

# West Valley Recycles!



## **FREE AND EASY E-WASTE DROP OFF EVENTS (3 Locations)**

**ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED FOR FREE:**  
TVs, Monitors, Computers, Laptops, DVD, and CD  
Players, Printers, Scanners, Vacuum Cleaners,  
Electronic Toys and Games  
(No kitchen appliances or light bulbs)

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM / Rain or Shine**  
For more information  
call WVC&R at (408)283-9250

**Date: July 16th (Saturday)  
Saratoga**

**Prospect Center**  
19848 Prospect Road  
Saratoga, CA  
Located between Miller Road  
and Saratoga-Sunnyvale  
Road



**Date: July 23rd (Saturday)  
Los Gatos United  
Methodist Church**

111 Church Street  
Los Gatos, CA  
Hwy 17 to CA9, rt on Los  
Gatos Blvd and rt on Main  
and rt on Church

**Date: July 23rd (Saturday)  
Campbell Church  
of Christ**

1075 West Campbell Ave  
Campbell, CA  
Entrance around back  
enter on Hedegard Ave

## At Your Service

West Valley Collection & Recycling  
is standing by.

**You can schedule a bulky item pick up** by calling customer service at (408) 283-9250. We will remove up to three items for a fee.

### **We'll pick up your extra garbage for you!**

Because some weeks you just have a little extra, you can call customer service at (408) 283-9250 one day before your collection day to schedule, and we'll pick up extra bags for you. Just place your extra garbage in a 32-gallon garbage bag and place it at the curb next to your carts. There is just a \$5.48 charge per bag removed.

### **We'll collect your used motor oil and oil filters**

We make it so easy to recycle used motor oil and oil filters curbside, just use the free West Valley Collection & Recycling issued oil jugs. They are specially designed to prevent leaks. Place full oil jugs and filter bags on the curb next to your carts.

### **Get your freebie oil jugs and oil filter bags.**

Just call customer service at (408) 283-9250 and we'll drop them off on your next collection day.

**Be on the look out for your Annual Clean Up event flyer.** Clean up dates are generally within the same season as the previous year. Single-family residents will receive a flyer in the mail two weeks prior to your exact clean up date.

## Green Paint That Comes in Every Color.

Mix up some environmentally friendly milk paint for your next project

It's no surprise that commercially available paints are made from synthetic materials. These paints are difficult to dispose of, and those synthetic ingredients contain VOCs, which stand for volatile organic chemicals. If this sounds unfriendly to the environment, you are right.

A Johns Hopkins University study found more than 300 toxic chemicals and 150 carcinogens that may be present in commercially purchased paint. On top of that, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has estimated that nationally, VOC emissions

from paints and coatings exceed 11 billion pounds each year.

Now when it comes time for that painting project, what is the environmentally conscious do-it-your-selver to do? Do it yourself!

Mix yourself some milk paint. Milk paint is an environmentally friendly paint that has been dated to ancient Egypt, although it is most often associated with colonial furniture from the 1800's. Many furniture pieces from that time period have survived to this day with their finishes still beautifully intact—a testament to the

durability of simple milk paint. Craftspeople prize milk paint for its rich color and antique look.

The main ingredients of a milk paint mixture are milk, or milk curd (cottage cheese) and hydrated lime and pigment. Detailed instructions and recipes are abundant on the Internet, and this environmentally friendly solution can also be ordered pre-made at sites including [www.milkpaint.com](http://www.milkpaint.com).



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Ask Randy

## Have questions about your recycling service?



**Dear Randy: Can I use spent charcoal briquettes in my compost pile?**

If you are using real wood briquettes, the answer is yes. If you use charcoal that has been treated with chemicals for easier lighting, I would say no—put those coals in the trash. A word of warning: let coals cool completely, (overnight at least), before putting them in the trash or compost pile.

To submit a question for "Ask Randy" send him an e-mail at [customerservice@westvalleyrecycles.com](mailto:customerservice@westvalleyrecycles.com) with "Ask Randy" in the subject line.

West Valley Collection & Recycling has made it easier than ever to pay your bill. Choose the method that works best for you.

Make your check payable to West Valley Collection & Recycling. Be sure to include the payment stub to get credit for your payment right away. Use the pre-addressed envelope included with your bill.

We accept payments at our office Monday through Friday from 8 AM – 4:30 PM.

Deliver checks to:

**West Valley  
Collection & Recycling  
1333 Oakland Road,  
San Jose, CA 95112**

Visit our new online payment system at [www.wasteconnections.com](http://www.wasteconnections.com); click on "Online Bill-Pay" and follow a few simple instructions. You must have your current invoice and credit card or debit card information available.

Home banking customers continue to use the remit address:

**West Valley  
Collection & Recycling  
PO BOX 60248  
Los Angeles CA 90060-0248**

You must have your current invoice available.

Bill Pay the Easy Way

**WORDSEARCH:** Compost is rich black soil that you can make from kitchen scraps and yard waste. Can you find the stuff that goes into compost in this "pile" of letters?

S E I F F S T L I O R O T O M  
X E B B T D S Z C V H C S X C  
W G S E S N O O Y N O S I S U  
Z I L Z T U P D X P C G D W I  
I H E R C O M X W R T N F S W  
X F E S O R O S E O K I R D D  
Z G P L R G C R V V R M K N F  
C S A L N E B Q P S E M M I C  
J V N E C E K J F G G I S R Y  
S S A H O F E J D P X R B E L  
Q E N S B F G I A I D T U G P  
F U A G S O P I G J H D M N S  
H B B G S C O J C X T R T A N  
Y X L E W J Y Z F W N A S R Z  
T Q Q U W Q V J C U O Y A O N

**Can you find:**

**WORMS**

**BANANA PEELS**

**COMPOST**

**YARD TRIMMINGS**

**EGG SHELLS**

**CORN COBS**

**ORANGE RINDS**

**COFFEE GROUNDS**

Important to Note

1333 Oakland Road  
San Jose CA 95112-9894

**(408) 283-9250**

**[www.westvalleyrecycles.com](http://www.westvalleyrecycles.com)**

customerservice@westvalleyrecycles.com

**Roll-Off and Debris Box**

West Valley Collection & Recycling is the exclusive roll-off and debris box provider in

your community. Call **(408)283-9250**.

**How to Eliminate Litter:**

Remember to place all loose light items such as shredded paper, plastic grocery bags, styrofoam packing peanuts and any other items in a tied plastic bag before placing in your cart.

**Household Hazardous Waste:**

Call the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program at **(408)299-7300**. For more about WVC&R's e-waste and universal waste residential drop off program call **(408)283-9250**.

**Clean Yard Trimmings:**

Keep your yard trimmings "Green" and your recyclables clean by keeping all garbage out of your yard trimmings and recycling cart. Garbage contaminates recyclable materials. **Palm fronds must be 3 feet or shorter in length before placing in your green waste cart.**



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