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BIN THINKING

BATTERIES DEAD? RECYCLE INSTEAD!

Battery recycling is easier than ever.

Each year, nearly 3 billion batteries are disposed of in landfills. Batteries contain corrosive and toxic materials that pose environmental and health hazards when disposed of improperly. Instead of tossing your dead batteries in the trash, take advantage of the FREE and convenient battery recycling options

Request your free battery recycling bag using one of these convenient options:

- Email: recycling@cityofvacaville.com
- Phone: (707) 469-6507
- In Person: Recology Vacaville Solano HHW Facility, 855 ½ Davis St, Vacaville, Saturdays 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.



Use the bag to store your dead batteries, then when the bag is full, simply place it on top of your blue recycling cart on your next service day. Residents may also recycle their used batteries at the Recology Vacaville Solano Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 855 ½ Davis Street in Vacaville every Saturday from 9:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



For more information about battery recycling in Vacaville, visit www.vacavillerecycling.com.

KNOW WHAT TO THROW

What CAN go in your grey bin:

- ✓ Municipal solid waste
- ✓ Plastic shopping bags
- ✓ Plastic utensils
- ✓ Straws
- ✓ Broken glass & dishware
- ✓ Wrappers, chip bags, & plastic film
- ✓ Styrofoam
- ✓ Gloves and masks

TIP

If you aren't sure how to dispose of an item, visit www.WhatBin.com to find out.



What CANNOT go in your grey bin:

- ✗ Recyclable materials – Paper, plastics #1-7, glass bottles, metal, and organic materials
- ✗ Electronic & universal waste – TV's, computers, cell phones, batteries, calculators, printers, fluorescent light bulbs, thermometers
- ✗ Hazardous waste – Paint, nonempty aerosol or solvent cans, cleaners, pesticides/herbicides, flammables, poisons, acids/bases, fuel canisters/tanks, motor oil
- ✗ Building & automotive waste – Asbestos, treated wood, antifreeze, tires
- ✗ Medical waste – Needles and sharps, biohazardous waste

RECYCLING TIPS: BLUE CART BASICS

- ✓ **DO** rinse recyclable containers clean.
- ✓ **DO** breakdown and fold large cardboard boxes.
- ✓ **DO** skip the plastic bags. Place your recyclables directly in your blue bin.
- ✓ **DO** buy materials made from post-consumer recycled materials—you'll help create markets for your recyclables!
- ✓ **DO** reduce and reuse first! Less waste is always best.
- ✗ **DON'T** place plastic bags in your blue bin, including trash bags, shopping bags, and produce bags.
- ✗ **DON'T** place food-soiled materials in your blue bin – only empty, clean, and dry items.
- ✗ **DON'T** place anything smaller than a business card in your blue bin.
- ✗ **DON'T** guess. If you aren't sure if something is recyclable, visit www.WhatBin.com to find out.

5 FOCUS ON THE FIVE:

- 1 Paper
- 2 Flattened Cardboard
- 3 Plastic Bottles & Containers (#'s 1-7)
- 4 Metal Food & Beverage Cans
- 5 Glass Bottles & Jars



Tips for recycling organic waste at home



COLLECTION TIPS

- Keep a kitchen pail for food scraps on your countertop to make it easy and convenient to collect kitchen scraps as you prepare meals.
- Line your kitchen pail with paper towels, a paper bag or newspaper, which will help keep your container clean. The liner paper can be recycled with the food scraps.
- Consider freezing your food scraps before emptying into your green organics cart. Some residents have done this as a sanitary way to manage food scrap storage, especially very wet food scrap materials.

ODOR CONTROL

- If possible, keep your cart in a shady area out of direct sunlight.
- Line the bottom of your cart with newspaper or green waste (grass clippings, leaves, tree prunings) to help absorb liquids. Covering your food scraps with green waste can also help mask food scrap odors.
- Spray the inside of your cart and cart lid with a vinegar and water solution.

RODENT & PEST CONTROL

- Keep the ground around the cart clean and free of clutter.
- Don't provide an easy way for rodents and pests to get in the cart; keep it away from exterior walls, fences, and shrubs.
- Keep the cart lid closed at all times. You can hold the cart lid tightly closed by using bungee cords, but they'll need to be removed before putting your cart out for pickup.
- Check local retailers for safe, non-toxic repellent sprays.