

We're Here to Help!

Employees from **Recology Vallejo** noticed that the grounds around the Continentals of Omega Boys and Girls Club were gradually falling into neglect. The Club is a centerpiece of Vallejo providing a safe place for students to study and acquire the skills they need for their future success. Helping restore the



Over 130 Recology employees from Vallejo, American Canyon, Vacaville Solano, Dixon and other affiliated companies volunteered to transform a neglected field into a beautifully landscaped play area at the Continentals of Omega Boys and Girls Club in Vallejo.



Michelle Gardner, CPO of the Boys and Girls Club, places the final piece of sod as Recology CEO Michael Sangiacomo stands to her right.

play area seemed like the perfect project for **Recology** employees to tackle.

"A volunteer committee put the word out to all **Recology** affiliates and the project began," explains **Recology Vallejo** General Manager Peter Friesen. "Over 130 employees answered the call and the transformation began."



Volunteers work together to lay new sod in the renovated play area in front of the Continentals of Omega Boys and Girls Club.

Heavy equipment from a landfill near Vacaville leveled the site and then volunteers spent weeks putting in irrigation systems, pouring concrete and preparing the soil for planting. On November 7, the entire crew



(Above) A shrub is planted by Maria from Recology Golden Gate. (Below) A young volunteer tests the swings.



of **Recology** volunteers came to the site to do the final planting, spread the ground cover and lay the sod.

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"We were overwhelmed by the number of employees who traveled great distances and volunteered their time on the final day of the restoration," said Friesen. "This effort is a tremendous example of how great results happen when people work together in the spirit of giving back."

Vallejo Views

A Change for the Better!



Vallejo Garbage Service has changed its name to **Recology Vallejo** but this change also involves a redefined mission for our company. For over 80 years **we provided**

garbage disposal services for Vallejo. Over the past few decades we have focused on recovery rather than disposal. Our mission is now "Waste Zero" and we pride ourselves as an important recourse as Vallejo works to get the most from the resources we use.

While our name has changed we continue to provide our customers with the best service possible.

Remember to make all payments payable to **Recology Vallejo**. Please consider reducing paper waste and postage costs by paying your bill through our online service. We accept charge cards and online check payments through our website at recologyvallejo.com.

No Plastic Bags or Garbage

Only leaves, grass clippings, weeds, bread, and tree or shrub prunings may be placed inside the 96-gallon green Toters®. No bags, plastic bags, non-yardwaste materials, animal feces, lumber, rocks, or any form of hazardous waste may be mixed with the yardwaste.

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 container, 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,



Hundreds of Vallejo children are now warm thanks to the generosity of **Recology Vallejo** customers who donated items for the Coats for Kids drive. The coats were collected by drivers and then distributed to Vallejo residents through the Salvation Army. Drivers are shown above sorting coats with Recology Recycling Manager Lisa LeFebvre.

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!

Courtesy Lien Notices Sent

Notices of delinquent accounts were mailed out on January 15. The notices are 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 accounts. Customers can avoid these liens by checking their accounts early. Please call 552-3110 for questions and account balances.

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 our main office on Broadway Street, and we will apply the discount to your garbage rates.

A World of Information

Click on our website for a host of recycling and disposal updates, past editions of Vallejo Views, electronic bill payment, holiday schedules, and other important information. Just click on: recologyvallejo.com



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Retroactive Rate Increase

The Vallejo City Council reviews garbage and recycling rates annually in September. Any changes to the rates are to be effective October 1st of any given year.

This year, due to circumstances beyond Recology's control, the final council decision was not made until November 10th.

Because of this, your bill for January through March also includes charges for the previous bill cycle (October through December 2009), the difference between the prior rate, and the new rate approved in November.



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Bulky Item Collection

Bulky Item Collections have changed from four collections to two collections. Residential customers may schedule up to two Bulky Item Collections beginning January 1, 2010. This service is a great way to dispose of problem items or to deal with unexpected overloads of trash. Call **Recology Vallejo** at 552-3110 at least one day before your regular collection day to schedule your Bulky Item Collection. Two cubic yards of material may be set out for each collection. Two cubic yards equal about ten 32-gallon bags, a couch, refrigerator, or other large item.

Customers with a large amount of materials may combine their two Bulky Item Collections into a single collection of four cubic yards.



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