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### Time to Recycle Right in The Village of Valley Stream!

In order to maintain recycling opportunities and to protect taxpayers from rising costs, the Village of Valley Stream has to adjust our current recycling program. There will be a phased change starting in January 2020. You will still put out recycling each week but the materials you put out will alternate each week.

Starting the week of January 6th - January 10th, 2020 please put out **ONLY** plastics marked #1 & #2, tin/aluminum (cans, trays, foils) and glass on your regular recycling day. Please make sure recyclables are clean and place them inside your blue recycling bin. **Moving forward, these items will be picked up every other week.**

Starting the week of January 13th - January 17th please put out **ONLY** paper & cardboard on your regular recycling day. Please make sure that these items are tied up and kept dry and clean. **Moving forward, these items will be picked up every other week.**

Please refer to the enclosed calendar for a weekly breakdown of recyclable items that should be put out for collection. If you have any questions please review our FAQ section, email [vsrecycle@vsvny.org](mailto:vsrecycle@vsvny.org) or call the Department of Sanitation at 516-825-8108.



**Did You Know...**  
Changes to our recycling program will

1. Save tax dollars
2. Keep our environment clean
3. Lead the way in recycling
4. All of the above



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# A Special Message From Mayor Ed Fare

Dear Friends,

You may have noticed that changes are ahead for the way we recycle in Valley Stream. The global recycling market has shifted dramatically in recent years, and Valley Stream wants to continue to be a leader in the environmental and tax saving benefits that responsible recycling brings. We can all do our share to keep Valley Stream clean and green, while employing measures that keep tax dollars in your pockets as much as possible!

Please take a moment to review the detailed information about how recycling in Valley Stream will be improving. I hope you will join us at an informational meeting in Village Hall on Tuesday, December 10 for more detailed information.

In the meantime, the holiday season is upon us and it is always a great time in Valley Stream when the weather gets brisk and our residents find time to enjoy all the festive activities that the village has to offer.

Please be sure to check the full range of holiday programs designed to delight children of all ages. Our Christmas Tree lighting and visit from jolly old Santa Claus is a favorite tradition here at Village Hall. This year Santa's arrival is set for Friday, December 6th. The details are within this issue of the Village Green, as well as information on all the holiday fun in store here in Valley Stream.

As winter approaches our workforce is preparing for the challenges that bad weather brings. Our road crews work very hard to repair, maintain and improve the many miles of streets that wind through our village and parking fields, all of which are heavily utilized. Winter weather brings its own sets of challenges, but with the cooperation from our residents, when ice and snow fall we will be ready!

I hope you will take some time out of the busy upcoming holiday season to relax and enjoy all there is to do and see right here in Valley Stream. On behalf of the entire Village Board and village family, we wish you a happy, healthy holiday season and all the best in 2020!

Sincerely,



## SENIOR CORNER

### The Silver Threads Read On!

The Valley Stream Silver Threads Now has a book club, and it is open for all to enjoy. The Book Club meets the first Monday of each month, from 11 am to 12 noon.

Call 516-825-8571 for more information.



The Silver Threads enjoyed their annual Tea Party at the beautiful Community Center.

## VETERANS DAY WITH TOYS FOR TOTS

Veterans Day, always a special day in Valley Stream, was made all the more poignant this year with a tribute to the memory of Valley Stream native, 1st Lt. Robert Scott Mason, a Vietnam Veteran who was killed in action 50 years ago. In a ceremony permanently affixing Mason's name to Valley Stream's Honor Roll monument, Mayor Fare remarked "Upon the 50th anniversary of his death in the bamboo fields of Vietnam, it is a fitting, proper act, to enshrine his name in the loving embrace of his hometown."



Valley Stream proudly joined the USMC and the Valley Stream Chamber of Commerce in kicking off the annual Toys for Tots campaign. Toy bins are placed in all Village buildings and in select businesses around the village. Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be collected through December 11th.



## Seasons Greetings!

In celebration of the holiday season the Village of Valley Stream will suspend parking meters along the Rockaway Avenue business district from Merrick Road to Sunrise Highway. The holiday cheer will be in effect from December 21, 2019 through January 1, 2020. Enjoy your shopping and dining through this most festive time of year!



