

Help Clean Vallejo Waterways

Join thousands of Americans around the nation who will help clean trash and debris from America's coastal areas and local waterways including the vital waterways in Vallejo. The 24th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday, September 20, from 9 AM until Noon. Lunch will be provided to volunteers.

Vallejo's Coastal Cleanup Day is sponsored by Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District, VALCORE, the City of Vallejo, the Greater Vallejo Recreation District, Solano County, and **Vallejo Garbage Service**. Register by calling 55-EARTH or clicking on www.Recycle-Guide.com.

Compost Class

Learn everything you need to know about composting in an upcoming VALCORE workshop that



Free Recycled Paint

Residents, community organizations, and non-profit groups may pick up free paint at the **VGS** Recycling Facility, 2021 Broadway in Vallejo. The facility is open from Thursday through Saturday from 8 AM until 4 PM. The paint is created from supplies that were delivered to the Recycling Facility for recycling. Paint quantities are limited, but there is currently a large supply on hand. Commercial uses are not allowed.



Last year's Coastal Cleanup Day in Vallejo (pictured above) brought out over 400 volunteers who removed 37,000 pounds of debris from waterways around Vallejo.

is sponsored by the City of Vallejo. Participants may win one of two Bio Stack compost bins. The workshop will be held on Saturday, September 27, from 10 AM until Noon at VALCORE, 38 Sheridan Street.

CARE Discount Rate

Customers who are enrolled in PG&E's CARE (California Alternative Rates for Energy) program qualify for discounted garbage rates. Just bring or mail a copy of your PG&E bill to the main office of **VGS** on Broadway Street, and we will apply the discount to your garbage rates.

Yardwaste Drop Off Closed!



Customers are reminded that the former yardwaste drop off facility located at 2021 Broadway is now closed. The new expanded curbside yardwaste service made the facility no longer necessary.

Customers with loads of yardwaste may use the Napa Recycling and Composting Facility located in American Canyon near Highway 29 on Levitin Road off of Tower Road. They are open daily from 8 AM until 4 PM. Call them at 707-255-5200 for information.

Vallejo Views

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Sharp Advice



Place your sharps into FDA approved containers like the one pictured above. When full, bring the containers to the Vallejo-Napa Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

A new California law now restricts hypodermic needles, syringes or lancets from disposal in garbage cans or recycling containers. A growing number of people are using injectable medications for chronic conditions.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that over one billion used sharps have been disposed in the trash each year. The new law restricting their disposal in the trash is aimed at protecting the general public from

harm. Used sharps pose a health risk to garbage collectors, landfill workers and others. Improperly disposed sharps can stick any person who comes in contact with them.

The Vallejo-Napa Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center now accepts these items for disposal without charge. The HHW Recycling Center is located at 889A Devlin Road in American Canyon and is open Friday through Saturday from 9AM until 4PM. Call the HHW Recycling Center for complete information at 1-800-984-9661.

Your used sharps should be securely contained in a FDA approved container. The approved containers are available for sale at many drug stores and may also be available through your health care facility. An acceptable alternative is to place the sharps into the container they were supplied in or into a metal coffee can that has a tight fitting lid. The HHW Center in American Canyon allows the use of any of these disposal containers.



Vallejo Garbage Service employees unload electronics that were collected during the E-Waste and Used Tire Recycling Day that was held on April 26. Many Vallejo commercial customers participated in the free event. If you missed it, **VGS** has a wealth of resources that can help with disposal and recycling options during the year. For information contact us at 552-3110.

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Proper Cart Placement



The photo above shows how carts should be set out for collection. The carts are at least three feet from cars or other objects and about three feet from each other. The carts have also been set out in the street with the wheels touching the curb (as shown in the inset photo), handles toward the curb, and lids tightly shut. Remember that yardwaste may now be set out weekly!



The carts provided by VGS offer an easy and convenient way to dispose of trash, yardwaste, and recyclable materials, and the new carts protect their contents from rain and weather.

There are some rules that must be followed when setting out carts. These rules help drivers empty the carts safely and efficiently. They also help keep Vallejo's streets looking their best!

Proper Placement

Drivers must be able to safely grab each cart with a large robotic arm that extends from the truck. Help your driver by keeping at least 3 feet between your carts and parked cars or other objects. Keep about 3 feet between carts. Don't block sidewalks. Place carts out in the street with the wheels touching the curb. The handles should be facing the curb with the lids tightly closed and opening out.

