

# Recology Vallejo Views

The newsletter from Recology Vallejo

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## Keep Your Neighbors Safe

The materials set out for collection by **Recology** are handled by many different employees. Help keep these hard-working people safe from dangerous sticks from medical sharps. Sharps include hypodermic needles, syringes, and lancets that are used for medical purposes. All too often, employees must stop work to secure needles, syringes, and lancets that have been tossed out for collection. These sharps have the potential to cause serious harm to people, pets, livestock, and wildlife.

It is unlawful to knowingly place sharps in trash, recyclable, or yard-waste containers. Improperly disposed of sharps can also be scavenged and misused by illicit drug users. A victim of a sharps stick requires immediate medical attention and numerous unpleasant tests. Exposure to an infectious disease through a stick may result in a lifetime of medical treatment.

All sharps waste must be taken to a



The photo above shows actual sharps removed from recyclable materials in Vallejo. Employees who are stuck with used sharps must undergo medical treatment. Never place sharps out with the trash or recycling for collection. collection center in an approved container. Approved sharps containers are available for purchase at some office supply stores and local pharmacies. Click [recycle-guide.com](http://recycle-guide.com) for locations.

Sharps in approved containers may be taken to the **Recology** BOPA facility at 2021 Broadway, Thursday through Saturday from 8AM until 4PM.

### **What can and cannot go in the blue cart?**



Customers in Vallejo are able to recycle a great variety of materials. Following is a list of the materials that can and cannot go in the blue cart.

#### **Place in the Cart:**

**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.

**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), trays and containers. All California Redemption Value (CRV) containers. Plastic tubs for margarine, butter, yogurt, etc. Empty all containers and rinse.

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

The following materials are not recyclable. Check website or call for proper disposal instructions.

#### **Never Place in the Cart**

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

**Glass**-No drinking glasses; ceramics; window glass or mirrors; light bulbs or fluorescent tubes

**Plastic**-No plastic-like toys, garden hoses, etc.; plastic bags or Styrofoam; PVC or other piping

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

Bundles, boxes, or bags of materials placed outside of the cart will not be collected.

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## Recology Has Solutions

Electronic waste is easy to recycle in Vallejo. Never put e-waste in the trash or recyclables containers. Include e-waste in your Bulky Item Collection or bring your used televisions, computer monitors, or just about any electronic item with a cord to the Drop-off Center at 2021 Broadway in Vallejo for recycling at no extra charge. The Center is open Thursday through Saturday from 8AM until 4PM.

Only **Recology Vallejo** may conduct curbside e-waste collections. Other vendors who collect e-waste in Vallejo are doing so illegally. Click [recologyvallejo.com](http://recologyvallejo.com) or call us at 552-3110 for more recycling and disposal information.

## Landlords Check Your Accounts

Garbage service is mandatory in Vallejo and cannot be stopped due to an unpaid garbage bill. Therefore, once a year, all unpaid past due garbage bills go through an assessment process. It is the property owner and not the tenant who is responsible to pay any past due amount by the 15th of July. Unpaid amounts are added as a line item on the property owner's property tax bill. Courtesy notices, notifying the owner of the past due amount, are mailed in April, June, and January. It is best to periodically check the garbage account status of all rental properties. Property owners often put the garbage bill in their name and then add the bill amount to the rent. This minimizes the chances of an assessment being placed on the property tax bill.

## Recology Ready to Help With AB 1826

**Recology** provides the services needed for our commercial customers to comply with Assembly Bill 1826. This law requires commercial customers who generate the quantities of organic waste specified by the legislation to have a compost program in place to recycle organics. Previously, these regulations only applied to customers who generated eight or more cubic yards of organic waste. As of January 1, 2017, customers generating four or more cubic yards must comply.

Fortunately, **Recology** is ready to help with these regulations and others. Assembly Bill 341 is a related regulation that is in effect and mandates that businesses that generate four cubic yards or more of trash per week must subscribe to recycling service. Multi-family residential properties with five or more units must also subscribe.

Implementing a recycling program that complies to all regulations is easy for **Recology** customers. **Recology** has recycling experts who will

## Unwanted Medicine Take-Back

Bring unused or expired medicines and drugs to the Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 29, from 9AM until 3PM at the Vallejo Police Department, 111 Amador Street. Drugs may be prescription or non-prescription for humans or animals. Call 707-648-5291 for complete information.

## Bill In Charge!

Bill Burrage may be new to his job as Operations Manager, but he is no stranger to **Recology Vallejo**. Bill worked ten years with **Recology**, most recently as the Regional Safety Manager. Prior to this he served 20 years in the US Air Force.



**Bill Burrage**

"I look forward to being involved with the Vallejo community," says Bill. "We have a great team here in Vallejo, and I'm excited by this opportunity to be more active with the employees and customers of **Recology Vallejo**."

In his former position Bill divided his time between 14 **Recology** companies with a combined 620 employees. His new job allows him to focus his management skills on the complex operation of the entire **Recology Vallejo** operation.

Bill lives in Vacaville with his wife Tracy where they raised their son BJ. Bill and Tracy are avid bicycle riders. Bill enjoys attending car shows, sporting events, and spending time with family.

## Assembly Bill 1826

work with you to custom design a commercial recycling program that works best for you. Contact Recycling Manager Lisa LeFebvre at 552-3110 or [LLeFebvre@recology.com](mailto:LLeFebvre@recology.com) for information.

## Assembly Bill 1826

- Adopted September 28, 2014.
- On and after April 1, 2016, businesses that generate 8 cubic yards or more of organic waste per week shall arrange for recycling services.
- On and after January 1, 2017, businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of organic waste per week shall arrange for recycling services.
- On and after January 1, 2019, businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week shall arrange for recycling services.
- Returning organic materials to soils reduces greenhouse gases and conserves landfill space.
- Food is the largest single source (15.5%) of all waste in California.
- More than six million tons of food products are discarded in California landfills every year.
- The **Recology** compost facility has been converting food waste and green waste into rich organic compost for years.

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