

Vallejo Views

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The Warmth of a Smile!

Your unwanted coats and jackets might soon bring smiles to your neighbors. Vallejo residents once again have the opportunity to participate in the **Coats for Kids** drive. This is one of the most effortless ways to help others. Just gather your good quality used coats and jackets, and place them in a bag that is clearly marked "**Coats for Kids.**" Set the bag next to your trash container on your regular collection day between Monday, November 2, and Friday, November 6. Make sure your route driver can clearly see the label on your donation bag.

Drivers from **Vallejo Garbage Service** will collect your donation which will be distributed to families in need at the Vallejo Salvation Army.

Spring Cleaners of Vallejo will once again clean and launder the donated items.

Children's coats and jackets may also be delivered to Spring Cleaners at 312 Tennessee Street, or drop off your donation to **VGS** at 2021 Broadway in Vallejo.

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 are grateful to everyone in Vallejo who donates to the **Coats for Kids** drive."



Employees from **VGS** sort out donations during last year's **Coats for Kids** drive. Set your items out for collection by **VGS** drivers between November 2 and 6.



Help keep families in need warm by donating clean used coats and jackets to the **Coats for Kids** drive. Items will be collected by **VGS** drivers between November 2 and 6.

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 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.

Extra Holiday Trash

Large corrugated cardboard boxes, such as bicycle and appliance boxes, are accepted at the **VGS** Recycling Facility. The facility is open Thursday through Saturday from 8 AM until 4

PM. It is closed on December 25 and January 1. Magazines, office paper, newspaper, household and auto batteries, used motor oil and filters, latex paint, fluorescent bulbs, and antifreeze are also accepted for recycling.

Recycle Phone Books

New phone books will be distributed in October. Old phone books may be deposited in your blue recyclables cart for collection.

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We're Making Changes!



WASTE ZERO

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

Lids Flip in Vallejo



Recology Vallejo Supervisor Eric Banks and Recycling Auditor Adrian Yanez are pictured to the left as they inspect one of the thousands of blue carts during the "Flip the Lid" campaign.

Residents who were sorting recyclables properly were given a green "Congratulations" tag.

"It was a great way to educate customers," explains Banks. "We noticed an immediate drop in contaminated containers as soon as the program began."

Garbage, hazardous waste, plastic bags, and other improper materials are not allowed in the blue recyclables cart. Contaminated carts will be tagged and left unemptied. Check the following list for the proper materials that can be placed in your recyclables cart.

What can be recycled

Glass-All beverage and food containers in all colors. Empty container, rinse, and remove lid or cap.

Plastic-All #1 through #7 narrow-neck bottles (water, soda, and detergent bottles). All California Redemption Value (CRV) containers. All colors. Plastic tubs for margarine, butter, yogurt, etc. Empty containers, rinse, and remove lid or cap.

Metal-Food and beverage cans (aluminum, steel, and tin). Rinse. Clean aluminum pans or foil. Empty aerosol cans. Loose lids from jars.

Paper-Newspaper, boxes, bags, cardboard (flattened), magazines, catalogs, glossy paper, phone books, softcover books, shredded paper in paper bags, rinsed milk cartons, rinsed juice cartons, junk mail, envelopes, all colors of office paper.

What cannot be recycled

Glass-No drinking glasses, ceramics, window glass or mirrors, light bulbs or fluorescent tubes.

Plastic-No non-bottle plastic-like toys, trays, cups, garden hoses, etc., plastic bags, Styrofoam, PVC or other piping.

Metal-No electronic or computer equipment, hangers, scrap metal, fuel tanks, propane tanks, etc.

Paper-No hardcover books or binders, soiled papers, food wrappings, napkins, tissues or towels.

No Hazardous Waste!

Tree Recycling

Start thinking about recycling your holiday trees! Local nonprofit groups collect holiday trees for a small donation each year. Look for notices of collection times and help support our community groups.

Recology Vallejo also has a tree recycling option. If your tree is free of all nails, tinsel, ornaments, and stand then cut it up and place it in the green yardwaste cart. Trees that are not free of these materials and all flocked trees must go in the trash cart.

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.

Holiday Schedule

There will be no collections on Thanksgiving, November 26. Thursday customers will have materials collected on Friday. Friday customers will have materials collected on Saturday.

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

The Recycling Facility and **Recology Vallejo** offices on Broadway will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Holiday schedule information is available at www.vallejogarbage.com.



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