West Valley Recycles!

Keep it Simple, Keep it Sparkling

Natural cleaners are tough on grime, gentle on our earth.

Baking soda, vinegar, castile soap and borax are all you really need to thoroughly clean anything in your

> home. They are the inexpensive staples that will allow you to simplify, save, eliminate contact with toxins, and when it comes to cleaning, they are time-tested and tough.

> > Baking soda is great to scrub your bath and kitchen. Put it in a container with a top that has holes in it, sprinkle on the surfaces and scrub. You can

even add a few drops of essential oil. Baking soda can also be used as a fabric softener in your laundry; add one cup baking soda to the rinse cycle for fluffier, comfier clothes.

Baking soda and vinegar make a lovely bubbly concoction. Pour 1/4 cup baking soda in the drain, let it sit for a few minutes and follow with one cup of vinegar. Follow with hot water 15 minutes later, the mixture will unclog, clean and deodorize your drains with gusto and scrubbing bubbles. A cup of cider vinegar and a sprinkling of baking soda turn your ordinary bath into a spa experience.

Vinegar can clean almost anything in your house; using a 20 oz. spray bottle, add a cup of vinegar, 1/4 cup liquid castile soap, add a few drops of

essential oil (optional), fill to the top with filtered water, then clean floors, windows, bath, kitchen, etc. A cup of vinegar can also be used in the rinse cycle as a fabric softener and in the wash cycle to prevent fading. Vinegar, water and a microfiber cloth make the winning combo for window washing.

Borax is a good laundry booster and cleaner, (it can even remove mold) it is safe and non-toxic. Add a half cup of Borax to your wash cycle, to banish mildew smells and even sweat sock odor.

Liquid castile soaps can be found in health food stores and are safer than commercial cleaners. Try Dr. Bronner's brand-good stuff, notable for the quantity and content of messaging on the bottle. Get the big one, so you can read it all.

Residential Service Enhancements. WVC&R is making it easier to recycle more!

Extra cardboard: You may place cardboard next to your cart as long as it is in a bundle. All cardboard must be cut down to size to fit in your cart. Our driver will place the extra cardboard in your cart and use the automated arm of our truck to collect the material. All loose items will not be collected.

Curbside battery collection: To recycle used household alkaline batteries place batteries in a clear sealed plastic bag on the top of your recycling cart.

Fruits and vegetables from the garden in the yard trimmings cart: Place fruits and vegetables from your household garden in your yard trimmings cart.

Watch for Your **Annual Clean Up** Flyer in the Mail

West Valley Collection & Recycling (WVC&R) will collect an unlimited number of items from your curb at no additional cost for one day only. A flyer will be mailed to your address two weeks prior to your scheduled clean up date. You may also go to www.westvalleyrecycles. com for more information regarding acceptable items for pick up.

Proper Cart Set Out

On collection day, a few simple steps can help to ensure that your garbage, green waste and recycling carts are collected quickly and efficiently and that our streets and communities remain clean, neat and litter free. Follow these guidelines:

- Place wheels against the curb and position bins 2 feet apart.
- Keep carts at least 5 feet away from parked cars.
- Please keep cars clear of bins on collection days.
- Keep area free of debris and obstructions such as basketball hoops.

- · Flatten and break down all cardboard. This will maximize the capacity in your recycling cart.
- Cardboard placed outside of bins will not be collected.
- Do not overstuff bins.
- Please be sure lids are closed without materials sticking out of the top.
- Keep recycling!



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Ask Randy

Have questions about your recycling service?



Dear Randy: How do I recycle my old floppy disks?

A: Floppy disks, the dinosaurs of the digital age, are considered to be electronic waste. You may drop them off at our universal waste drop off location. You may also drop off TVs, computers, household batteries, motor oil and water-based paints.

Call customer service at **(408) 283-9250** to schedule an appointment or email us at **customerservice@westvalleyrecycles.com.**

To submit a question for "Ask Randy" send him an e-mail at **customerservice@westvalleyrecycles.com** with "Ask Randy" in the subject line.

Do You Need A Roll-Off Box? Call Us!



West Valley Collection and Recycling is the exclusive provider of roll-off and debris boxes for the cities of Campbell, Saratoga, Los Gatos and Monte Sereno. Our friendly customer service reps are standing by to help you match the right roll-off or debris box for your big project. **Call us at 408-283-9250.** We're happy to help.

Whether it's a home remodel, landscaping, or a big cleanup project, call West Valley Collection & Recycling to order a roll-off box.

Say goodbye to up to 8 tons of concrete and dirt in one easy step. Choose a debris box from 20-40 yards to get rid of general debris with a simple phone call. You load it up—we haul it away.

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

We now accept American Express for payment.

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; 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.



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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.