



# RENEWS

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## Did you know?

As food and yard waste goes into the landfill it produces methane gas, a green house gas which is 10x times more potent than CO2. This is why it is important to separate your organic waste.

**Fun Fact:** Your organic waste can be transformed into resources such as electricity, fuel, or even mulch for farms!

## Organic Waste FAQ's

According to CalRecycle, a third of our waste consists of organic materials that will go in the landfill. To help reduce this number the State passed laws now known as AB 1826 and SB 1383.

### Who needs to comply with these laws?

All commercial businesses are required to subscribe to organic waste recycling services, unless exempted by their jurisdiction.

### How will we train our employees?

Valley Vista Services provides free waste assessments from our recycling specialists who will be able to help train employees on how to separate their waste or help determine service level. You may schedule an assessment by calling (800)442-6454 or emailing [organics@myvvs.com](mailto:organics@myvvs.com).

## What Goes in Your Organics Cart?

### Food waste:

- fruits & vegetables
- meat & bones
- dairy products

### Yard waste:

- yard trimmings
- small branches
- untreated and unpainted wood

When disposing food waste **please use a plastic bag** to keep food separate from green waste and to help with odors. For more information on organic recycling please visit [CalRecycle.ca.gov/organics/SLCP](http://CalRecycle.ca.gov/organics/SLCP) or scan our barcode below for a video tutorial!



## Why Do You Need an Organics Cart?

SB 1383 requires commercial and residential properties to separate their organic waste from their other materials for recycling. Commercial businesses will also need to implement food rescue programs.

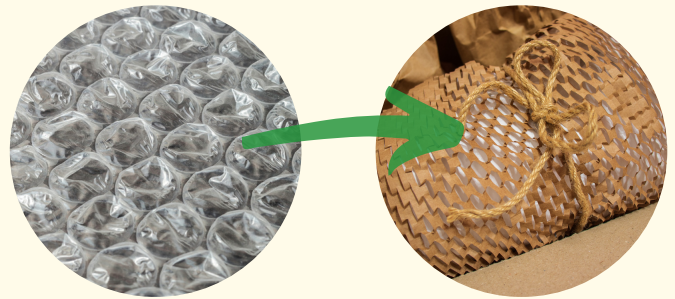
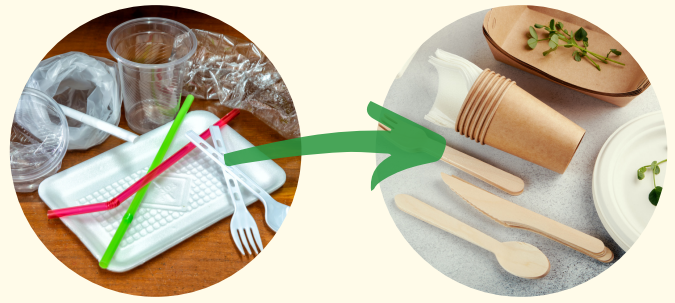
For information on food rescue programs please visit [calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/Donation/](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/Food/Donation/)



# New Year, New Sustainable You!




It is important to make eco-friendly decisions in your business. Find sustainable alternatives to the products you already have. Small changes can make a big difference. **Here are some tips:**

1. **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** - Reduce the materials that will enter the landfill by using more reusable materials, recycle or compost when possible!
2. **Say no to plastic!** - Try using more sustainable materials for packaging, such as paper or cardboard but do your research to make sure it is truly recyclable or compostable!
3. **Support Sustainably** - Purchase sustainable office supplies and eco-friendly cleaning supplies. Instead of disposal, consider donating to a non profit!
4. **Educate Employees and Customers** - offer discounts when a customer brings in reusables or provide incentives for your employees to be more zero waste.



## Holiday Tree Recycling

Valley Vista Services will collect and recycle holiday trees placed curbside on your regularly scheduled collection day from December 26, 2021 through January 7, 2022 for **FREE**. Please follow these guidelines in preparation for recycling your trees:

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

After this free seasonal service has ended, holiday trees and other foliage must be cut down to fit into the standard 96-gallon green waste container (with the lid closed). If you have any questions, please contact us at [ValleyVistaServices.com/Contact-Us](http://ValleyVistaServices.com/Contact-Us)

## 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 from 8 am-1 pm.**



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