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The
newsletter
from
Vallejo
Garbage
Service

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Now More Than Ever!

These are challenging economic times, but there is an easy way to help Vallejo families in need. The **Coats for Kids** drive is gearing up now and Vallejo businesses are encouraged to help **VGS** collect good quality used children's coats and jackets. **VGS** will collect donations from residential customers between November 3 and November 7. The donated items will then be cleaned and distributed through the Vallejo Salvation Army in November to local families in need.

Local businesses can help by organizing their own coat drive and encouraging their employees to bring in unwanted coats and jackets. While children's coats are always in short supply, adult sizes are also needed.

Spring Cleaners of Vallejo has once again volunteered to clean and launder the donated items. The cleaners is located at 312 Tennessee Street in Vallejo. This is the sixth year the company has cleaned the donated items before they are distributed through the Vallejo Salvation Army.

"We really need the community to help out this year," said **VGS** Manager Peter Friesen. "Children and families in need require our help now more than ever."

Businesses that collect items for

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Help **Vallejo Garbage Service** collect good quality used children's coats during the *Coats for Kids* drive. Encourage your employees to start a coat drive.

the **Coats for Kids** drive may drop their donations off at Spring Cleaners or at the **VGS** office on Broadway. The **Coats for Kids** drive is seen as a unique way to reduce the amount of materials that go to the landfill while providing a much needed family support service.

"We know our commercial customers will be as generous as our residential customers," said Friesen. "This is a group effort, and we are proud to be a part of helping the community spread the warmth to those who need it most."

Rate Adjustment

Customers will note that garbage rates have increased 4.9% for residential and commercial customers. The new rates are effective as of October 1, 2008.



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Paper But **NO** Plastic!



Plastic bags offer a great way to package or carry materials, but plastic bags must never go into your recycling containers. Plastic bags that appear in the recycling stream must be physically removed by garbage workers. Plastic bags

may also cause your recycling containers to be tagged as contaminated.

Drivers are trained to spot contamination. They must tag contaminated containers and leave them unemptied. Customers must then either remove the contamination or pay to have the containers emptied as garbage.

A better approach is to frequently check your recycling containers to make sure that your employees or tenants are understanding the rules. It is easy to recycle properly, and proper monitoring helps keep your recycling program running smoothly.

Congratulations Winners!

Angie's Hot Dogs; Dr. Artmond Louie, DDS; and West Hubcaps and Monarch Auto have

Holiday Collection Schedule

Refuse collections will not be made on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 27. Thursday customers will have materials collected on Friday, November 28. Friday customers will have materials collected on Saturday, November 29.

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

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

all won the City of Vallejo's Recycling Rewards contest. These winners will have \$500 deducted from their garbage bills.

Lock Up to Stop Illegal Dumping

Let **Vallejo Garbage Service** help you prevent unwanted trash from being dumped illegally in your recycling containers. We will provide locks and keys for containers that help eliminate this problem. Just call us if you need assistance!

Free Paint

VGS has a limited supply of recycled latex paint that is available free to non-profit groups, community organizations, and residents. Call us at 552-3110 for information.

Get Ready for Holiday Trash

The holiday season means lots of extra trash! Services from **VGS** 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.

For a reasonable fee we will collect scrap metal, green waste, wood, dirt, concrete, and computer screens or televisions with cathode ray tubes. Extra garbage pickup is also available for unexpected overloads. Just call or click on our website www.vallejogarbage.com for information on these 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.



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