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Getting rid of household waste:

If you are thinking about cleaning out that garage, file cabinets, drawers here are some tips on how to get rid of those unwanted things. Valley Vista is our service company and you are provided three waste bins for materials suitable for disposal in your garbage. **Materials should be divided as seen on page two of this report.**

If you have more than those bins can hold in a clean-up or your yard or house or if you have large items such as refrigerators, sofas etc., you have two free pickups of large or excess materials each year with the year ending at the end of December. All you need to do, is call Valley Vista (800-442-6454) at least 24 hours before your normal pickup day, ask for such a pick-up, and put your items out and they will disappear!

Also, if you are disabled, Valley Vista provides a service to take cans to the curb and return them to your property. Contact them for information.

Coming Household Hazardous Waste and electronics waste (E-waste) disposal roundups:

There are a number of things considered hazardous waste that cannot be placed in your 3 garbage bins. Also e-waste will be collected as well. Check the list provided below. If you have such waste such as old paint, pesticides, fluorescent bulbs, batteries etc. or electronic things you need to go to a Hazardous/E-Waste roundups that the Los Angeles County Sanitation District provides. A local roundup scheduled in Dec. is at:

**Unincorporated South Whittier
Saturday, December 2, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Directions: Travel south on Colima over the Puente hills and continue on Colima to Telegraph Rd. Turn left on Telegraph to Valley View Ave. Turn right and you will see the collection site at the Liberty Community Plaza.

Sponsored jointly by the Sanitation Districts and the Department of Public Works. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program gives Los Angeles County residents a legal and cost-free way to dispose of unwanted household chemicals that cannot be disposed of in the regular trash.

THINGS WE WANT YOU TO BRING...

- Motor oil, antifreeze, paint, paint thinner
- Turpentine, cleaners with acids or lye
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Household and car batteries
- Old computers and television sets
- Sharps or used needles
- Expired pharmaceuticals and mercury thermometers

THINGS WE DON'T WANT YOU TO BRING...

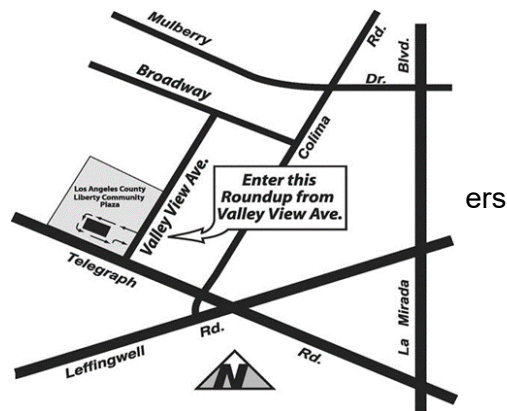
- Explosives, ammunition or radioactive materials
- Waste from businesses will NOT be accepted
- Trash or old tires
- White goods such as washers, stoves, refrigerators or air condition-

HOW TO PREPARE...

- In general, there is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 lbs. per vehicle.
- Bring items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original labeled containers.
- Be prepared to leave your containers.
- Do not mix products together.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL:

SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY - (800) 238-0172



Household Hazardous Waste should never be placed in Valley Vista Services Trash, Recycling, or Green Waste Carts

for example but not limited to:

Antifreeze
 Abrasive Cleaners
 Batteries
 Fluorescent tubes or bulbs
 Motor Oil

Paint
 Pesticides
 Prescription Drugs
 Sharps/Syringes/Lancets
 Transmission Fluid

Contaminated Carts will be tagged and not serviced.

Trash	Recycling	Green Waste
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Brown/Black Cart

Bamboo
 Bagged pet waste & litter
 Broken glass
 Broken dishes
 Cactus
 Ceramic
 Cereal liners
 Chip bags
 Dirty or Soiled paper
 Disposable diapers
 Drycleaner bags
 Egg cartons (Styrofoam)
 Empty motor oil & antifreeze containers
 Food waste
 frozen food boxes
 Garden hoses
Incandescent & halogen light bulbs only (no fluorescent tubes or bulbs)
Invasive plants
Ivy
 Juice cartons and boxes
 Milk cartons
 Mini-blinds
 Mirrors
Palm fronds
Plastic bags
Plastic bakery trays
 Stretch wrap
 Styrofoam & packing peanuts
 Tissue paper (Kleenex, etc.)
 Toys (plastic)
 Take-out containers
 Wax & plastic-coated cardboard
 Window glass

Blue Cart

Aluminum trays and plates
 Bleach bottles (#2 plastics)
 Brown paper bags
 Can (metal food and drink cans)
 Cardboard boxes (corrugated)
 Catalogues
 Cereal boxes (without liners)
 Cigarette packages
 Computer paper
 Cream bottles
 Detergent boxes (laundry)
 Dish soap bottles (#2 plastic)
 Egg cartons (paper)
 Envelopes
 Gift wrap (non-metallic)
 Glass bottles & jars & lids
 Juice bottles (#1 plastic)
 Junk mail
 Magazines
 Newspapers and fliers
 Office paper
 Paints cans (empty)
 Paper towel tubes
 Photocopy paper
 Pizza boxes (clean)
 Plastic containers
 Prescription bottles (empty)
 Salad dressing bottles (rinsed)
 Shampoo bottles (#1 & #2)
 Shoe boxes
 Telephone books
 Tissue boxes
 Toilet paper tubes
 Tub container (#1-#7)
 Water Jugs

Green Cart

Branched (less than 4ft. long and 4 inches in diameter)
 Brush
 Flower cuttings
 Flowers
 Garden trimmings
 Grass
 Hay
 House plants
 Lawn clippings
 Leaves
 Pruning
 Shrubbery
 Straw
 Tree Twig (less than 4 ft. long and 4 inches in diameter)
 Weeds
 Wood chips
 Yard waste
No palm fronds/Ivy/or Bamboo
No plastic bags
No Rocks or Dirt



Disposing of unused, unwanted, and expired medications

You may have been directed to flush old, unused medications down the toilet. However, this presents a problem for our environment, particularly our ground water. If you have some of these lying around, you are now directed to dispose of these at permitted locations such as some pharmacy locations

Locally: You can drop off your old medications free at the Drop-Off Location in the front of the Industry Sheriff's station. 24/7.

If you have documents that need to be shredded to protect your privacy:

The Los Angeles County Sanitation District provides **a free service to local residents at the Materials Recovery Center (MRF) associated with the Puente Hills Landfill for shredding.**

Directions: Take the 60 freeway west to Crossroads, exit at Crossroads, travel west past Fryes, to the first signal, turn left and travel across the freeway. Turn left at the entrance to the landfill then follow the signs to the MRF. You can pass on the right of the gates where trucks are weighed and the MRF area for shredding is on the left, just past the weighing station. Tell the worker you want to shred and they will give you a locked bin that you can feed your materials into that goes to a certified shredder.

Quemetco lead/acid battery recycling plant

Results of soil testing for lead and other pollutants are still not available from the California Dept. of Toxic Substances Control. Results have been delayed each month since summer.