

Organic Waste Recycling & Surplus Food Recovery

Businesses and consumers in California toss nearly 6 million tons of food annually, according to the California Department of Food and Agriculture. When all that food gets dumped into landfills, it turns into methane, a greenhouse gas dozens of times more damaging to the climate than carbon dioxide. To help save the planet and feed more people, the state of California, along with hunger relief groups, are trying to find better ways to rescue and recycle (often perfectly edible) food before it's trashed.

California recently passed a series of legislation after setting State goals to reduce the disposal of organic waste by 75% by the year 2025 and to recover 20% of commercial edible food from the waste stream.



A closer look at the State mandates:

AB 827 - Requires recycling and organic waste bins to be easily visible and accessible to customers and staff disposing of food waste at restaurants and other food establishments.



AB 1826 – Requires businesses who generate two-cubic yards or more of solid waste per week to arrange for the collection and recycling of organic waste.

Find **FREE** downloadable resources for your business at ValleyVistaServices.com/Recycling.

SB 1383 – Expands the requirements for organic waste recycling to all jurisdictions, including residential and multi-family properties, to sort and recycle their food waste. In addition, all commercial edible food, which is any unsold or served food that is fit for human consumption, even though the food may not be readily marketable due to appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus or other conditions, must be diverted into programs that feed people facing food insecurity.



To learn more about California's strategy to combat the climate crisis, go to CalRecycle.ca.gov/Organics/SLCP, and to find out how you can donate excess edible food from your business, please visit FoodFinders.org.

Too Toxic to Trash

Household Hazardous Waste, or HHW, is any product labeled: toxic, poison, combustible, corrosive, flammable or irritant that is disposed of. Valley Vista Services does NOT collect Household Hazardous Waste.

Examples of hazardous waste include:

Antifreeze • Abrasive Cleaners • All Batteries

Motor Oil • Transmission Fluid • Paint

Pesticides • Prescription Drugs

Sharps/Syringes/Lancets • Solvents

These items should NEVER be placed in the trash, poured into sinks, or poured down drains. For information on Household Hazardous Waste disposal in Los Angeles County, please call (888) CLEAN-LA or go to CleanLA.com.



Resolutions for Business Sustainability

Small businesses can have a surprisingly big impact on the environment. As a business owner, it's up to you whether that impact is positive or negative. Business sustainability is a growing practice in the mind of environmentally conscious brands. Not only does eco-consciousness help you stay competitive in today's market, but it also sends a positive message of environmental awareness that helps elevate your brand.



Here's 5 resolutions you can make in the new year to help your business become more sustainable:

- 1. Use sustainable product materials**
 - Use recyclable or biodegradable product materials
 - Source fair trade suppliers
- 2. Use eco-friendly packaging**
 - Don't use unrecyclable materials
 - Choose packaging that people can reuse at home
- 3. Use green delivery methods**
 - Use recycled cardboard and compostable bags
 - Offer discounts on bulk orders to reduce waste
- 4. Involve your employees**
 - Offer remote work to commuting employees
 - Reward environmentally-friendly habits
- 5. Make your office space sustainable**
 - Offer reusable cutlery and kitchenware
 - Opt for sustainable cleaning alternatives

Report Illegal Dumping

In order to ensure proper pickup, all trash and recycling bin lids must be closed completely. If bins are overfilled or have bulky items preventing the lid from closing properly, there is a risk of having items fall out during the dumping process. The bin may be tagged for safety reasons. To report illegal dumping happening in your trash bin or anywhere else in the City of Industry, go to [CityofIndustry.org/How-Do-I/Report-an-Issue](https://www.cityofindustry.org/How-Do-I/Report-an-Issue) or download the city issue-reporting app called [SeeClickFix](#). SeeClickFix is a mobile application that allows citizens to report non-emergency related issues to the City.



All issues submitted will go directly into the City's issue tracking system. App users can input descriptions, GPS-specific location, as well as photos of the issue. Once a request is submitted, you can keep track of pending and completed requests, as well as view issues that have been submitted by other citizens and track their status. **Download the [SeeClickFix](#) app today on the [App Store](#) or on [Google Play](#) to report issues happening in your neighborhood.**

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 8 am - 1 pm.



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