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City Will Pick Up Your Home's Junk – For Free

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A few years ago, I wrote an article about how the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation has a great haul-away program that most people don't know about. After recently seeing several mattresses lying on the sidewalk on Sunset Boulevard in Pacific Palisades, I thought it might be time to revisit the topic.

Many people in town sneak around and fill local dumpsters with bulky items, toss excess yard trimmings in a neighbor's bin or dump their old junk on the street (like those mattresses). Others shell out hundreds of dollars to junk removal companies to get rid of their stuff. But you don't have to do this.

Did you know the city will pick up your old stuff and haul it away for free?

To make collection arrangements for any of the items listed below, just call (800) 773-2489 Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., at least one day before your regular trash collection day.

ANNUAL YARD TRIMMINGS COLLECTION

Once a year, the city will pick up excess yard trimmings from your home free of charge. According to the Bureau of Sanitation website, all yard trimmings must be bundled and tied. They cannot be

longer than 4 feet long and must weigh less than 30 pounds.

Visit: lacitysan.org/solid_resources/refuse/services/yard_trimmings

BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

It's always best to try to donate bulky household items, such as couches, mattresses and chairs, to charitable organizations or thrift stores. But if you aren't able to do so, you aren't out of luck. The Bureau of Sanitation will pick up your large or bulky items free of charge. Note the city's definition of bulky items does not include automotive parts, construction materials or commercial materials. The city will not pick up these items.

Visit: lacitysan.org/solid_resources/refuse/services/bulky_items

WHITE GOODS COLLECTION

If you have large metal and household appliances, such as dishwashers, refrigerators, washing machines or dryers that need removal, the city will haul them away free of charge.

Visit: lacitysan.org/solid_resources/refuse/services/white_goods

MOVE IN/MOVE OUT SERVICE

If you've recently moved into a new home in Pacific Palisades or are moving

out of your home, you'll undoubtedly have lots of cardboard boxes and extra rubbish left over. The city recognizes that movers generate extra refuse and has a Move In/Move Out service designed to help.

The service is mainly for boxes or bags filled with rubbish as well as flattened cardboards. Bags and/or boxes should weigh no more than 30 pounds. Boxes should be kept away from water. Full boxes should be tied and have the dimensions of 2'x3'. Flattened boxes should be tied in bundles with the dimensions of 2'x3' and weigh no more than 30 pounds.

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