

# Last Chance for Landlords!

Notices of garbage bill delinquency went out in January and April. Many of these notices go to landlords who are not carefully watching the bills of their tenants. In Vallejo it is the responsibility of the landlord, not the tenant, to pay garbage bills. Bills that remain unpaid after delivery of the notices of delinquency are processed by the City of Vallejo. The City notifies property owners of the bill's status prior to a Public Hearing before the City Council. If outstanding balances are not resolved at this time, the debts are sent to the Solano County Assessor's Office to be placed as liens on the property. Interest and other fees are added to the overdue amount.

Landlords who are unsure of their tenants' payment status are encouraged to call **VGS** at 552-3110 with the account number and check the outstanding balance. This simple check, if done early, will often enable landlords to take quick action with tenants.

## Volunteer to Keep Coast Clean

Join thousands of Americans around the nation who will help clean trash and debris from America's coastal areas and local waterways including Vallejo. The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Coastal Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday, September 16.

Check the Coastal Cleanup website at [www.coastal.ca.gov](http://www.coastal.ca.gov) for a complete list of activities.

## Don't Get Tagged

Regulations forbid the disposal of "universal waste" in the trash. Trash containers containing universal waste may be tagged and left unemptied by drivers. Universal waste includes many common hazardous wastes that pose a low risk to people. These include mercury thermostats, regulators, switches, novelty items and thermometers; batteries; fluorescent tubes and other



A celebration of Filipino performances, dancing, art, crafts and traditional foods was held on the Vallejo waterfront during Philippine Independence Day. **VGS**, the City of Vallejo and Valcore were proud to provide services for the event.

lamps; partially full aerosol cans; pressure or vacuum gauges; dilators and weighted tubing; rubber flooring; counterweights and dampers; dental amalgam; gauges and cathode ray tubes.

Take any of these materials, except cathode ray tubes and consumer electronic devices, to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at the Devlin Road Transfer Station in American Canyon which is open Friday and Saturday from 9 AM until 3 PM.

**VGS** will collect your computer monitors, televisions and electronic devices at the curb. Call to schedule a collection. These items may also be taken to the annual E-Waste Recycling event held at **VGS**. You may dispose of an unlimited amount of E-Waste without charge at the event.

## Watch Your Waste

Do not place cooking oil or unused paint into trash containers. Take these materials to the **VGS** Recycling Facility, 2021 Broadway from Thursday through Saturday, 8 AM until 4 PM. Customers may also bring magazines, office paper, newspaper, auto batteries, oil, latex paint, and antifreeze for recycling.

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# Service Made Easy!



Trucks like the one above use mechanical arms to empty toters. This automated service is used by most of the cities around Vallejo. Vallejo may soon have this service in our neighborhoods.

Customers visiting cities around Vallejo often notice robotic looking garbage trucks emptying waste containers. Most of our neighbors are now using this type of automated garbage collection service. The Vallejo City Council is considering the advantages of switching to this type of service in Vallejo. If approved, this change will take place in March of 2007 and will include a number of service improvements including weekly yardwaste service, toters provided without extra charge, and the disposal of recyclable materials mixed together into one large toter.

The obvious difference with automated service is that the collection trucks are able to empty toters faster and at less risk to drivers who now must manually empty containers. Automated service requires the use of standard toters for all customers. Under the proposed plan, fees to provide and maintain toters will be included in the new

rate. The advantage is that customers will no longer need to purchase and maintain their own containers or pay an extra fee to rent toters from **VGS**. Customers find that it is much easier to set out the wheeled toters than garbage cans or recycling bins.

The trash and recycling toters that will be provided to customers

are similar to Vallejo's yardwaste toters. Customers may choose between 32-, 64-, and 96-gallon gray toters for trash. The recycling toter will be blue and is equal in size to two 32-gallon trash cans. The green yardwaste container is equal to three 32-gallon trash cans. All containers will be emptied weekly. There will be no more alternating weeks for yardwaste. **VGS** will provide and maintain all toters.

