

Innovation Award & Spring Tips



The **Recology Hay Road Landfill** was recognized as a finalist for the Solano County Innovator of the Year Award. **Recology** placed 80 landfill gas wells to collect the methane and carbon dioxide created by landfill materials. The collected landfill gas is converted to power in a gas-to-electricity power plant. This innovative bio-fuel generates 1.6 megawatts of electricity from the renewable energy that is enough to power 1,600 homes for a year. Conversion of the landfill gas also prevents it from escaping into the atmosphere.

Recology was recognized for leading the industry in transforming landfill materials into renewable energy. The methods used by **Recology** to harness the energy serves as a model for other landfills in the nation.

Landlords Check Your Account

Landlords are advised to check the status of their tenants' garbage bills. Owners are responsible for the payment of the bill. Garbage bills become delinquent after 90 days. Unsettled debts and fees may be placed as a tax assessment on the owner's property.

Delinquent letters are sent to property owners in June, February, and April. Landlords are encouraged to call **Recology Vacaville Solano** at 448-2945 with the account number and property address to check their outstanding balance. This simple check, if done early, will often enable landlords to take quick action with their tenants.

Landfill Passes for Spring Cleaning

Residential customers are given one Landfill Pass each year to self-haul a single load of up to two yards or 1,000 pounds of materials to the **Recology Hay Road Landfill** without charge. Electronic waste or recyclable materials should not be included in the materials.

The Residential Clean-up Program allows residential customers a single annual curbside collection of **one** of the following categories: two cubic yards of bagged materials, 2 large appliances, 2 large bulky items, or up to 3 e-waste items. Call us at 448-2945 or click our website at recologyvacavillesolano.com for information.

Free Compost

Rich organic compost is available now until October 31, weather permitting, at **Recology Hay Road**. Vacaville residents who reside in the city limits may haul up to three yards of the free compost per visit each day. Show your residual waste bill or other identification at the scalehouse. Compost supply is limited and is also subject to supplies on hand. You must load your vehicle and cover your load of compost.



The record amount of rainfall this winter brought us record amounts of weeds and plant growth. Only customers with 96-gallon green Toter® service may place out unlimited amounts of extra yardwaste for collection at no extra charge. Place extra yardwaste in Toters® that can be rented from **Recology** or in sturdy 32-gallon cans that have handles and tight fitting lids. Only 32-gallon cans may be used. Extra yardwaste cans must be placed out next to the green yardwaste Toter® for collection. Place bundles of tree or shrub prunings beside your green Toter®. Bundles must be no larger than 3 feet by 2 feet. Tie bundles with twine—never use wire.

The Recology Vacaville Solano Recycling Center and HHW Center will be closed on Saturday, May 27, for the Fiesta Days Parade.



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Drill Team Turns 21 Years Old

The **Recology Vacaville Solano** Drill Team turns 21 this year. The entire **Recology** family hopes all of Vacaville comes out to help them celebrate this milestone at the 60th Vacaville Fiesta Days Parade on May 27. **Recology** promises a thrilling performance as the Drill Team performs a series of cadence-style routines while a vintage **Recology** truck full of cheering employees, family, and friends follows the team.



"This is our 21st time performing at the parade and it is the highlight of our year," said General Manager, Scott Pardini. "It's such a thrill to see our neighbors, family, and friends as we parade through downtown Vacaville."

The Drill Team uses old-fashioned collection cans as part of the complicated drills. Children



(Above) The Drill Team thrills the crowd in last year's parade with the vintage collection cans. (Left) **Recology** mascot "Buddy Blue" greets his fans. (Bottom left) The Drill Team demonstrates their skill with a daring group spin of the vintage cans. (Bottom right) **Recology** employees, family, and friends follow in the vintage garbage truck.

of employees proudly carry banners to lead the celebration. Company mascot and crowd pleaser "Buddy" the blue recycling Toter® dances and gives "high-fives" to the crowd.

"It is going to be quite a 21st birthday celebration," said Pardini. "We are so proud to be part of Fiesta Days and hope everyone shows up to help us mark this achievement."



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Safe Sharps Disposal



Used medical sharps pose a threat if disposed of improperly. The sharps pictured above were taken out of the **Recology** recyclables. Employees who are stuck with used sharps must undergo medical treatment for potential diseases. Never place sharps out with the trash or recycling for collection.

Medical sharps must never be placed in trash or recycling Toters®. Sharps include hypodermic needles, syringes, and lancets that are used for medical purposes. All sharps

waste must be taken to a collection center in an approved container.

Approved sharps containers are available for purchase at local pharmacies and some office supply stores. Sharps in approved containers may be taken to the **Recology Vacaville Solano HHW Center** on Saturdays, 9AM until 3PM, at 855½ Davis Street in Vacaville.

