

# Vallejo Views

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Vallejo  
Garbage  
Service

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*Commercial recycling really pays off...*

## **Service Upgrade Complete!**

The most extensive garbage service improvements ever attempted in Vallejo will be complete by August 6 when weekly yard-waste service begins.

"This is the last step in a massive effort to bring services in line with our neighboring communities," explains Peter Friesen, General Manager of **Vallejo Garbage Service**. "I can't

say enough about the cooperation we have had from our customers and from the City staff who oversaw the conversion."

Vallejo residents now have fully automated collection services. Large trucks with robotic arms empty standard containers, and these improvements also have an impact on commercial customers of **VGS**.

"The streets around Vallejo now have uniform carts replacing the mixed private containers," said Friesen. "The carts keep materials safe from winds and rain, and they look much nicer in the neighborhoods. Customers now have more disposal options. The ultimate hope is that our community will be much cleaner."

Some commercial customers have been confused by the delivery, or lack of delivery, of new carts for their recyclables or trash. While most multi-family unit commercial customers have had new carts delivered,



The uniform carts that have been provided to residential and some commercial customers have resulted in more aesthetically pleasing neighborhoods in Vallejo.

most commercial customers have not had their carts replaced.

"Now that the new system is in place we are making the necessary adjustments to all our routes," explains Friesen. "Most commercial customers have the proper carts for their service needs, but we are making adjustments when necessary. As a result some commercial customers are getting new carts and some are not."

Customers with questions about their service should call **VGS** at 552-3110. Most commercial customers can benefit from implementing a commercial recycling program, and this phone call is the best way to get started if your program is not yet in place.

"Overall, we are quite pleased with the upgraded service program in Vallejo," said Friesen. "All of our drivers and other staff have really stepped up to make this transition as smooth as possible. We still have some minor tweaking to do, but this is a great improvement for all of Vallejo."

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## Pressure-Treated Wood Ban



Pressure-treated lumber has just been added to a growing list of hazardous materials. There currently is no disposal option for this material.

Wood that is commonly used in construction has just been added to the 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.

"We see this more and more," explains **VGS** General Manager Peter Friesen. "The State bans a certain material before they announce the disposal options. The consumer is stuck with waste materials they cannot get rid of until the State develops options."

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 has 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 12 Noon at VALCORE, 38 Sheridan Street in Vallejo.

### 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 21st 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.

### Just Ask Lisa How to Save

There might not be much you can do about taxes and the rising cost of gas, but there is an easy way to save on your garbage bill. Join the growing number of businesses that are using commercial recycling services to save on their garbage costs. Many businesses report savings of up to fifty percent 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.

"The word is out," explains **VGS** Recycling Manager Lisa LeFebvre. "Every bit of recyclable material in the trash is money wasted. Recycling really pays off, and we are here to make sure the program works."

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. There is no charge for this service. The result is one of the easiest ways to reduce expenses. Contact Lisa at 552-3110 or [LLeFebvre@vallejogarbage.com](mailto:LLeFebvre@vallejogarbage.com).



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