Mark Your Calendar with these  
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Dedication of the Nativity**

**Tuesday, December 3rd**

7:30 pm

Corner of Sunrise Highway  
& S. Franklin Avenue

(Sponsored by the Fr. Carroll Knights of Columbus)

**Christmas Tree Lighting  
& Visit With Santa**

**Friday, December 6th**

Activities Begin at 5:00 pm

Village Hall & Village Green (rear lawn)

123 So. Central Avenue

(Visit [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org) for details)

**Gingerbread House Contest**

**Sunday, December 8th**

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

2:00 pm icing demonstration

Pagan – Fletcher Restoration

143 Hendrickson Avenue, Valley Stream.

Bring entries from 10:00 am -11:00 am

(Sponsored by the Valley Stream Historical  
Society)

**Recycling Informational  
Public Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 10th**

7:00 pm

Valley Stream Village Hall

(Call 516-825-8108 for more information)

**Lighting of the Giant Menorah**

**Sunday, December 22nd**

4:30 pm

Corner of Sunrise Highway  
& Franklin Street

(Sponsored by Chabad Outreach)

**Candlelight Tour of Pagan-Fletcher  
Restoration**

**Sunday, December 29th**

6:00 - 8:00 pm

143 Hendrickson Avenue, Valley Stream.

(Free of charge, but donations of canned  
goods to benefit local food pantries are  
appreciated)

(Visit [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org) for details)

**Winterfest Activities at the Henry  
Waldinger Memorial Library  
Beginning Thursday, December 26th**

(visit [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org) for details)

# Winterfest in Valley Stream



*Christmas Tree Lighting  
Kiddy Train Rides & Visit With Santa*

**Friday, December 6th**

*Kiddy Train Rides Begin at 5:00 pm*

*6:00 - Write your letters to Santa at the  
Henry Waldinger Library*

*6:15 P.M. - Santa arrives on his fire truck at the  
Village Green*

*6:30 P.M. - Santa helps light the Christmas Tree*

*6:45 P.M. - Santa & his helpers take photos  
on his sleigh*

*8:30 P.M. - Santa makes his return to the  
North Pole*

*There will be stories, treats and surprises for all!*

*Winterfest Activities at the  
Henry Waldinger Memorial Library*

**Beginning on Thursday, December 26th**



*Remember, Valley Stream Proudly Participates in the Toys for Tots Program.  
Please Consider Donating a New, Unwrapped Toy.*

[www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org)



# Frequently Asked Questions: Recycle Right in The Village of Valley Stream!

## 1. Why are we changing how we recycle?

We are changing how we recycle because we want to continue to save taxpayer money and we believe in the environmental benefits of recycling right. Around the country recycling programs are falling under pressure to adjust, face hefty cost increases, or come to an end. The Village of Valley Stream has set out to improve how we recycle. Through a phased improvement, we must continue to think globally and act locally. We can all reduce, reuse, and recycle right. The Village will continue to save taxpayer money and provide better environmental options for our waste.

## 2. What other options did our community have?

Our community could continue recycling the old way, but face financial consequences and accept environmental losses. The old way is no longer viable and has always had a higher percentage of recyclables heading to the landfill. In addition, changes in what overseas markets will accept have altered the entire industry of recycling. The cost will continue to rise and could more than triple for the Village if we do not change. Also, without change more of our recyclables will end up being redirected to a landfill instead of being recycled.

## 3. Why can't we just recycle all materials in one day? What are the benefits to alternating what we recycle each week?

Contamination is the main reason we can no longer recycle all materials in one day. The greater degree of accuracy, separation, and cleanliness we can reasonably attain with our recycling, the less contamination. The less contamination, the greater the quality of the materials we recycle. The greater quality and continued quantity of acceptable recyclables, directly correlates to the higher likelihood it will be recycled (environmental benefit) and the money we will save. An additional benefit also comes from properly recycling paper and cardboard. We can save additional taxpayer money the more we remove paper and cardboard from our waste stream and the more we separate these materials from other recyclables (plastics, tin/aluminum, glass). Additional benefits include less litter on our streets from blowing recycling. The recycling will be picked up and processed more efficiently.

## 4. Since I am holding recyclables for longer I will need another bin. What should I purchase to hold my recyclables?

You may also use a receptacle of your own choosing (32-gallon maximum) clearly marked or colored for recycling, or you can purchase an additional blue 20-gallon bin from the Village. An additional 20-gallon recycling bin can be purchased by submitting a recycling bin form and a \$10 check. The Village does not charge more than the cost of the recycling bin. Please follow the instructions on the bin form (available on our website [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org)) to request an additional bin. You can also purchase a bin by bringing a \$10 check to our facility at 175 Arlington Ave, M-F 7am to 3pm.

