



# RENEWS

Cypress - Refuse and Recycling Newsletter - Residential

## Enforcement of SB 1383



In 2024, SB 1383 will be fully enforced to reduce greenhouse emissions by cutting down on organic waste. Local jurisdictions are required to ensure compliance with the law.

Enforcement will occur through Notices of Violation, with potential fines for repeated contamination. Residents can avoid penalties by correctly sorting organic waste. This involves placing food waste into clear or transparent plastic bags for disposal into the designated green organics barrel.

To prevent contamination, avoid placing items such as pet waste, takeout containers, and single-use plastics in the organic waste barrel; these items should go in the appropriate trash barrel.

For more information, residents can refer to the Organics Recycling page at [cypressca.org](http://cypressca.org).

## Disposing of Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste includes products with toxic, reactive, or corrosive components. These items include, but are not limited to, batteries, household cleaners, paints, oils, and lightbulbs. Improper disposal of these chemicals can cause trash truck fires and create harmful environmental pollutants that pose risks to human health. For guidance on correctly disposing of hazardous waste, contact 1(800)-CleanLA or visit [Earth911.com](http://Earth911.com).

## Proper Food Pail Usage

Food pails are excellent for separating food waste from the trash barrel. Single-home residential customers previously received food pails and a roll of liners. Follow these three easy steps to use the VVS food pail:



1. Place the food pail in a convenient place.



2. Line it with a clear plastic bag and place all food scraps inside.



3. Empty the securely tied bag of food scraps into your green organics barrel.

### How do I keep the food pail clean?

Using a liner inside the pail will help keep it clean. You can also clean the food pails with mild soap and water.

### Where can I get the food pail liners?

Residents receive a starter pack along with their food pail. Additional liners can be purchased online from Target, Costco, and Amazon. Search for "3-gallon food waste bags" for best results. You can also use produce bags collected from purchasing fruits and vegetables.

### How can I prevent odors?

After filling the food pail, close the bag and place it in the green waste barrel. Alternatively, you can store the food pail in the freezer until your service day, then transfer the bag to the green organics barrel.

## Plastic Free July

Celebrate Plastic-Free July by making these small changes in your life. One small step at a time can make a difference in the long run.

Practice these small steps starting in July and continue them throughout the year:

- Switch to reusable shopping bags instead of single-use plastic bags.
- Opt for a stainless steel or glass bottle instead of disposable plastic bottles.
- Use a reusable coffee cup instead of a disposable one.
- Invest in reusable food containers for leftovers or meal prepping.
- Replace plastic wrap with beeswax wrap to cover food.
- Convert from single-use plastic utensils to metal or bamboo ones, which will last longer.
- Purchase reusable sandwich bags for small snacks or food.
- Buy in bulk to avoid plastic packaging and wrapping.

There are many ways to reduce your carbon footprint, but these small steps will help you get started.

### Rate Adjustment Notice

At VVS, we consider it one of our responsibilities to be as cost-efficient as possible. We have always worked to provide the customer with the best in service at the lowest cost. Unfortunately, our costs of labor, equipment, maintenance, landfill fees, organics processing, and other related expenses continue to increase.

To help offset some of this cost, which is out of our control, and to provide for changes in the Consumer Price Index, the solid waste franchise with the City of Cypress provides an annual rate adjustment which is effective July 1, 2024. As always, we promise to provide you with the very best in service and value.

## Reducing Food Waste

July is known for barbecues and outdoor activities- it's a perfect opportunity to lead by example and reduce food waste. Follow these steps to ensure successful events with minimal food waste:



Request RSVPs from guests to accurately plan food quantities and only buy what's needed.



Use a signup sheet for potlucks to avoid duplicate dishes.



Prevent contamination with designated utensils and encourage handwashing.



Prepare for leftovers by providing reusable containers or encouraging guests to bring their own.



Share any extra food with neighbors and friends.

Implement these strategies to reduce food waste at your July gatherings, set a positive example, and promote a sustainable approach to hosting events.

### Holiday Schedule

Collection Service **will not** run on these holidays:

- ✦ **New Year's Day**
- ✦ **Memorial Day**
- ✦ **Independence Day**
- ✦ **Labor Day**
- ✦ **Thanksgiving Day**
- ✦ **Christmas Day**

If your regular collection day falls on or after one of these holidays, pick up will be delayed one day. Excluding holidays, our normal business hours are:

**Monday through Friday 8 am- 5 pm and  
Saturday from 8 am-1 pm.**



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