

# RE NEWS



## A Guide to Proper Plastic Recycling

Many everyday items have a recycling symbol, usually found on the bottom of the packaging. These include things like detergent bottles, soft drink containers, and condiment bottles. The symbol helps identify the type of plastic and whether it can be recycled. Review the most common symbols to determine if an item should be placed in the blue recycling cart.

- Place items directly into the blue recycling cart - **NO BAGS ALLOWED**
- Make sure all recyclables are **EMPTY, CLEAN, and DRY**

| 1<br>PETE                                                                           | 2<br>HDPE                                                                           | 3<br>PVC                                                                            | 5<br>PP                                                                             | 6<br>PS                                                                              | 7<br>Other Plastics                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Soda Bottles,<br>Water bottles                                                      | Milk Jugs, Laundry<br>detergent bottles                                             | Cooking oil<br>bottles                                                              | Yogurt cups,<br>Plastic bottle caps                                                 | Take out food<br>containers,<br>Disposable cups                                      | Baby bottles,<br>Plastic food<br>containers                                           |
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## Keeping Your Food Waste Cart Free of Pests, Bugs, and Flies

- **Freeze smelly scraps** – Store meat, seafood, and dairy scraps in the freezer until collection day to reduce odors.
- **Add dry materials** – Layer food-soiled paper between wet scraps to absorb moisture and reduce smells.
- **Keep lids closed** – Always keep your kitchen pail and green cart tightly shut to keep pests out.
- **Clean containers regularly** – Wash carts with soap and water often. Vinegar and baking soda can help control odors.



## Minimize Food Waste This Summer

Summer holidays are full of great food, but they can also lead to unnecessary waste. A little planning can go a long way in keeping food out of the trash.

### Make a plan

Plan your menu ahead of time and look for ways to use the same ingredients across multiple dishes.

### Use “ugly” produce

Fruits and vegetables don't have to look perfect to taste great. If it's still fresh and edible, it's good to use.

### Store food properly

Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold and refrigerate leftovers promptly to prevent spoilage.

**Remember:** any food scraps you do end up with belong in your green organics cart, not the trash. Visit [SaveTheFood.com](https://www.savethefood.com) for meal planning ideas and portion tips!

## BBQ Waste Safety Reminder

Grilling season brings more than just cooking oil to dispose of properly. It can also create hazardous household waste (HHW), including:

- Propane cylinders
- Lighter fluid
- Hot ash (must be fully cooled before handling)
- Chemically treated ash (must be fully cooled before handling)



HHW should never be disposed of in the trash. Residents can safely dispose of these materials by attending a free LA County HHW/E-Waste drive-through collection event. For locations and schedules, visit [CleanLA.com](https://www.CleanLA.com) or call (888) 253-2652.

## Scheduling Bulky Item Pickups



To support the cleanliness of the community, Valley Vista Services provides Walnut residents with unlimited FREE bulky item pickups each 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 (800) 442-6454.

Scan to Schedule



To ensure timely service, please submit your request at least 24 hours prior to your service day.

## 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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