

# Pressure-Treated Wood Ban



Pressure-treated lumber has just been added to a growing list of hazardous materials. There currently are no disposal options for this material, but **VGS** will notify customers when State regulations provide guidance on legal disposal methods.

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.

## Schedule Your Bulky Item Collection

Customers now have four *Bulky Item Collections* available each year at no extra charge. **VGS** will collect up to two cubic yards of materials right at your curbside. These collections may include items like furniture, a refrigerator, trash

bags, or any combination of materials that total less than two cubic yards.

Your *Bulky Item Collection* takes place the same day as your regular trash collection. Call us at least one business day before your collection day to schedule your *Bulky Item Collection*. There are a limited number of pickups available each day—so call as early as possible. If all slots are filled for your first choice of dates, then we will schedule your *Bulky Item Collection* for the first available date.

You may schedule all four collections with a single phone call, schedule collections when they are most convenient to you, and schedule more than one two-cubic yard collection on the same day. You may not, however, schedule more than four collections each calendar year.

Check the **VGS** website at [www.vallejogarbage.com](http://www.vallejogarbage.com) for information on the materials that can be set out for collection, or call us at 552-3110 if you need information about any of the services we provide.

## CARE Discount Rate

Customers who are enrolled in PG&E's CARE (California Alternative Rates for Energy) program qualify for discounted garbage rates. Just bring or mail a copy of your PG&E bill to the main office of **VGS** on Broadway Street, and we will apply the discount to your garbage rates.

## Free Composting Classes

VALCORE and the City of Vallejo will host free composting classes on September 8 and October 6 at 10 AM at VALCORE, 38 Sheridan Street in Vallejo. Please call 645-8258 to register. Two *Bio Stack* composting bins will be given away at each class.

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# Conversion Complete!



Weekly yardwaste service begins in Vallejo on August 6. Customers will be notified if their collection day changes as **VGS** completes one of the most ambitious rounds of service improvements ever attempted in Vallejo.

The most extensive garbage service improvements ever attempted in Vallejo will be complete by August 6 when weekly yardwaste 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 the great support we received from the City staff who oversaw the conversion."

The weekly yardwaste service also corresponds with the revamping of collection routes. Many customers will see their collection days change. Tags with the new dates will be placed on garbage carts beginning July 23.

"The new automated trucks are able to empty more carts each day than our older trucks," said Friesen. "We now need to remap our collection routes to match the more efficient collection method."

Weekly yardwaste coupled with the new large yardwaste carts results in a much greater volume of yardwaste that can be collected each week.

"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 services will be even more efficient and easy to use."

Most customers are pleased with the expanded services, but some are needing adjustments in the size of their garbage carts.

"Now that the new carts have been delivered and the overall change in service is nearing completion, we are making the necessary adjustments for individual customers," explains Friesen. "The route changes and launch of weekly yardwaste collection service are now the final steps in this massive change in service."

Customers with questions about their service should call **VGS** at 552-3110 or visit the **VGS** website at [www.vallejogarbage.com](http://www.vallejogarbage.com). A colorful pamphlet that summarizes the new services is also included in this month's garbage bill.

"Overall, we are quite pleased with the upgraded service program in Vallejo," said Friesen. "This is a great improvement for all of Vallejo."

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## Service Made Easy!



The final step to modernize Vallejo's collection services will be taken on August 6 when weekly yardwaste service begins.

Customers may use privately owned containers along with their green yardwaste carts until August 3. Beginning August 6 only carts provided by VGS can be serviced by the automated collection trucks.

The service improvements that started last October will be completed on August 6 when weekly yardwaste service begins. These "Service Made Easy" changes offer some of the most substantial improvements to Vallejo customers in years.

### New Carts

Customers no longer have to purchase their own containers or rent carts from VGS. All carts are now provided and maintained by VGS as part of your improved service. You may mark your address on your new carts with spray paint or a marker.

### Route Changes

The more efficient automated trucks are able to empty more carts each day than the old system. As a result, collection routes are being redrawn. Many customers will have their collection days change. Watch for tags on your garbage carts between July 23 and August 3 to notify you if your collection day has changed. Garbage, yardwaste, recyclables, and used oil & filters are all collected on the same day. Call us if you have questions about your correct collection day.

### Blue Carts

You no longer need to sort recyclable materials into your blue carts. Just fill up containers with the proper materials. The containers will be

emptied every week.

### Gray for Trash

The gray cart you receive matches the size of your current garbage service. It is easy to change the level of your service, but your garbage bill is based on the size of your gray cart. Changes in the size of the gray cart will result in the adjustment of your garbage bill. Privately owned trash cans are no longer serviced.

### Weekly Yardwaste

Weekly yardwaste collection service begins on August 6.

### Wheels to the Curb

Set out each cart for collection with the wheels touching the curb. The lid should open toward the street and the handle should be in the back. Make sure that there is at least three feet between each cart and make sure that no cart is closer than three feet from any car or other obstacle. Do not block sidewalks with carts.



Currently, yardwaste is collected every other week. Privately owned containers will continue to be serviced until August 3. Beginning August 6 only yardwaste carts issued by VGS will be serviced.

### Automated Trucks

Customers will notice a new type of truck on the streets. Robotic arms on the new trucks will grab the carts to empty them. This automated service is faster and safer than manual collection.

The trucks are

fascinating to watch, and young children especially enjoy watching them in action. Please use caution and keep safe distances from the working trucks.

### VGS Recycling Facility

The VGS Recycling Facility, 2021 Broadway, is open from Thursday through Saturday, 8 AM until 4 PM. Bring your used cooking oil, unused latex paint, magazines, office paper, newspaper, auto batteries, oil, and antifreeze for recycling.

### Contact Us!

A special publication summarizing the new services is being delivered with this newsletter. Customers may also click on [www.vallejogarbage.com](http://www.vallejogarbage.com) for updated information. Check your Vallejo Views newsletter each quarter for important updates on all our services. As always, call us at 552-3110 if you have any questions.

### Quick Facts:

- Here is a list of the information about the new service that customers frequently ask:
- Weekly yardwaste begins August 6.
  - Recycle your old yardwaste calendars after August 6. They will no longer be used.
  - The day of the week we collect your trash, yardwaste and recyclables may change. Look for tags on your garbage cart announcing your new date. If you have questions, call us!
  - Charges for weekly yardwaste are built into your rates. There is no extra charge when weekly yardwaste begins.
  - City staff recommended the new service improvements to the City Council. The City Council approved the change and asked VGS to implement the new services.
  - Call us at 552-3110 if you have questions!

### Proper Cart Placement

Proper placement of the carts is key to the success of the program. Use the diagram on the address panel if you have any questions regarding where to place your carts or recyclable materials. Contact our office at 552-3110 if we can help.

### REMEMBER • REMEMBER • REMEMBER

- Keep all carts at least 3 feet apart
- Don't park cars within 3 feet of carts
- Carts should face street with the lids opening toward the street, handles in back, numbers & address in front
  - Don't block the sidewalk
- Put materials out by 5:00 AM on collection day
- Remove carts from street by 6:00 PM

