

## Striking Back at Thieves

A new procedure by **Recology Vallejo** drivers is hoped to stop the growing number of thieves who steal cardboard from commercial recycling bins. Drivers who discover unlocked, empty bins will remove the containers. Customers must then pay to have the bins returned.

"The commercial recycling service is really taking a hit," explains **Recology Vallejo** General Manager, Peter Friesen. "Most of the thefts are preventable by security measures available to commercial customers who recycle cardboard. It is critical that customers take the necessary steps to stop thieves."

Reselling the cardboard and other recyclable materials helps to offset the cost of the commercial recycling program, but the rash of stolen materials is creating a serious problem. Vallejo business owners know that a



The value of cardboard has risen to a record high. The increased value has also brought an increase in the theft of cardboard in Vallejo.

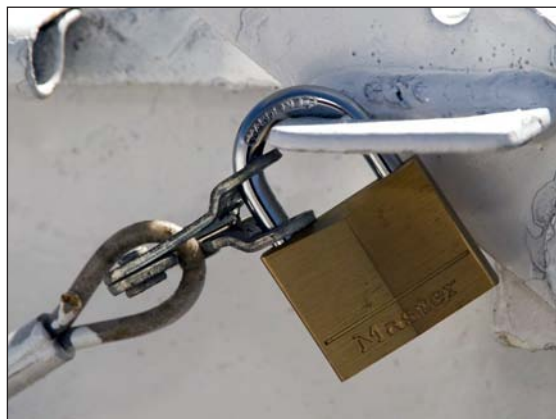
commercial recycling program is the best way to keep garbage bills low, but thieves are now emptying containers on a regular basis.

"**Recology Vallejo** provides locks to our commercial customers," explains Friesen, "but customers have to use the locks and must let us know if the locks are cut."

Thieves sometimes simply borrow the key to the bin from unsuspecting employees. All **Recology** drivers are in uniforms with a company logo. Authorized drivers carry keys to the bins, so they will never ask to borrow keys from your employees.

Business owners are urged to make sure that employees are securing recycling bins properly. It is also important to help employees identify unauthorized people who are attempting to empty the bins.

"Just a few easy precautions will reduce cardboard theft significantly," said Friesen. "Call us if you experience ongoing problems with cardboard thieves, and we will work with you on solutions."



**Recology Vallejo** provides locks like this for your cardboard bins. Make sure employees securely lock them and report any locks that have been cut. Never loan keys to unauthorized people.

# Vallejo Views

## Spring Tips

**Recology Vallejo** will collect extra garbage or recyclables at your regular collection times. We provide additional collections during the week and deliver debris boxes of 20 yards or more for periodic garbage overloads. Extra charges apply. Call 552-3110 for information and prices.

Our drivers will empty cardboard bins as many times as needed or deliver additional or larger recycling bins. There are no extra charges for these services.

### Relay for Life Rummage Sale

Come to the **Recology Vallejo** Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 1, at 2021 Broadway from 8 AM until 1 PM. All proceeds benefit the Relay for Life Cancer Event.

### Recycling Keeps Garbage Bills Low

Removing recyclable materials from the trash is an easy way to save on your garbage bill. **Recology Vallejo** Recycling Manager, Lisa LeFebvre will provide a free recycling analysis to any business or commercial rental complex of 5 units or more. She will come to your location, analyze your trash flow, and then recommend a customized program that works best for you. To get started recycling, contact Lisa by calling 552-3110 or by emailing her at [LLeFebvre@recology.com](mailto:LLeFebvre@recology.com).



Lisa LeFebvre

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## Thanks, Boss!

Those who work for **Recology** understand the importance of giving back. This is a challenge that Peter Friesen has met with vigor during his service to the company. Peter was hired in 1988 as Operations Manager. He is retiring on June 1 as General Manager and Vice President. Peter leaves behind an extensive record of community service and dedicated commitment to positive change for the Vallejo Community.



Peter Friesen  
General Manager

Peter served as the Chairman of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce in 2002. He received the Vallejo Chamber Man of the Year award in 2003. He led the company to be recognized as the Chamber's Business of the Year in 1998 and received the Spirit of Solano award from Westamerica Bank in 2002.

Peter has been a member of Vallejo Rotary since 1988 and served as President of that club in 1998. Additionally, Peter served on the first Board of Directors for Leadership Vallejo, on the Salvation Army Board for seven years, and on the Sutter Solano Foundation Board.

Peter plans on perfecting his golf game when he retires in June. He lives in Napa with his wife Patty and her daughter Mimi. Peter has a son Mark who lives and works in San Francisco and a daughter Katie who lives and works in Vacaville.