No Plastic Bags

No form of plastic bag can be accepted in the blue recycling Toter®. Plastic bags must either be taken to retail stores that accept them for recycling or placed in the gray residual waste Toter®.

Golf To Help Veterans



It's time to gather your foursomes to compete for the **Recology** trophy at the Sixth Annual **Recology** Invitational Golf Tournament. The tournament will be Saturday, June 24, at the Rancho Solano Golf Course and is open to all golfers.

All proceeds from the tournament will be used to help build a permanent home for Veterans in Dixon. Contact Julia Lopez at 707-695-2724 to register your team or to get more information.

What can and cannot be recycled?

Below is the list of acceptable and *unacceptable* materials for the blue recyclables Toter®. For information about recycling and other services we provide, click recologyvacavillesolano.com or call us at 448-2945.

Glass

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

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

Paper

Newspaper, boxes, bags, cardboard (flattened), clean pizza boxes, 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.

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

Plastic

All #1 through #7 narrow-neck bottles (water, soda, and detergent bottles). All California Redemption Value (CRV) containers. All colors. Non-bottle plastic-like toys, trays. Plastic tubs for margarine, butter, yogurt, etc. Empty all containers and rinse.

No cups, garden hoses, etc., plastic bags or Styrofoam, PVC or other piping.

Metal

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

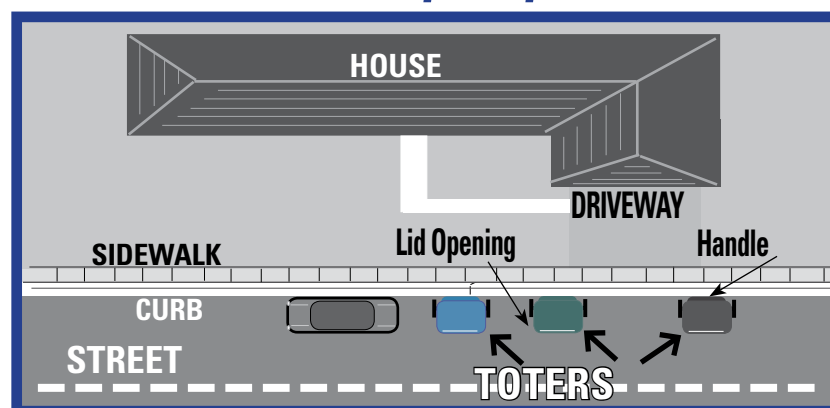
No electronic or computer equipment, hangers, scrap metal, fuel tanks, propane tanks, etc.

Click to Sort at whatbin.com



Placing materials into the proper bin has never been easier! Just go to whatbin.com and **Recology Vacaville Solano** will help you sort it all out!

Check for proper Toter® placement



- Toters® should be placed out with the wheels touching the curb. The lid should open to the street with the handle in the back.
- Don't block the sidewalk.
- Don't park cars within 5 feet of Toters®.
- Place Toters® 5 feet apart.
- Put Toters® out by 6AM on your pickup day.
- Remove Toters® from curb by 6PM and place them at the side of the house or in the rear yard. According to Municipal Code Chapter 8.10 waste receptacles must be at the side of the house or in rear yard at all other times.

Gabriel ROCKs

Route Driver Gabriel Jimenez was selected as the **Recology Owners Commitment (ROC)** Star for **Recology Vacaville Solano**. **Recology** is a company that is actually owned by the employees who work for it. Gabriel was nominated as the Company's best example of an employee-owner who delivers daily excellence in his work.



Gabriel Jimenez
Recology ROC Star!

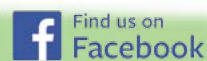
"**Recology** is a company that values hard work and responsibility," says Gabriel. "These are the same values that my parents taught me and the ones I am teaching my own children."

Gabriel has worked for **Recology** for 15 years. During that time he never fails to bring his best to his job. He and his family participate in the many **Recology** community events. Gabriel even rallied his fellow employees to adopt a family on his route that was facing hard times at Christmas time.

"Everybody at **Recology** works hard and puts in long days," explains Gabriel. "It makes my day when a customer waves hello or a child gets excited seeing the truck. We are all part of this community, and I know many of the great people who have earned the ROC award in the past. I am just so humbled to be the newest ROC award winner."

Gabriel was selected as the ROC Star for always going above and beyond expectations and for outstanding representation of **Recology** in the community.

Gabriel lives in Winters with his wife Bria, daughter Amaya (age 14) and son Gabriel Jr. (age 10). Their daughter Adriana (age 19) attends U.C. Santa Barbara.



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