# West Valley Recycles!

### Cart Smart.

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.

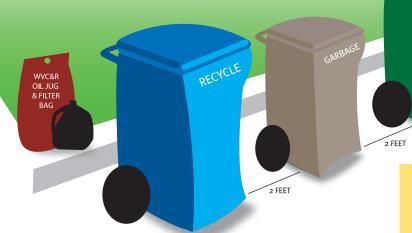
- Keep area free of debris, and obstructions such basketball hoops.
- Flatten and breakdown all cardboard. This will maximize the capacity in your recycling cart.
- Cardboard placed outside of bins WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.
- Do not overstuff bins

 Please be sure lids are closed without materials sticking out of the top. • Drop off e-waste and universal waste for free. TV's, computers, household batteries and H2O based paint are accepted. Must call to make an appointment. Call customer service at (408)283-9250.

 Call to request FREE oil jugs with filters bags delivered on your collection day.

• Keep recycling!

GREEN WASTE



## **Holiday Tree Collection**

Beginning December 27th 2010 and continuing through January 17th 2011, WVC&R will collect up to two Holiday trees per residence as part of your regular yard waste collection.

 Undecorated natural or flocked holiday trees are acceptable.

• Please remove stands, tinsel and decorations.

 All trees must be cut into 5-foot or preferably shorter lengths. • Place the trees at least one foot away from WVC&R carts.

#### **Holiday Schedule**

Both December 25th 2010 and January 1st 2011 fall on Saturday. Therefore, no service days will be affected.
Collection
will occur on your regular collection day.

## Kids Recycle Corner

5 FEET

What items can be recycled?

SEARCH: Recycle Paper Plastics Metals

Aluminum cans cardboard leaves egg cartons

junk mail glass shoe boxes ewaste bottles clothing

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# Ask Randy

#### Have questions about your recycling service?



Dear Randy: I don't want to throw my outdated prescription drugs in the trash and have them fall into the wrong hands or the landfill. Should I just flush them down the toilet?

In 2008, the Associated Press conducted an investigation that found 250 million pounds of

pharmaceuticals are flushed and end up in our water supply. Contact the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste program at **www.hhw.org** or call **(408)299-7300** for the safest way to properly dispose of old prescription drugs.

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

#### Save the Seeds

It's time for pumpkin carving! Pumpkin soup, pumpkin bread, pumpkin cookies and even pumpkin ice cream. A family can go through a lot of orange squash this time of year, providing enough seeds to start your own private pumpkin patch come next spring. The first order of business is to scoop out all the pulp and seeds from your pumpkins; you can store these in the refrigerator for up to three days.

- 1) Wash all the pulp away from the seeds using a colander in your kitchen sink.
- 2) Pat the seeds dry with a cloth and leave in a warm, light place on top of a few absorbent cloths.
- 3) Leave seeds for seven days and check that they are dry on both sides.
- 4) When dry, wrap seeds in newspaper or magazines, label with tape and store in a cool, dry place until you can plant them in spring.

#### Not a gardener? Roast 'em!

- 1) Wash all the pulp away from the seeds using a colander in your kitchen sink.
- Place the pumpkin seeds in a single layer on an oiled baking sheet, stirring to coat. If you prefer, omit the oil and coat with non-stick cooking spray.
- 3) Sprinkle with salt and bake at 325 degrees until toasted, checking and stirring after 10 minutes. Then it's snack time!

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; 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.

#### Make a Decorative Wreath

Here's an idea for using autumn's bounty of colorful fallen leaves.

- 1) Purchase a wire wreath base or make your own by bending a coat hanger into a circle.
- 2) Attach leaves by the branch or individually to the wreath base with wire or a glue gun.



3) Continue attaching leaves to the wreath's base until it is completely covered and you can no longer see the wire.

4) Add nuts and berries as desired. Use a ribbon to attach over the section of the wreath where the hanger is located.

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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.

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#### 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.