

Winter Tips & Solutions



Styrofoam packaging is often a problem for customers. Do not put any type of Styrofoam in the blue recyclables cart. Read below about disposal solutions from Recology.

Styrofoam packaging material keeps items safe when they are mailed, but the pesky "peanuts" present some disposal problems for customers.

Place small amounts of Styrofoam packaging material into tightly sealed bags and dispose of the bag in the trash. Do not place loose packaging material into the cart. It may blow away when emptied. Styrofoam "peanuts" may be taken to shipping stores that reuse them.

Your driver will collect larger bags of Styrofoam that have been sealed in a plastic bag and placed beside your trash cart. Call or email us at least one day before your regular trash collection day to schedule a pickup. There is no extra charge for this service.

All forms of Styrofoam including solid packaging material, food containers, hot beverage cups, and any other form must be placed in your trash cart. No form of Styrofoam should be placed in the blue recyclables cart.

Bulky Item Collections

Start 2016 off right by having **Recology** haul away your unwanted items. Drivers from **Recology** will come to your location to collect large items

or extra bagged trash. Customers may schedule up to two Bulky Item Collections each calendar year. 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. E-waste may be included in the two yards. Two cubic yards equal about ten 32-gallon bags, or a couch, mattress, or other single large item. Each appliance, like an air conditioner or washer, counts as one collection. Customers with a large amount of materials may combine their two Bulky Item Collections into a single collection of four yards of materials.

Tough Disposal Solutions

Customers may bring extra cardboard, latex paint, antifreeze, auto & household batteries, used oil & oil filters, cooking oil, fluorescent bulbs, sharps, and e-waste to the BOPA facility at 2021 Broadway, Thursday through Saturday, from 8AM until 4PM.



It is finally raining in California! The wet weather will soon bring an abundance of tree and plant growth. Remember to use your green yardwaste cart for leaves, grass clippings, weeds, and tree and shrub prunings. Cut prunings small enough to fit in the cart. The lid on your cart must close. Never place plastic bags, garbage, or non-yardwaste materials into your cart. Bundles, boxes, or bags of materials placed outside of the cart will not be collected.

Vallejo Views

The newsletter from Recology Vallejo

Thanks Neighbor!



Veronica Denis and Aurora Fowler help prepare gifts that helped a local family enjoy a brighter holiday celebration. **Recology Vallejo** employees donated the funds and did the shopping for a family in need.

Recology Vallejo employees helped Christmas wishes come true for a local family in need. Employees passed the hat to raise funds that were used to purchase gifts, gift cards, and ornaments for the family. They then coordinated delivery of the

holiday gifts to the family just in time for Christmas. "Our employees are always stepping up to help our friends and neighbors in Vallejo," said **Recology** General Manager Tom Phillips. "We work with the public every day and know that many of our residents are struggling to provide for their family. I'm proud of all the employees who donated and worked to make the holiday a bit brighter for this family."

Recology is an employee owned company. It is the **Recology** way to pitch in and help the communities where employees work and live.



Recology volunteers (above) wrap the gifts prior to delivery to a local family in need. Lisa LeFebvre and Bryan Rehm (bottom left) along with Crystal Padilla (bottom right) put the final touches on the gifts.



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No Propane Tanks!

Propane fuel tanks and bottles pose a serious danger to drivers and employees who sort materials. **Recology** asks customers to never mix fuel containers in with recyclables or trash. The tanks present a risk of fire and explosion.



To properly dispose of propane tanks, empty them and then remove the pressure relief valve. Take the empty tanks to the Napa-Vallejo Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located at 889 Devlin Road in American Canyon. The HHW facility is open on Friday and Saturday from 9AM to 4PM. Give them a call for complete information at 1-800-984-9661.



A Social Reminder

Customers are able to download new apps that show your collection schedule and provide reminders about service. Click on the Apple App Store or Google Play to download the new apps to your smartphone.

Customers are also able to access this service on our website. There you can also schedule service reminders. Just click on recologyvallejo.com.

Missed Collection?

Call us by noon if drivers miss your collection, and we will return the same day. If you call after noon, we will return on the following day to collect your materials. At least three trucks collect yardwaste, recyclables, and trash. These trucks do not all come at the same time, so some carts remain full until all three trucks have visited your street.

What can and cannot be recycled?

Below is the list of acceptable and **unacceptable** materials for the blue recyclables cart.

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), 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

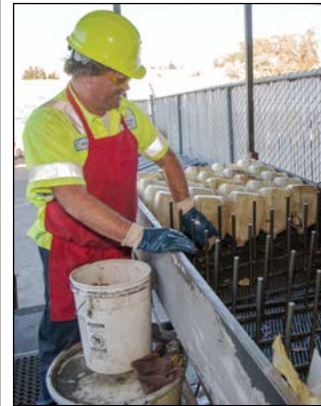
All #1 through #7 narrow-neck bottles (water, soda, and detergent bottles), trays and containers. All California Redemption Value (CRV) containers. Plastic tubs for margarine, butter, yogurt, etc. Empty all containers and rinse.

No plastic-like toys, 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. Loose lids from jars.

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

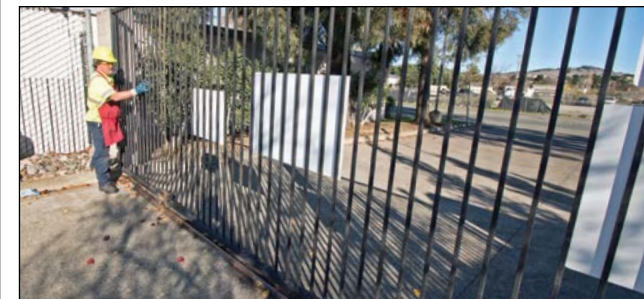


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A Day in the Life-BOPA Facility

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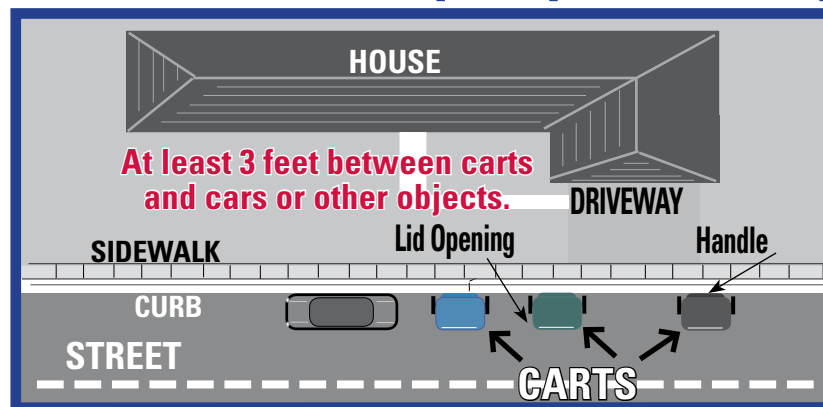
Kevin starts his job at 6AM. He helps in the sorting facility then opens the gate to the public drop-off area at 8AM. The drop-off is open Thursday through Saturday from 8AM until 4PM. During the day Kevin processes the materials that customers bring in.



Kevin Boggs
Hazardous Materials Technician

"This is a great job," said Kevin. "I really enjoy being able to help people. I am glad to help wherever I can."

Check for proper cart placement



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 there is enough room between carts so that the automated arm from our truck can grab them. Make sure that no cart is closer than three feet from any car or other obstacle. Do not block sidewalks with carts.

Click to Sort at whatbin.com

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