Easy to Remember Rules

Place your carts out by 5:00 AM on your collection day. Setting them out the night before is fine. Make sure to clear them by 6:00 PM.

That's it! Following these guidelines will help your driver collect your

materials and will keep your neighborhood streets looking clean and orderly on collection day. If you have questions, check our website at www.vallejogarbage.com or call us at 552-3110.

What can be recycled

Glass

All beverage and food containers in all colors. Empty container, rinse, and remove lid or cap.

Plastic

All #1 through #7 narrow-neck bottles (water, soda, and detergent bottles). All California Redemption Value (CRV) containers. All colors. Plastic tubs for margarine, butter, yogurt, etc. Empty containers, rinse, and remove lid or cap.

Metal

Food and beverage cans (aluminum, steel, and tin). Rinse. Clean aluminum pans or foil. Empty aerosol cans. Loose lids from jars.

Paper

Newspaper, boxes, bags, cardboard (flattened), magazines, catalogs, glossy paper, phone books, softcover books, shredded paper in clear bags, rinsed milk cartons, rinsed juice cartons, junk mail, envelopes, all colors of office paper.

What cannot be recycled

Glass

No drinking glasses, ceramics, window glass or mirrors, light bulbs or fluorescent tubes.

Plastic

No plastic bags, Styrofoam, non-bottle plastic-like toys, trays, cups, garden hoses, etc.

Metal

No electronic or computer equipment.

Paper

No hardcover books or binders, soiled papers, food wrappings, napkins, tissues or towels.

No Hazardous Waste!

Manager's Corner

Hello again, Tom Phillips here. I received a lot of feedback from the previous editions of our "Manager's Corner" so it looks like it's here to stay. This time around I am focusing on issues that customers have requested more information on. Of course, there will be a few things thrown in there from me, because I just can't help myself.

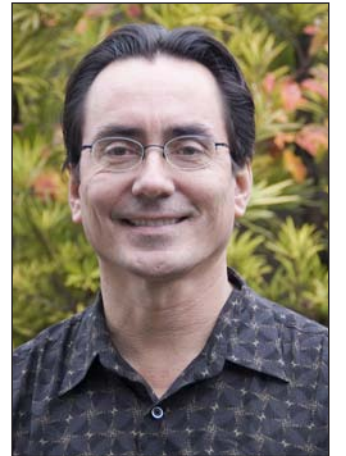
Let's start with credit cards or debit cards. We don't take credit card payments at our office, but if you go to www.vallejogarbage.com, you can pay your bill using your credit card or debit card. There is no fee for this service. That's correct, fee free. Easier done than said.

Next is our bulky item collection service. Did you know that residential customers are entitled to four bulky item collections a year? Yep, it's true. No extra charge. Just call our office and schedule to have an extra two yards of trash collected on your regular collection day. The good part is that you get to choose the day. What a deal! If you have a lot of stuff laying around, then schedule all four of your yearly bulky item collections done at one time. Please remember, one large appliance or piece of furniture counts as one bulky item collection. Also, no yard waste, E-waste, or hazardous waste can be set out with the bulky item collection. Please call our office for all of the details.

We have been getting a few calls

about missing carts. We aren't sure why, but carts do get stolen. Sometimes, however, our drivers will have the carts pulled to be repaired or replaced if they're severely damaged. Please call our office and just let us know that your cart is missing, and we will take care of it. Recently, there has been a rash of cart misconduct taking place in certain neighborhoods. Numerous carts from one block are moved to another block and dumped in the street. If you see this happening, please call us, and we will come out and try to get the carts back to the right address. You should put your address on your cart. Use a permanent marker and not paint to do so. The marker just looks neater.

Lastly, remember that there is a city ordinance that states that carts must be removed from the street and placed back out of sight by the end of the day after collection. Understandably, the carts may be left out overnight if we are coming back again the next day for one reason or another. However, carts left out day after day are in violation of the city ordinance and just don't look good. Okay, I think I'm done for now. If you would like to email me about any of your trash related inquiries, you may do so by going to our website at www.vallejogarbage.com.



Tom Phillips is the Operations Manager for Vallejo Garbage Service. Part of his responsibilities are to make sure customers receive all the services they are entitled to and also to make sure customers follow all the rules and regulations.

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