

# Vallejo Views

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newsletter  
from  
Vallejo  
Garbage  
Service

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## The Warmth of a Smile!

Your unwanted coats and jackets might soon bring smiles to your neighbors. Vallejo businesses once again have the opportunity to join with **Vallejo Garbage Service** in the **Coats for Kids** drive. This is one of the most effortless ways to help others. Start now by collecting good quality used coats and jackets from your employees or customers. **VGS** drivers will be collecting donations from residents between Monday, November 2, and Friday, November 6. You can also drop off your donations to the **VGS** facility at 2021 Broadway or bring them to Spring Cleaners at 312 Tennessee Street. Spring Cleaners of Vallejo will once again clean and launder the donated items.

All donations will be distributed to families in need at the Vallejo Salvation Army.

The **Coats for Kids** drive is a unique way to reduce the amount of materials that go to the landfill while providing a much needed family support service.

"There are so many in need this year," said **VGS** General Manager Peter Friesen. "We encourage all Vallejo businesses to help us with the **Coats for Kids** drive."

### Relay for Life Team

**Vallejo Garbage Service** was a Silver Sponsor of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in early August. A team from **VGS** walked over



Help keep families in need warm by donating clean used coats and jackets to the **Coats for Kids** drive. Start collecting donations now at your place of business.

50 miles during the event to raise funds for cancer research. The team also provided garbage and recycling services for the event held at St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School in Vallejo.



Photo by Brian Cornelius of **VGS** employees at the Relay for Life.

### No Trash in the Recyclables

Garbage, hazardous waste, plastic bags, and other improper materials are not allowed in the recyclables container. Make sure your employees know what can and cannot be recycled. Contaminated materials will be tagged and left by your driver. You must then either remove the contaminated materials or have your container emptied as trash. Avoid the extra cost and aggravation. Call us at 552- 3110 for ways we can help.

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## We're Making Changes!



For over 80 years **Vallejo Garbage Service** has been serving our community with garbage disposal services. Over the last few decades, however, our company has changed its mission to providing solutions that focus on recovery rather than disposal.

The employee-owners of **Vallejo Garbage Service** are now changing our name to **Recology Vallejo**. The parent company to **VGS, Norcal Waste Systems, Inc.**, is now simply **Recology**.

"We changed our name because the primary focus of our business has changed," said Peter Friesen, General Manager of **Recology Vallejo**. "Our industry is no longer about hauling waste, it is about reducing waste to zero. **Recology Vallejo** will continue to provide the leadership and support so our community is able to use less resources and get more from what we use."

Friesen is clear that while the name has changed the most important aspects of the company remain the same. "The people who work for this company also own the company," explains Friesen. "We all take great pride in providing our customers with the best service possible."

### Holiday Collection Schedule

Refuse collections will not be made on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26. Thursday customers will have materials collected on Friday, November 27. Friday customers will have materials collected on Saturday, November 28.

Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Friday this year. All Friday collections during these holiday weeks will shift one day to Saturday.

The recycling facilities at **Recology Vallejo** on Broadway in Vallejo will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Holiday schedule information is available at [www.vallejogarbage.com](http://www.vallejogarbage.com).

That is our greatest strength and it is one thing that will never change."

### Leadership Vallejo

Congratulations to **Recology Vallejo** employees Susan Slater, Office Manager, and James Canady, Driver, for being accepted into the Vallejo Leadership Program. The Leadership Program identifies, educates, and trains individuals interested in community organizations and becoming the future leaders of Vallejo.

### Energy Savings

**Recology Vallejo** saved 192,495 kWh of electricity this past year at their Broadway facility by switching to energy saving light bulbs. That's a reduction in CO2 emissions of 100,097 pounds a year.

### Get Ready for Holiday Trash

The holiday season means lots of extra trash for our commercial customers. Services from **Recology Vallejo** that will help with the extra holiday volume include free recycling of cardboard, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, soft cover books, mixed paper, office paper, chipboard, and some packing materials.

Extra garbage pickup is also available for unexpected overloads. Just call or click on our website at [www.vallejogarbage.com](http://www.vallejogarbage.com) for information on these extra services.

Lisa LeFebvre is ready to design a recycling program that works best for your business. Just contact Lisa at 552-3110 or by email at [LLeFebvre@vallejogarbage.com](mailto:LLeFebvre@vallejogarbage.com).



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