

West Valley Recycles!

Winter 07/08

Keep Our Neighborhoods Clean

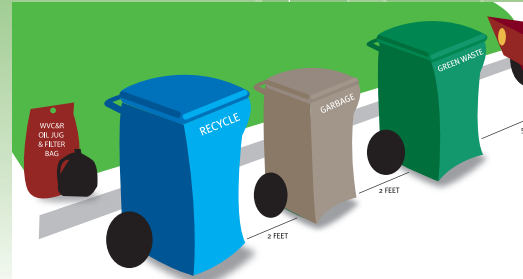
Let's keep those lids fully closed.

Trying to pack that last little bit of stuff into your cart? If the lid does not close properly, you could be a litter-bug. It's true. When a route driver picks up an overfilled cart with stuff

teetering on the top, it may fall to the ground and litter the landscape and endanger wildlife. On windy days, light items like loose paper and plastic grocery bags fly out of overfilled carts to tumble up and down our streets. During a rainstorm, trash is swept into storm drains, destination: The Bay. Even grass, leaves and yard clippings can clog drains, causing flooding and creating a breeding ground for rodents and insects.

If your trash is a tight squeeze, reduce by recycling more. Don't pile extra trash bags next to your cart. You can order a larger cart by calling customer service at **(408) 283-9250** but it's better to keep items out of the landfill in the first place by recycling more.

Please do not overfill your garbage, recycling or yard trimming cart.



Proper Cart Setout.

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Here are some tips to ensure smooth collection on your next service day.

Place your carts at the curb by 6am on your collection day, and they will be picked up by 6pm that day.

Cart Spacing

Place carts at least two feet apart with wheels against the curb to allow the truck arm to maneuver.

Make sure your carts are at least 5 feet away from vehicles, basketball hoops and other obstructions.

Overstuffed and Heavy Carts

The lids on your carts must be completely closed to avoid littering your streets. Large items can be picked up for a fee. To schedule an appointment, call **(408) 283-9250**.

Remember that dirt and concrete are not allowed in your garbage or recycling carts.

Visit www.westvalleyrecycles.com for a list of approved items.

Motor Oil

Please use the motor oil jugs and oil filter bags provided free by WVC&R. Call **(408) 283-9250**.

To report damaged carts or to find out more about your garbage, recycling and yard trimming service, call **(408) 283-9250**.

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Link to the good stuff.

What are some safe alternatives to pesticides? How are surfboards made of recycled glass and T-shirts made from my old plastic water bottles? Where can I take a composting class? Where can I dispose of my old VCR? What about pesticide in food? What's the Great American

Litter Cleanup? How do I get involved? How do I learn more?

A great place to start is the "links" section on westvalleyrecycles.com. Click on "links" to connect to a host of facts about treading lightly in our environment, activities and events, and tons of useful information about reducing, reusing and recycling.



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Have questions about your recycling service?

Ask Randy

Q: When is the annual clean-up?

A: WVC&R provides the annual clean-up throughout the year; you will receive a flyer two weeks prior to your clean-up day.

This is your opportunity to set out an unlimited number of items at no additional cost for one day only. WVC&R will collect these items from your curb: items weighing up to 70 pounds, garbage in 32 gallon plastic bags, 35 gallon cans, and sturdy cardboard boxes.

WVC&R will not accept the following, but use these helpful numbers to divert and dispose:

Guadalupe Landfill (408) 268-1670

- Concrete or Dirt
- Tires
- Large items

Hazardous Waste Program at (408) 299-7300

- Hazardous waste
- Items containing CFC's such as refrigerators

WVC&R (408) 283-9250

- Large item collection
- Drop off by appointment
 - E-Waste, Universal Waste, Motor Oil and Water Based Paints, TV's, Computers, household batteries

Make a new year's resolution to
reduce, reuse and recycle!

Make 2008 a little less stressful
for the planet by taking simple
measures to reduce, reuse and
recycle as much of your trash as
possible. This year, resolve to
improve the environment by
recycling more.



BILL PAY THE EASY WAY

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

Mail it. 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.

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

Deliver checks to:
West Valley
Collection & Recycling
1333 Old Oakland Road,
San Jose, CA 95112

Pay / View Your Bill Online. 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
Dept. 1433
Los Angeles, CA 90084-1433

You must have your current invoice available.



Do you Have Universal Waste & E-Waste?

Unsure of the next step to take?

Universal Waste, E-Waste and Hazardous Materials DO NOT belong in your garbage or recycling cart. These materials require special handling.

Universal Waste is hazardous waste containing mercury, lead, cadmium and copper—substances hazardous to human and environmental health. We don't want this in our landfill. The best way to eliminate the harmful effects Universal Waste has on our health and environment is to reduce consumption, and the next best thing is to dispose of them properly. Here are examples of Universal Waste:

- Batteries
- Fluorescent tubes, bulbs and lamps
- Mercury thermostats
- Non-empty aerosol cans

E-Waste is our discarded electronic equipment, like TV's, VCR's, DVD players, cell phones, laptops, desktop computers and their accessories: monitors, CPU's, external hard drives, keyboards and printers, etc.

WVC&R makes it easy to dispose of these materials. Universal Waste and E-Waste may be dropped off at our Material Recovery Facility by appointment only. Call **(408) 283-9250** to make your appointment.

Other hazardous material may be disposed of through the Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste Program. Call **(408) 299-7300** or visit www.hhw.org for a complete list of accepted materials.