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Recycling FAQ's

According to CalRecycle's Annual Report in 2021, California is at a 27% recycling rate. In efforts to raise this number here are some FAQ's to help you to recycle better!

Is all Plastic recyclable?

No, not all plastic is recyclable! Only plastics with #1, #2, and #5 symbol is recycled curbside. Check with CalRecycle.ca.gov for more information.

Why must the recycling be clean?

When making a new product out of recycling it needs to be free of contamination to create a new product.

What happens to my recycling?

Once picked up by VVS it goes to our Material Recovery Facility (MRF) to get separated by material and bailed so it can be created into something new!

What goes in your green 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 or scan our barcode below for a video tutorial!



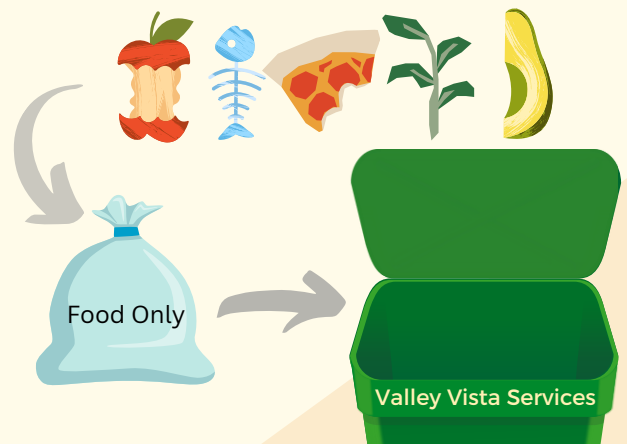
Why do you need an organics cart?

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

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 fertilizer for farms!



Steps to Reduce your Food Waste



1. Plan Ahead- Make a grocery list for the meals you plan on making,

3. Buy in Bulk- This is often less expensive and you can buy only what you need to minimize waste! You can also take your own containers to skip the plastic.

4. Use What You Have - Double check what you have at home and try to use it in your next meal!

5. Compost- No matter how hard you try you will still produce food waste, this is what your VVS food scrap pail is for! There are also other options such as starting a backyard compost.

6. Educate- Volunteer at a food bank or community compost to spread awareness and learn more about how to reduce food waste.



Zero Waste Tip
Make your new years goal a sustainable one by using more reusables!



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

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- Friday 8 am- 5 pm and Saturday 8 am-1 pm**



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