

# Vallejo Waste Zero Ways





# **KEEP ALLEYWAYS CLEAR!**

Please do not park vehicles in alleyways on your service day.

Recycling, organics, and garbage collection trucks cannot enter the alleyways to service containers when the streets are crowded with parked cars.

Blocked alleyways create dangerous situations for drivers and the general public. Be safe; keep alleyways clear.

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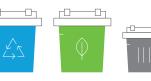


Our office and BOPA will close at 12:30 PM Friday, May 12, for our annual employee-owner meeting. Service will not be interrupted.

# IMPORTANT! LIEN PERIOD IS AROUND THE CORNER

The current lien assessment period is from April 2022 through March 2023. Final courtesy notices of past-due garbage bills will be mailed to property owners in June.

To avoid lien assessment with a penalty, property owners should regularly check the status of garbage accounts for



all their rental properties. Recology recommends owners put the garbage bill in their name and add that charge to the monthly rent.

This minimizes the chances of an assessment being placed on the property tax bill.

If you own rental properties and would like more information on how to do this, contact Customer Service at 707.552.3110.

# **REDUCE PLASTIC CONTAMINATION**

# **FREE YOUR RECYCLABLES**

Put clean and dry recyclables directly into your blue bin. Do not bag them in plastic bags.

Plastic bags make it difficult for workers to sort recyclables properly and safely. It also slows the process and increases the cost of recycling. Plastic bags and other flimsy plastics can wrap

around equipment,

requiring operations to shut down while workers climb onto the

machinery to cut the plastic off of gears and screens.

> Lightweight plastics, such as bags and plastic wrap, can contaminate paper bales, and mills will not buy bales if they contain more than 1

> > For all these reasons, Recology Vallejo is asking customers to "Loose Load" recyclables.

For more helpful tips, visit WhatBin.com.

percent contamination.

# Place items directly in the recycling container.

Don't bag recyclables.

# **HOW TO "LOOSE LOAD" RECYCLING:**

- 1. Put clean and dry recyclables — aluminum, glass bottles and jars, hard plastics, paper, cardboard directly into your blue cart or your facility's large recycling container.
- 2. Use plastic liners only for smaller recycling bins typically used inside your kitchen or home office.
- **3.** Check the liner for food or liquids before emptying the recyclables into your larger recycling cart. If the liner contains food or liquid, it is contaminated. Cinch the bag and place it in your landfill bin. Reuse clean liners.

### SUCCESSFUL DUMP DAY



A steady stream of 985 vehicles took full advantage of the Free Spring Cleanup Day on March 18.

Residents discarded 500 tires, 141 mattresses, and 37 box springs in addition to appliances, furniture, and 156 tons of other discards.

If you were unable to participate in Dump Day, remember to schedule a curbside Bulky Item Collection (you get four a year!) and use your Devlin Road Dump coupon.

# CARE DISCOUNT

Vallejo residential customers participating in PG&E's low-income rate program CARE may also receive a 25% discount on their recycling, organics, and garbage collection bill.

To request the discount or maintain your current discount, you must present documentation annually showing your participation in the PG&E CARE program.

The discount is effective from the date
Recology Vallejo receives the correct documentation.
The discount is not retroactive.

Confirm your qualification for the discount by providing Recology Vallejo with a copy of the page(s) of your current PG&E bill showing:

- → The date you enrolled or renewed participation in the CARE program.
- → Your name and address on the PG&E account, which must match the name and service address of your Recology account.

Submit the required documents to Recology Vallejo via—

Email: Customerservice007@recology.com

**FAX:** 707.552.4126

US mail: 2021 Broadway St., Vallejo, CA 94589

In person: Bring it to the office or put an envelope in the

drop box by the front door.



A legacy of leadership: From left to right are Peter Friesen, retired General Manager; Bill Burrage, Regional Safety Manager; Tom Phillips, retired General Manager; Derek Nelson current General Manager; and Al Jimenez, Operations Manager.

# THANKS FOR THE RECOGNITION

The Vallejo Chamber of Commerce awarded Recology Vallejo 2022 Large Business of the Year at its annual awards ceremony in February.

"We are honored to serve the residents and businesses of Vallejo and American Canyon," said General Manager Derek Nelson. "Many of our 120 employee-owners grew up here. They and their families are invested in our community.

"Our connection and our commitment as employee-owners motivate us to do our best, day in and day out. We are proud to be a community partner, helping protect the environment and striving for zero waste."

Recology has been the resource recovery provider in Vallejo since 1926, and we look forward to serving you for many years to come.