Another significant difference, if the new plan is approved, is that recyclable materials will no longer need to be sorted. All materials go into the large blue toter. All toters keep materials dry and prevent the wind from blowing materials out of the bins.

The fee for recycling services that currently appears on customers' water bills will be eliminated, and all charges for garbage and recycling services will appear on garbage bills. More information about this proposed service change is included on the inside pages of this newsletter.

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# Vallejo Views

## "Service Made Easy" Under Consideration for Vallejo



The photo above shows how trash is currently placed out in Vallejo. Residents must purchase their own containers or rent yardwaste toters from VGS. Yardwaste is only emptied every other week and recyclable materials must be sorted into the two blue bins. Customers also pay for recycling services on their water bills.

The possible switch to automated garbage service offers customers an even easier way to place materials out for collection. The Vallejo City Council is currently considering

switching to this method of service. If approved, the new service will begin in March of 2007. The actual rate customers will pay for the new service is yet to be determined. Charges for recycling that currently appear on the water bill will be eliminated and all charges for garbage and recycling will appear on the garbage bill. There are also some other details of the new service that are yet to be finalized, but

If the switch to automated service is approved, VGS will deliver new toters to customers in March of 2007. Unwanted trash cans will be collected for disposal after the toters are delivered. The new toters take up about the same amount of yard space as two 32-gallon trash cans and the two blue bins. The wheeled toters, however, are easier to place out and they keep the materials inside protected from winds and rain.

Customers will no longer need yardwaste calendars with the new program. Yardwaste toters will be emptied every week. Another significant change is that all recyclable materials will be placed into the blue toter which is also emptied weekly. Customers will no longer need to sort materials into the blue bins or bundle cardboard for collection.

The City Council will consider numerous options if they approve the new plan, but the information to the right summarizes how each toter will be used if the service change is approved.

the overall switch offers some of the most substantial service improvements in years.

### New Toters

The new service will provide toters for all materials. VGS will maintain all toters after delivery. Customers will no longer have to purchase their own containers or rent toters from VGS. The wheeled toters are easy to place out and keep materials safe and dry.

### Weekly Yardwaste

Customers will no longer need to check their yardwaste calendars. The green yardwaste toters will be emptied every week if the new service is approved. All customers get a large green toter at no extra charge.

### No More Sorting

All recyclable materials will go in the

### Gray Toter-Trash

- choice of 32-, 64- or 96-gallon size
- garbage bill determined by size of toter selected
- toter provided and maintained by VGS
- emptied weekly
- keeps trash dry and contained with hinged lid
- easy to set out



blue toter. Customers will no longer need to sort materials into the two blue bins or package cardboard for collection. All recyclable materials are placed into the blue bin that is emptied every week. The wheeled toter is much easier to set out than the blue bins, and the covered toter keeps materials safe and dry.

### Automated Service

Robotic arms on the new trucks will grab the toters and empty them. This automated service is faster than the manual method in place now. The automated trucks also help protect drivers from strains and injury that can result from manually lifting and emptying different containers.

### Proven Technology

Most communities surrounding Vallejo have already converted to

### Blue Toter-Recyclables

- 64-gallon
- equal volume to two standard trash cans
- 45% more volume than current blue bins
- toter provided and maintained by VGS
- emptied weekly
- no sorting of recyclables
- keeps trash dry and contained with hinged lid
- easy to set out



automated service. There are some disadvantages to the program. The automated trucks are larger than the manual trucks. Their larger size makes getting into tight places more difficult. Some communities who are using this service were concerned with the yard space that is taken up by the three toters. Overall, however, these communities find that the advantages of automated service far outweigh the disadvantages.

### Details to Follow

This newsletter went to press while the Vallejo City Council is considering switching to this new service. Complete details will be provided in the October edition of *Vallejo Views*. Until then, just give us a call at 552-3110 if you have any questions about any of the services we provide.

### Green Toter-Yardwaste

- 96-gallon
- equal volume to three standard trash cans
- toter provided and maintained by VGS
- emptied weekly
- keeps trash dry and contained with hinged lid
- easy to set out

