

West Valley Recycles!

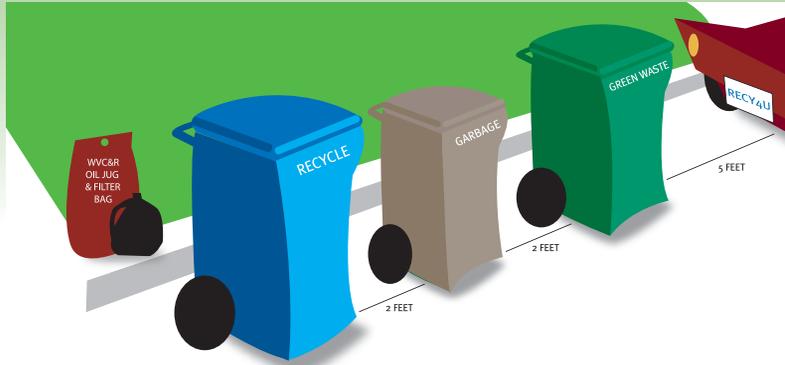
Summer 2009

Proper Cart Setout

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**.

Red Hot Safety Tip

A coal bucket, or metal can be used to hold hot briquettes and ashes until ready for disposal. Make sure it is placed on concrete or some other non-combustible surface. When disposing of hot charcoal, it is best to gradually dump the charcoal into water rather than water onto charcoal. Stir after each addition

using a metal shovel. Water dumped onto charcoal can actually explode and cause injury. Once ashes are completely cold bag them before placing into your garbage cart. Remember, even ashes that seem cold on the surface may still be hot deep inside, even after sitting for two days, so wait at least 48 hours before disposing of them in the garbage cart. **Do not place hot ashes or coals in your cart.**



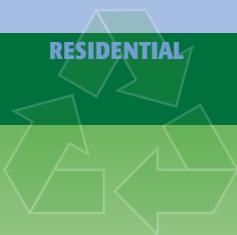
Your Savings are on the Line

How to use your solar clothes dryer

That warm summer breeze just may help you save some cool cash this summer. By taking advantage of the breeze and the sun's rays to dry your laundry, you'll save on your energy bill, your clothes will last longer and your house will stay cooler too. Follow these tips for drying your laundry.

- 1** Run an extra spin cycle if your washing machine has one. This will help drive excess water off and save time. Otherwise, wash your laundry as usual.
- 2** Start with the biggest things first and space them evenly on both ends of your line or rack.

- 3** Hang clothes inside out to prevent fading and enable faster drying of pockets.
 - 4** Before hanging each item, shake it and give it a good snap to eliminate wrinkles.
 - 5** Shade dry synthetic and silk fabrics; dry linen in the hot sun.
 - 6** If you don't like the stiff feeling of line-dried clothes and towels, just tumble in the dryer for five minutes.
- Enjoy your time outside. Your clothes will smell great, and the exercise and fresh air are almost as healthy as the amount of money you'll be saving.



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. You must have your current invoice available.

Home banking customers continue to use the remit address:

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

Have questions about your recycling service?



Ask Randy

Q: Randy, which method of grilling is more environmentally friendly, cooking with briquettes or gas grilling?

A: Good question! Propane gives off one-third the emissions than charcoal, but propane is a fossil fuel. Charcoal on the other hand, is made from trees, which are considered to be a renewable resource, that would make them the carbon neutral option provided the charcoal is made from sustainable wood. So actually, they are about equal.

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

Protect yourself, protect recyclers when disposing of batteries.

Commonly used batteries contain alkaline and carbon-zinc. Rechargeable batteries may have lithium, mercury-oxide, zinc carbon mercury, silver-zinc, silver-oxide or nickel-cadmium—this is highly corrosive and dangerous stuff. Some batteries may still contain a residual charge that can short-circuit if terminals come in contact with other battery terminals during storage and shipping.

To prevent accidents, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) recommends using the ONE bag rule. Place each battery into a separate plastic bag. If plastic bags are unavailable, cover battery terminals with electrical, duct or masking tape. If batteries appear dirty or to have a white powdery substance around the terminal, use caution when handling. Don't touch the dirty area and be

sure to wash your hands just in case. For more information go to <http://www.phmsa.gov/hazmat>. WVC&R residents can call customer service at (408) 283-9250 to schedule an appointment to drop off household batteries at our E-Waste and Universal Waste Drop Off location. **DO NOT place batteries in your WVC&R carts.**



Free e-waste drop-off events coming soon



SARATOGA

July 25th, 2009
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
City of Saratoga
North Campus
19848 Prospect
Rd., Saratoga, CA

LOS GATOS

July 25th, 2009
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Los Gatos United
Methodist Church
111 Church Street
Los Gatos, CA

CAMPBELL

July 18th, 2009
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Campbell United
Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave.,
Campbell, CA

Accepted items: television and computer monitors, CPUs, laptop computers, external computer hard drives, computer keyboards, computer mice, computer printers, DVDs and VCRs, phones, fax machines, electronic toys, typewriters, cameras, stereos and speakers.

PLEASE No hazardous waste or appliances.

Please call customer service at (408) 283-9250 for more information.

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.

Cart Labeling

You may see WVC&R supervisors in specific neighborhoods labeling garbage, recycling, and yard waste carts with address numbers. This will help differentiate your cart from your neighbors.