

West Valley Recycles!

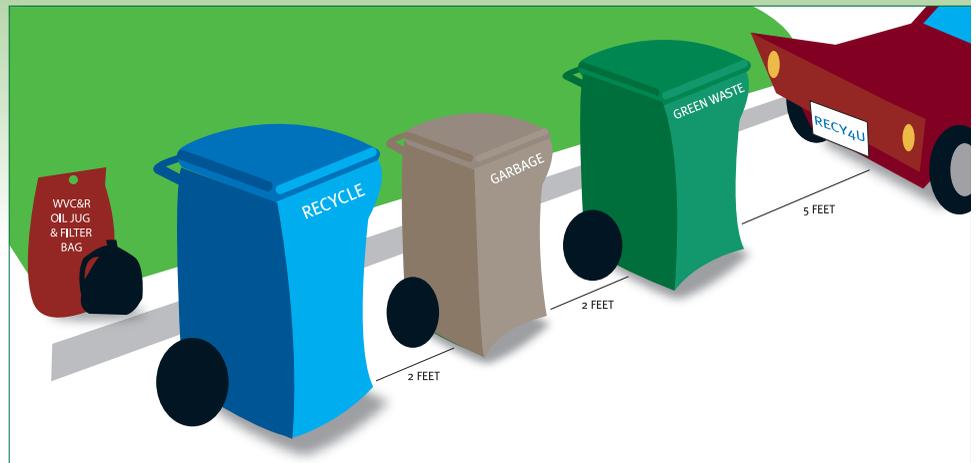
Spring 2010

Keep up the good work!

Customers create curb appeal.

We are pleased to announce that our West Valley Collection & Recycling customers are doing a great job with cart set out on collection day.

Collections are going smoothly and streets are staying tidy with the carts set at least two feet apart with wheels against the curb. Keeping carts at least 5 feet away from vehicles, trees and other obstructions allows us to complete the routes efficiently. Lids are firmly closed as a result our streets are cleaner. Thanks and keep up the good work.



Unsure of what to recycle? Visit www.westvalleyrecycles.com for a list of approved items.

Motor oil: Please use the WVC&R issued used motor oil jugs and oil filter bags free of charge.

Call (408) 283-9250. No other automotive fluids (coolant, transmission fluid, etc) accepted.

Household Hazardous Waste: Call (408) 299-7300 for a free drop-off appointment.

More Questions?

Call WVC&R at (408) 283-9250 to report damaged carts or for answers to your garbage, recycling, or yard waste service questions.

Every Day is Earth Day, Especially in April

The month of April is full of days and ways to celebrate your Mother Earth.

Earth Day: April 22, 2010
Just a few things to do to celebrate:

Use less water: take shorter showers, install a low flow toilet. Plant a native garden.

Use less energy: turn off lights, replace bulbs with CFL's, and use warm water instead of hot water to wash laundry.

Recycle wisely. For your free Recycle 'How To' guide go to www.westvalleyrecycles.com

Download the Earth Day count down clock at <http://thecountdownclock.com> but there's no reason not to start celebrating now!

National Environmental Education Week: April 11-17, 2010

This is the largest organized environmental education event in the United States. Environmental Education week increases the educational impact of Earth Day by creating a full week of educational preparation, learning, and activities in classrooms, local nature centers, zoos, museums, and aquariums.

Earth Week is Turnoff your TV week: April 19-25.

Did you know the average child watches 20,000 30-second commercials each year? Turn off the TV and check out <http://unplugyourkids.com> for ideas on fun things to do with your kids when they step away from the screen.

National Arbor Day is Friday April 30th

Trees make a world of difference. They absorb carbon dioxide and make oxygen while providing shade and a home for wildlife. Trees moderate the effects of sun, wind,

and rain. Trees are our friends. Plant one today.

TURN OFF THE TV!

"American children and adolescents spend 22 to 28 hours per week viewing television, more than any other activity except sleeping.

By the age of 70 they will have spent 7 to 10 years of their lives watching TV."

—The Kaiser Family Foundation

Links to Green Events Near You

www.LosGatosCA.gov/KeepLosGatosBeautiful

http://www.saratoga.ca.us/thingstodo/arbor_day.asp

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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 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
PO BOX 60248
Los Angeles CA 90060-0248

You must have your current invoice available.

Have questions about your recycling service?



Ask Randy

Q: Dear Randy, if something is made from recycled paper or plastic, can it be recycled again?

A: When glass, paper and cans are recycled, they become similar products that can be used and recycled over and over again. Plastic bottles and jugs usually don't become food and beverage containers again. Your water bottle might become carpet or stuffing for sleeping bags. Milk jugs are often made into plastic recycling bins, and toys.

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

Are Your Appliances Washed Up?

Recycle Them While They're Hot

In case you haven't heard, Cash for Appliances is the next government-funded program offering cash incentives for green improvements, due to launch this April.

Consumers in the market to upgrade their old junkers, not cars this year, but energy hogging refrigerators, dishwashers and dryers are in luck. Federal stimulus dollars are available to encourage the purchase of energy efficient appliances.

Cash for Appliances will utilize nearly \$300 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to fund a rebate program that encourages consumers to purchase ENERGY STAR-certified appliances. Unlike its "Cash for Clunkers" predecessor, turning in an old model is not required. However, recycling old appliances is recommended to utilize resources.

Appliances are largely comprised of steel, which is the most commonly recycled material in North America, according to the Steel Recycling Institute. In the recycling process, the appliances are shredded and the metal is removed for reprocessing. In some cases, the plastic components are transformed into other materials.

The key challenge with appliances is the

presence of Freon, which is DuPont's trade name for the gas that cools appliances like air conditioners and refrigerators. For appliances that contain Freon, there can be a fee to properly remove it.

To have old appliances removed curbside call customer service at 408.283.9250 and request a 'Bulky Item' pickup. There is a fee for this service.

What is ENERGY STAR?



ENERGY STAR is the trusted, government-backed symbol for energy efficiency helping us all save money and protect the environment through energy-efficient products and practices.

The ENERGY STAR label was established to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants caused by the inefficient use of energy. The label also makes it easy for consumers to identify and purchase energy-efficient products that offer savings on energy bills without sacrificing performance, features, and comfort.

Some ENERGY STAR-certified models of appliances can save you more than half on your annual electricity costs to run them. Appliances consume a huge amount of our electricity. There is an enormous potential to both save energy and money every month.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:



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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

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.