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## Recycling Organic Waste

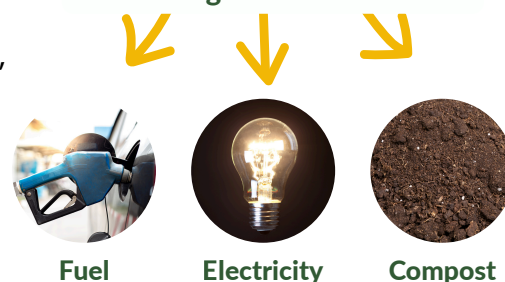
To reduce methane emissions and other climate pollutants, California enacted **Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383)**. The law sets statewide targets to reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfills and expand food recovery efforts.

## Why Must Businesses Recycle Organic Waste?

Organic waste includes food scraps and yard waste/trimmings. When these materials are sent to landfills, they generate methane, a powerful climate pollutant. Diverting organic waste from landfills reduces methane emissions and allows the materials to be recycled into useful products, such as compost.



Organic Waste



## What Are Businesses Required to Do?

Businesses must:

- Place organic waste and recycling containers wherever disposal containers are available, except in restrooms. *A container is not required for materials the business does not generate.*
- Use the SB 1383-required colors and labels on internal containers.
- Provide organic waste collection for employees, tenants, contractors, and customers.
- Supply enough properly labeled or colored containers, in appropriate sizes and convenient locations.
- Educate employees, contractors, tenants, and customers each year about proper organic waste sorting.
- Provide recycling information to new tenants within 14 days of occupancy.
- Inspect organic waste containers for contamination and notify employees when contamination is found.
- Ensure employees, contractors, tenants, and customers place organic materials in the correct containers.

For more information about California's SB 1383, visit [CalRecycle.gov](https://www.calrecycle.gov).

## Organic Barrel Contamination

If your business is experiencing repeated organic waste contamination, contact us to schedule a **free waste assessment** with one of our sustainability specialists. We also offer complimentary on-site employee training on the importance of organic waste recycling and proper sorting methods, along with educational materials for your staff. To schedule an assessment, email [organics@myvvs.com](mailto:organics@myvvs.com).



## Think Before You Toss!

### Don't Trash Lithium-Ion Batteries

Lithium-ion batteries can cause fires when thrown in the trash or recycling. **They are commonly found in:**

- Smartphones, laptops & tablets
- Electric vehicles
- Power tools
- E-bikes & scooters
- Solar energy storage systems

### Dispose of Batteries & HHW Properly

Help protect your home, community, and environment by disposing of lithium-ion batteries and household hazardous waste (HHW) properly:

- **Local HHW Events** - [lacs.org/hhw](http://lacs.org/hhw)
- **Permanent HHW Centers** - [lacitysan.org/safecenters](http://lacitysan.org/safecenters)

Never put lithium-ion batteries in the trash or recycling. Proper disposal helps prevent fires and protects our environment.

## Rainy Season Collection Tips

During the rainy season, heavy rain can cause water and debris to collect around your property. Follow these tips to help keep your containers secure and ready for collection:

- **Keep container lids closed** to prevent rainwater from filling them.
- **Keep containers, gates and collection areas clear** of runoff and debris so containers can be safely serviced.
- **Secure containers during heavy rain and wind** to prevent them from tipping or moving.

If your container is damaged or missing after severe weather, please contact us at [valleyvistaservices.com/contact-us](http://valleyvistaservices.com/contact-us).

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## 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 \$48.74 per item.

### Three ways to schedule a bulky pickup:

1. Submit a request online at [valleyvistaservices.com/bulky-item/](http://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 the QR code to  
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Pickup



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

## Holiday Schedule

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

- **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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