



FROM COFFEE BEANS TO SORTED BINS

Dutch Bros crew percolates with pride

When it comes to brewing coffee and doing right by the environment, the Dutch Bros drive-thru in Vallejo is committed to excellence.

The Fairgrounds Drive business is dedicated to recycling and composting and correctly sorting all its discards to send as little as possible to the landfill.

"We train employees from the get-go," said Manager Tylor Gerrard, adding that the 45 employees are told where receptacles are located and what goes in each at orientation and reminded regularly. He said that's key to establishing successful programs.

Dutch Bros uses large, color-coded containers for recycling, composting, and landfill and a smaller one for cardboard. For example, said Gerrard,

blue is for recycling and green is for composting. "Anything that comes from the coffee machine goes into green — all of our grinds, tea bags, that kind of stuff."

To make transporting discards easier, the Dutch Bros team lines its inside receptacles with a plastic bag.

"It keeps our containers cleaner so we don't have to wash them every night because it does get pretty bad pretty fast with all the sticky syrups we have," explained Gerrard. "Then, each night we take the filled bags outside, dump the stuff into the big bins, and put the plastic bags in the trash."

The most challenging aspect of the 3-bin program is ensuring everyone sorts items correctly. Having labels and color-coded bins is helpful.



"We care about this earth. I think that's really the company," Gerrard said. "We are always looking for ways to improve and reduce our carbon footprint."

2025-26 HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Recology will not work on Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's days so service will be delayed one day for Thursday and Friday customers.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12/22 Regular Service	12/23 Regular Service	12/24 Regular Service	12/25  No Service Christmas Day, Office Closed	12/26 Service for Thursday Customers	12/27 Service for Friday Customers
12/29 Regular Service	12/30 Regular Service	12/31 Regular Service	1/1  No Service New Year's Day, Office Closed	1/2 Service for Thursday Customers	1/3 Service for Friday Customers

CARTONS

NOW ACCEPTED!



Food and beverage cartons are plastic- or foil-lined paperboard.

Recology now accepts cartons in the blue recycling carts along with clean paper, rigid plastics, glass bottles and jars, and aluminum cans.

This includes aseptic, gable top, and ice cream cartons.

Please make sure the cartons and all recyclable containers are empty and dry before placing them in your cart.

It's easy to be green

All your food scraps and food-soiled paper should be placed in the green organics cart.

Recology Vallejo offers a free kitchen pail to each unit of multi-family properties. Ask your property manager to request them for the property.

The countertop container makes it easy to discard kitchen scraps, spoiled leftovers, or food-soiled paper and transport them to your curbside cart for collection.

Here are some composting tips for the holidays:

NEW OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

Welcome Vickie Padilla!

Vickie, who started with Recology in June, is our new Operations Supervisor. She oversees the 59 drivers working in Vallejo and American Canyon.

"I love how much Recology gives back to the community and how welcoming everyone was when I started, which made me feel like part of the team," she said.

Vickie and her family, which includes two daughters, have been Vallejo residents since early 2020. One of her favorite things to do when she's not at work is dancing ballet folklórico.

Recology Vallejo American Canyon Operations Manager Al Jimenez



said that his newest supervisor demonstrates a strong combination of leadership qualities, such as integrity and clear communication, and essential job-related skills, such as problem-solving and adaptability.

"She is a great addition to the operations team," he said.

PUMPKIN POWER: Nearly 1 billion pounds of pumpkins are tossed in landfills each year. Put your jack-o'-lantern into your green organics cart after removing any candles, wax, glitter, or paint.

LEFTOVERS WITH A PURPOSE: Over 200 million pounds of turkey are thrown out after Thanksgiving. Toss turkey bones, plate scrapings, and meat past its prime in the green cart.

CORNUCOPIA OF COMPOST: Corn cobs, pie crust trimmings, coffee grounds, used paper napkins, and all sorts of kitchen scraps can go into your organics cart — talk about a second helping!

PERFECT MIX: Putting yard trimmings and fallen leaves into your organics cart creates a great seasonal compost recipe.



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