You can find additional FAQs and other informational materials on our website at [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org). Please feel free to call 516-825-8108 or email [vsrecycle@vsvny.org](mailto:vsrecycle@vsvny.org) if you have additional questions.

## Recyclable



- Clean plastic bottles, jars and containers marked #1 & #2. For example: Milk jugs, detergents, shampoo bottles, food containers, soda and water bottles
- Clean tin/aluminum cans, trays, aluminum foil & bake ware
- Clean glass jars & bottles
- Items to be tied up and placed on curb during the appropriate week:
  - newspapers & magazines
  - mail, cards, envelopes & paper bags
  - corrugated cardboard: for example, boxes used for shipping or delivery of goods

## Non-Recyclable



- Styrofoam, plastic wrapping and plastic bags
- Wire hangers, curtain rods and tools
- Cables, wires and cords
- Pens & markers
- Rope & plastic mats
- Microwaves & other appliances
- Paper milk cartons, waxed cardboard, dirty paper or cardboard and cereal boxes

### Valley Stream Proclaims November 15th as America Recycles Day

"As the Village of Valley Stream is committed to recognizing the importance of recycling, I hereby join in the nationwide initiative to establish November 15 as America Recycles Day." - Proclamation by Mayor Edwin Fare

For more information on recycling please visit the Village website at [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org), call 516-825-8108, or email [vsrecycle@vsvny.org](mailto:vsrecycle@vsvny.org)

# Partial 2020 Household Garbage Holiday Collection Schedule

Observed Holidays	If your regular collection is Monday/Thursday	If your regular collection is Tuesday/Friday
New Years Day (2020) Wednesday, January 1st	Regular Schedule - No Agriculture	Regular Schedule - No Agriculture
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 20th	Tuesday/Thursday - No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday - No Agriculture
President's Day, Monday, February 17th	Tuesday/Thursday - No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday - No Agriculture

**2020 YARD WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE:** Every Wednesday **EXCEPTIONS:** Yard waste will not be collected on the following dates:  
**January 1st January 22nd February 19th**

## Helpful Reminders from Valley Stream's Sanitation Department

- Construction waste is the responsibility of the homeowner and their contractor. Do NOT put construction materials out for pickup.
- Special bulk pick-ups of items such as mattresses, furniture, carpeting, TVs, and appliances must be arranged by calling 516-825-8108.
- Curbside collection the neighborly way! Please remember to place your trash at the curb in a covered pail or sealed garbage bag not to exceed 32 gallons or 50 pounds. Do not put trash out before 6 p.m. on the night before your collection, or after 6:30 a.m. on the morning of your collection day.

## Recycle Right: Valley Stream Moves to Alternating Week Recycling Schedule

Around the country recycling programs are falling under pressure to adjust or come to an end. The Village of Valley Stream has set out to maintain and improve how we recycle. We must continue to reduce, reuse, and recycle the right way, Starting Monday, January 6, 2020 changes to our recycling program in Valley Stream will come into effect.

Week of January 6th - on your regular recycling day please put out ONLY clean plastics (marked #1 and #2 - containers and bottles for milk, cooking oil, detergents, shampoo), glass (bottles and jars only), and tin/aluminum (cans, foils, tins, and trays).

Week of January 13th - on your regular recycling day please put out ONLY clean paper (newspaper, magazines, mail, envelopes, paperback books) and corrugated cardboard (most commonly used as shipping boxes) tied up in bundles.

This cycle will alternate each week (one week plastic, glass, metal, and one week paper, cardboard) throughout the year as the Village continues to save taxpayers money and provide better environmental options for our waste. In the coming months please stay tuned for more information on future improvements to the recycling program. If you need an additional Village-issued recycling bin please fill out a recycling bin form (available on website) and include a \$10 check made payable to the Village of Valley Stream. You can also bring a check in person to our facility at 175 Arlington Ave, M-F 7am to 3pm. You may also use a receptacle of your own choosing (32 gallon maximum) clearly marked or colored for recycling.

