

Keeping Vallejo Warm, CARE Discount

The generosity of the Vallejo community is now keeping hundreds of residents warm. The annual "Coats for Kids" drive that was held in early November collected good quality used coats and blankets that were distributed to needy local families at the Vallejo Salvation Army on November 19.

"The recipients really appreciated their new coats and blankets," said **Vallejo Garbage Service** Manager Peter Friese. "Everyone who donated an item or was involved in the program should be proud."

Drivers from **VGS** collected donated clothing that had been set out at curbside by Vallejo residents. Spring Cleaners of Vallejo then donated their cleaning and laundering services before the items were distributed by the Vallejo Salvation Army.

The City of Vallejo Recycling Department sponsors the "Coats for Kids" drive because it reduces the amount of materials going to the landfill while providing a vital family service.

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 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.

Courtesy Lien Notices Sent

Notices of delinquent accounts have been mailed out. The notices are especially aimed at landlords who might be unaware that their tenants' garbage bills are unpaid. The property owner, not the tenant, is ultimately responsible for payment of garbage bills. The City of Vallejo has the authority to lien properties with overdue



On November 19 local residents were able to collect Thanksgiving food supplies and items donated through the "Coats for Kids" drive. The Vallejo Salvation Army coordinated the charity event.

accounts. Customers can avoid these liens by checking their accounts early. Please call 552-3110 for questions and account balances.

Keep it Covered!

Please keep carts and trash cans covered. A tightly covered container keeps debris from flying and keeps rain out. Rain water can add considerable weight to the containers, making them difficult to empty.

Yardwaste Calendars Mailed



Customers should have their new yardwaste calendars for 2007. These calendars give helpful information about the new service changes. The calendars also highlight the weeks that yardwaste will be collected at your home. Customers will find two passes inside the calendar that are good for the Yardwaste Drop-Off at **VGS**. If you do not have your calendar, call 552-3110.

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E-Waste & Tire Recycling Day



Vallejo residents and businesses may dispose of an unlimited amount of E-Waste and up to 10 tires on Saturday, April 21. Employees from **VGS** will empty vehicles as shown at last year's event, pictured above.

The annual E-Waste and Tire Recycling Day is a great time to recycle old tires and electronic equipment that may not be disposed of in the trash. Mark your calendar for the event that will be held on Saturday, April 21, from 8 AM until 3 PM. Residential and commercial customers will be able to dispose of an unlimited amount of televisions, computer monitors and other electronic waste for free. Up to ten tires per customer may also be recycled at the event. The E-Waste and Tire Recycling event will be held at **VGS** at 2021 Broadway in Vallejo. Crews will be on site to empty your vehicle.

Carts Ready!

There are numerous service improvements underway in Vallejo. One of the most exciting is the delivery of new carts. Crews will begin

Winter 2007



A storage yard on Broadway is overflowing with new carts. **VGS** will be delivering the carts to customers through March as part of the new "Service Made Easy" improvements that are currently underway.



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Service Made Easy!



Gray Cart- Trash

- choice of 32-, 64- or 96-gallon size
- garbage bill determined by size of cart selected
- cart provided and maintained by VGS
- emptied weekly
- keeps trash dry and contained with hinged lid
- easy to set out
- after delivery, leave old cans out for collection and disposal

Vallejo customers will notice many additional service changes that are making service even easier. The service improvements started on October 1, 2006, and will be complete by the summer of 2007. These changes in service offer some of the most substantial improvements in years.

New Carts

At the heart of the program are new carts. Customers no longer have to purchase their own containers or rent carts from VGS. There is no extra charge for the carts. The wheeled carts are easy to place out, keep streets looking neat, and keep materials safe and dry.

Crews from VGS will deliver the new carts to customers between January and March of 2007. VGS will maintain all carts after delivery.

Old Containers

VGS will collect old garbage cans and blue recycling carts. Just place the empty old containers out next to your full new carts on your regular collection day. Customers may keep their old trash cans or blue recycling bins if they wish.

No More Sorting

Right now, customers no longer need to sort recyclable materials into your blue bins or in the new carts when

they arrive. Just fill containers up with the proper materials. The containers will be emptied every week. Start using your blue cart as soon as it arrives. The wheeled cart is much easier to set out than the blue bins, and the covered cart keeps materials safe and dry.

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, and you can even make adjustments before your cart ar-

rives. Just call us!

Weekly Yardwaste

Use your yardwaste cart as soon as it arrives. The huge 96-gallon green cart

Green Cart-Yardwaste

- 96-gallon
- equal volume to three standard trash cans
- cart provided and maintained by VGS
- keeps trash dry and contained with hinged lid
- easy to set out
- follow yardwaste calendars through the summer
- emptied weekly by fall



is equal in size to three standard trash cans. Follow your yardwaste calendar to determine the weeks that yardwaste should be set out. It is important to remember that weekly yardwaste service will not begin until the the summer of 2007. By the

fall of 2007, customers will no longer need to check their yardwaste calendars, because yardwaste will be collected every week.

Automated Service

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

Contact Us!

A new telephone hotline at 551-2628 and our website at www.vallejogarbage.com both have details about the new service. Check your Vallejo Views newsletter each quarter for updates on these service improvements. As always, call us at 552-3110 if you have any questions.



Blue Cart- Recyclables

- 64-gallon
- equal volume to two standard trash cans
- 45% more volume than current blue bins
- cart provided and maintained by VGS
- emptied weekly
- no sorting of recyclables
- keeps trash dry and contained with hinged lid
- easy to set out
- keep old blue bins or set out empty by cart for collection

Call to Schedule Your Extra Trash Collections

Customers now have four Bulky Item Collections available each year at no extra charge! **Only two collections were allowed before, and now many additional types of materials may be set out for collection.** 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 are less than two cubic yards.

Call to Schedule Your Extra Trash Pickup

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 you for the first available date.

You may only schedule one collection per week, but you may schedule your weeks whenever they are most convenient for you! You will only be able to schedule four collections each calendar year.

Your yardwaste calendar has complete information on the materials that can be set out for collection and also gives complete rules for the service. Call us at 552-3110 if you need information about any of the services we provide.

