

# Vallejo Views

The  
newsletter  
from  
Vallejo  
Garbage  
Service

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Commercial recycling really pays off...

## Help Us Help...

On any work day, trucks from **Vallejo Garbage Service** can be seen collecting their early morning routes. It was during the fall a few years back that **VGS** drivers noticed children on their way to school who were not wearing coats. Drivers began looking for ways to help.

"It is hard to imagine a recycling effort with a better beginning than our *Coats for Kids* drive," explains Peter Friesen, General Manager of **Vallejo Garbage Service**. "Some families were throwing away perfectly good coats as their children outgrew them and other families were going without. Our employees wanted to create a connection between these two groups."

**VGS** now holds an annual coat drive where drivers collect unwanted children's coats and jackets. The collected items are then cleaned and distributed directly to needy children by the Vallejo Salvation Army.

"This has always been a coordinated effort between **VGS**, the City of Vallejo staff, and many other businesses," said Friesen. "This year, however, we are asking our fellow businesses for even more help."

**VGS** is inviting Vallejo businesses to develop their own internal drives for children's coats. These coats will then be added to those that **VGS** drivers collect. Children's coats of all



**VGS** is inviting other businesses to join in and help gather children's coats for the upcoming *Coats for Kids* drive.

sizes are desperately needed.

"Consider this as a holiday project for your business," suggests Friesen. "It is a great way to keep good clothes out of the landfill, and you will be directly helping Vallejo children to keep warm during the cold weather and rainy season."

The coats will be collected during the week of October 29. Businesses that participate can bring their collections to **VGS** at the end of the week. You may also call us at 552-3110 for other collection options.

"We are giving businesses plenty of time to put together their own collection programs," said Friesen. "There are many needy children depending on us. We are just proud to do our part to help."

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## Coastal Cleanup Day



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 23rd Annual Coastal Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday, September 15.

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

### Green Wood Not Welcome

Wood that is commonly used in construction is now on the growing list of hazardous materials. Pressure-treated wood is commonly seen as stained green or reddish-brown lumber with a stamped surface. It can no longer be placed in the trash. The material will also be turned away from the Household Hazardous Waste facilities.

It is expected that the State will announce a disposal solution in the near future, but for now customers are forced to keep any pressure-treated scrap. Drivers must tag any container that includes pressure-treated material. This *Vallejo Views* newsletter will publish disposal solutions as soon as they are available.

### Compost Classes

Learn everything you need to know about earthworm composting or starting and maintaining a compost pile at upcoming VALCORE workshops that are sponsored by the City of Vallejo. Participants may win one of two Bio Stack compost bins. The workshops will be held on September 8 and October 6 from 10 AM until Noon

at VALCORE, 38 Sheridan Street in Vallejo.

### Watch Out For Food and Garbage

Food waste, garbage or other non-recyclable materials will cause recycling containers to be tagged and either left unemptied or emptied and charged as garbage. Check your recycling containers to see if your employees are following the rules.

### We Will Help With the Cleaning

If your office is due for a makeover, call **VGS** to have recycling containers delivered. You can then fill the containers with office paper and other recyclable materials. **VGS** also offers one of the best rates on document shredding. Call us at 552-3110 to learn all the ways we can help with your office cleanup project.

### Just Ask Lisa How to Save

Do you want to save money on your garbage bill? Then just call Lisa LeFebvre at **VGS**. She will help you implement a commercial recycling program. This service is free, and many businesses report significant savings on their bills just by recycling. Commercial customers in Vallejo pay for services based on volume. The collection of recyclable materials is at no additional cost.

Lisa and her staff will custom design a recycling program that fits the specific needs of any business or commercial rental complex of 5 units or more. Contact Lisa at 552-3110 or [LLeFebvre@vallejogarbage.com](mailto:LLeFebvre@vallejogarbage.com).



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