# Partial 2020 Recycling Holiday Collection Schedule

**If your regular recycling schedule day is ...**

Observed Holidays	Material	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
New Years Day (2020) Wednesday, January 1st	All recyclables	Regular	Regular	Pick up Thurs 1/2	Regular	Regular
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 20th	Plastic/Glass Metal	Pick up Tues 1/21	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
President's Day, Monday, February 17th	Plastic/Glass Metal	Pick up Tues 2/18	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular

Please call the Sanitation Department or visit the website for additional information and answers to your FAQs. 516-825-8108 [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org)

January						
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

February						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

March						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- Holiday Schedule**
- Paper & Cardboard Collection**
- Plastic/Metal/Glass Collection**

Please see important emergency information on reverse



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## Snow: Our Winter Challenge

### A Guide for Valley Stream Property Owners and Residents

#### It's the neighborly thing to do! If you own property, please remember to:

- ❄️ Keep the adjacent sidewalks clear of snow and ice. If you are out of town, please make arrangements for someone else to clear the side walks.
- ❄️ Snow should not be shoveled or blown into the street. This creates a hazard for both the property owner and drivers.
- ❄️ Residents who have catch basins in front of their homes can help by keeping ice and snow away from the openings, so water from melting snow can drain freely.
- ❄️ If you have a fire hydrant by your property, please remove snow from the area around the hydrant for easy access in case of an emergency.
- ❄️ Resident cooperation is essential to the success of the snow removal operations. It is very important that vehicles are removed from the streets. With fewer cars on the streets, snow plows can do a more effective job of clearing snow and ice from Valley Stream's 90 miles of roadway.

#### Safety:

Please instruct children to avoid snowplows. Drivers and workers are concentrating on their jobs. Young children should not be allowed to play near the street when snow has accumulated. Snow banks make it difficult for motor vehicle and snow plow operators to spot them. For safety reasons, the Valley Stream Highway Department crews will spray deicer on the streets and plow in the following order: Major arteries and Roads; Secondary Streets; dead end streets and Cul-de-sacs. Snow plowing begins when three (3) inches of snow have fallen on the pavement.

#### Ice:

For people on foot, ice can be worse than snow. It can cause dangerous falls. Property owners are also responsible for removing ice on their sidewalks. • Stock up on ice melt before the storm. • Use ice melt with Calcium Chloride or Potassium Chloride. It's better for the environment and only a small amount is required to melt ice. Avoid rock salt or Sodium Chloride as it kills plants and trees. • Avoid sand. Sand makes hard ice more slippery. • Use ice melt on your driveway entrance and sidewalks early and often to prevent snow packing down and forming into ice.

#### Important:

For safety's sake, please remember to keep your vehicles off the street before, during and immediately after a snow storm. This is to allow our plows to do their job most effectively, as well as to provide easier access for fire and police vehicles in the event of an emergency.

#### Please don't take it personally.

*Often the Dept. of Public Works plows snow back into your driveway. Pushing snow into a driveway opening or along a car parked on the street is often unavoidable as we work to keep streets passable during all stages of a storm.*

*In the event of a Snow Emergency, information can be obtained from the Village's Emergency Management Advisory Radio System.*

**AM 1620**

Please keep in mind that in the Village of Valley Stream on-street parking is always prohibited between the hours of 3:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m.

## Winter Home Safety

Important winter weather emergency reminders and a list of important phone numbers are posted on the village website at [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org). You may want to print and save in the event of an emergency. Area evacuation shelters and pet shelter information will be posted as it becomes available.

### Christmas Tree

- 🎄 When decorating Christmas trees, always use safe tree lights, and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- 🎄 Do not use lights with worn, frayed or broken cords, or loose connections.
- 🎄 Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.
- 🎄 Water live trees frequently and safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles

### Candles

- 🕯️ Unattended, abandoned or inadequately controlled candles are the leading cause of home fires, and December is the peak month for candle fires.
- 🕯️ Keep candles on a sturdy, uncluttered surface and away from items that can catch fire.
- 🕯️ Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- 🕯️ Don't allow children or teens to have candles in their bedrooms.

## Need assistance in Valley Stream?



The Mayor's Helpline is available for residents to call with inquiries or concerns. If no one is available to answer your call immediately, please leave a detailed message with your phone number and a representative from Mayor Fare's office will respond to you as promptly as possible. Remember, it may take several rings before your call is answered so don't hang up before leaving your message. Every call is important and will receive proper attention.

1-855-99MAYOR (1-855-996-2967)

