

# Vallejo Views

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Commercial recycling really pays off...

## Cardboard Thieves Strike!

The economic downturn seems to be fueling an increase in the amount of stolen cardboard in Vallejo. **Vallejo Garbage Service** provides bins to commercial customers who recycle cardboard. 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 commercial recycling program is the best way to keep garbage bills low, but thieves are now emptying containers on a regular basis.

"VGS provides locks to commercial



The cardboard above is baled and stacked waiting to be sold to vendors. These sales help offset the cost of the collection program.

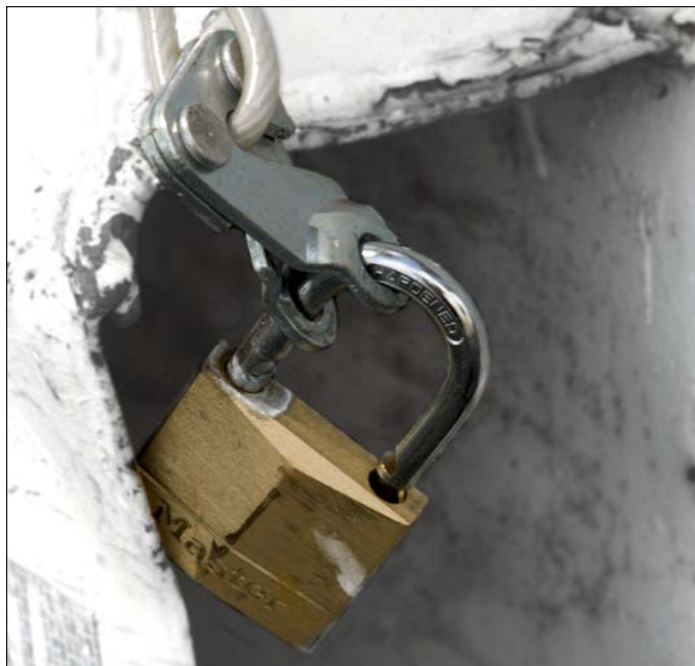
customers," explains **VGS** General Manager Peter Friesen, "but customers have to use the locks and must let us know if locks are cut."

Thieves sometimes simply borrow the key to the bin from unsuspecting employees. All **VGS** drivers wear uniforms with **Vallejo Gar-**

**bage Service** logos. 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 thefts significantly," said Friesen. "Call us if you experience ongoing problems and we will work with you on solutions."



**VGS** 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.

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## Important Trash & Recycling Tips!



Last year's Coastal Cleanup Day in Vallejo (pictured above) brought out a host of volunteers who removed thousands of pounds of debris from waterways around Vallejo. **VGS** was one of the sponsors of the event.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Coastal Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday, September 19, from 9 AM until noon. Lunch will be provided to volunteers.

Vallejo's Coastal Cleanup Day is sponsored by Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District, VALCORE, the City of Vallejo, the Greater Vallejo Recreation District, Solano County, and **Vallejo Garbage Service**. Register by calling 55-EARTH or clicking on [www.Recycle-Guide.com](http://www.Recycle-Guide.com).

### Extra Service Solutions

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

**VGS** will empty cardboard bins as many times as needed or deliver additional or larger recycling bins.

There are no extra charges for these services.

### No Food or 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. Make sure your employees follow the rules.

### No Oil or Paint

Do not place cooking oil or unused paint into garbage carts. Take these materials to the **VGS** Recycling Facility, 2021 Broadway, Thursday through Saturday from 8AM until 4PM. You may also bring magazines, office paper, newspaper, auto batteries, oil, latex paint, and antifreeze for recycling.

### Let Us Help Keep Your Costs Down

A commercial recycling program is the best way to keep your garbage bill low. **VGS** Recycling Manager Lisa LeFebvre will come to your location and provide the recycling support that best fits your specific needs. She will then set up a program that is just right for you. Lisa is available to meet with HOAs, businesses, organizations, schools, and other groups who would like more information on recycling. To schedule a convenient time for your presentation, or to get your recycling program started, call Lisa at 552-3110 or email her at [LLeFebvre@vallejogarbage.com](mailto:LLeFebvre@vallejogarbage.com).



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