RENEWS

VALLEY VISTA SERVICES
WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING

Understanding Organics Recycling

San Marino residents can recycle **yard trimmings and bagged food scraps** in their green organics cart. Recycling these materials helps keep organic waste out of the landfill.

What Goes in the Organics Cart?

Organic waste is anything that comes from plants and animals. This includes yard trimmings such as leaves, grass clippings, twigs, weeds and garden trimmings, as well as food scraps like meat, fish, dairy, fruits, vegetables, breads, pastas, grains and plate scrapings.

Food scraps should be placed in a **secure, tied bag** before going into the Organics container.

Why Recycle Organics?

California's SB 1383 requires communities to reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfills. Organic waste in landfills produces methane, a powerful climate pollutant.

By placing food scraps and yard trimmings in your Organics container, you help reduce landfill waste and recover these materials as useful resources.



Holiday Tree Recycling



Valley Vista Services will collect and recycle holiday trees placed curbside on your regular collection day from **December 26, 2026, through January 23, 2027,** for FREE. Please follow these guidelines to prepare your tree for recycling.



- **Remove all tree stands, lights, ornaments, tinsel and garland.**
- **Trees must be cut into lengths no longer than 6 ft.**
- **No flocked trees.**

After this free seasonal service has ended, holiday trees and other foliage must be cut down to fit into the waste container with the lid closed. If you have any questions, contact us at valleyvistaservices.com/contact-us.

Pumpkin & Fall Waste

Compost **plain, undecorated** pumpkins and gourds, hay, and corn stalks by placing them in your green organics cart.



Reducing Holiday Food Waste



This holiday season, continue the tradition of sustainability by reducing food waste during holiday meals and gatherings.

- **Plan Ahead:** Make a grocery list to avoid buying more than you need.
- **Use What You Have:** Check your pantry and use ingredients before they expire.
- **Freeze Leftovers:** Freeze or repurpose leftovers for future meals.
- **Compost:** Use your VVS food scrap pail or start a backyard compost.

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 carts secure and ready for collection:

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

If your cart is damaged or missing after severe weather, please contact us at valleyvistaservices.com/contact-us.

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Scheduling Bulky Item Pickups



To support the cleanliness of the community, Valley Vista Services provides San Marino residents with two (2) FREE bulky item pickups each year, allowing for up to ten (10) items per pickup.

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 (626) 325-6508.

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.

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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