

Yard Waste

- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Grass
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Twigs
- ✓ Small Branches

Food waste must be placed in a securely tied **clear or transparent plastic bag** before being set out. Yard waste may be placed loose directly into the cart – no bag required.

Do NOT place these items in the organics container:

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| ✗ Straws | ✗ Used Plates |
| ✗ Wrappers | ✗ Plastic Utensils |
| ✗ Diapers | ✗ Painted Wood |
| ✗ Palm Fronds | ✗ Takeout Containers |
| ✗ Pizza Boxes | ✗ Pet Waste & Litter |

Contamination of an organics load may result in the entire load being redirected to a landfill, defeating the purpose of source separation.

Proper sorting supports California's waste reduction goals and helps ensure your organics are processed as intended.

Keep Recyclables Separate from Bagged Trash

While recyclables and trash are collected in the same bin under the current waste program, please place recyclables loose in the bin to help support proper sorting and recovery of recyclable materials. To help identify recyclable plastics, many packages have a recycling symbol, usually found on the bottom, that identifies the type of plastic and whether it can be recycled. Review the most common symbols below to determine if an item is recyclable.



Remember to:

- Place items directly into the trash bin- **NO BAG NEEDED**
- Make sure all recyclables are **EMPTY, CLEAN, and DRY**

What Else Can Be Recycled?

Proper recycling goes beyond plastics - the following materials are also considered recyclable:

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| • Cardboard
(<i>flattened</i>) | • Glass Jars & Bottles |
| • Paper | • Tin & Aluminum Cans |
| | • Scrap Metal |

Greasy or food-soiled materials (ex. pizza boxes, used takeout containers) and items that cannot be fully cleaned out should be kept with the bagged trash. Keeping contaminants separate protects the entire load.

Scheduling Bulky Item Pickups

To help keep the community clean, Valley Vista Services offers bulky item pickups for San Marino commercial properties at a fee of \$45.93 per item.

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 (800) 442-6454.

Scan the QR code to
Schedule a Bulky
Pickup



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

Help Keep Hazardous Waste out of our Landfills



VVS does NOT collect Hazardous Waste

Hazardous Waste is products that contain toxic, reactive, or corrosive ingredients. Common examples include:

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| • All Batteries | • Transmission Fluid | • Sharps |
| • Paint | • Abrasive Cleaners | • Syringes |
| • Motor Oil | • Prescription Drugs | • Lancets |
| • Lighter fluid | • Propane cylinders | • Chemicals |

If these chemicals are not disposed of correctly, they can start fires in trash trucks and release harmful pollutants into the air, creating safety and health risks for people and the environment. For guidance on correctly disposing of hazardous waste and disposal locations, contact the LA County Sanitation District at (800) 238-0173 or visit lacsdc.org.

Prevent Food Waste

Did you know that approximately 1/3 of all the food in the U.S. goes uneaten? Preventing food from going to waste is one of the easiest and most powerful actions you can take to save money and lower your climate change footprint. Below are some tips and resources from SavetheFood.com to help you get started:

- **Planning & Shopping:** Making a list with weekly meals in mind can save you money and time. Using the Meal Prep Mate will help you only buy what you expect to use, so you will be more likely to keep it fresh and use it all.
- **Storage:** When you store food correctly, it lasts longer (*like keeping asparagus in a vase like you would with flowers*)! Use Save the Food's interactive storage guide to find everything you need to keep food fresh.
- **Cooking and Preparation:** Produce that is past its prime, as well as odds and ends of ingredients and leftovers, may still be fine for cooking. Find recipes on how to repurpose these ingredients at SavetheFood.com.

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 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Saturday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.



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