Recology Vallejo

Vallejo Waste Zero Ways

2026 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Taqueria's smart sorting reduces garbage costs

When Guillermo and Marisol Pelayo opened Taqueria El Pelayo on Springs Road in July, they noticed an issue familiar to many environmentally conscientious food businesses: garbage cans full of bottles, cans, paper, plastic, and food scraps.



Their solution wasn't fancy equipment or costly technology. It was good management.

"I started having employees go in after the lunch rush and pull out a lot of the bottles and cans and other recyclables," says Guillermo, who started with a food truck in 2015 and now oversees 14 employees.

Implementing a sorting program allowed the business to keep garbage costs down, rather than paying overage charges. In fact, Taqueria El Pelayo now recycles more than 4 times as much as it throws away.

TRAINING IS KEY

The Taqueria El Pelayo staff meet regularly to review bin sorting protocols. Color-coded stations guide employees about what goes where. Plastic bottles go in recycling; plastic wrap stays in the garbage. Vegetable scraps go into small buckets before being transferred to the larger green compost bin. They spray containers with degreaser, then clean and prep everything for the next day.

"It can get annoying, but consistency takes you a long way," says Marisol.

Business Highlight



Taqueria El Pelayo owner Guillermo Pelayo.

Guillermo agrees and advises other business owners to assign an employee to monitor the bins at the end of each shift to ensure the recycling, compost, and garbage are being disposed of properly. "It's beneficial to the business and saves money."

If your business needs training in recycling or composting, call us at ***707.552.3110*** *for a free on-site visit.*

2026-27 HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Recology will not work on Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's so service will be delayed one day for customers with those collection days.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12/21 Regular Service	12/22 Regular Service	12/23 Regular Service	12/24 Regular Service	12/25 No Service Christmas Day, Office Closed	12/26 Service for Friday Customers
12/28 Regular Service	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 Friday Customers

Annual collection service notice

To make the most of your commercial collection service, please take note of the following:

MATERIALS COLLECTED

We collect recycling, organics, and garbage on your specified service day. Cart collection days are dependent on the area in which your business or organization is located. Bin service is available multiple days a week. We will work with you to find the best operational fit.

Recyclables include large, rigid plastics, metal, glass bottles and jars, and clean paper and cardboard. Organics include plant trimmings, food scraps, and non-coated, food-soiled paper and cardboard.

Cardboard-only bins are available for service up to 5 days a week by request.

Garbage includes almost everything else, except hazardous waste or bulky items.



PROCEDURES FOR SETTING OUT MATERIALS

Your containers must be accessible by **no later than 4 AM** on your service day. Lids must be closed. If lids are not closed, you may incur overage charges.

DISPOSAL OF UNACCEPTED MATERIALS

Hazardous waste is not allowed in any collection cart.

You may drop off some hazardous waste items free of charge and some items for a fee at Devlin Road Recycling & Transfer Station. For the most up-to-date details on accepted materials, visit **naparecycling.com**.

ACCOUNT INFO VIA THE CUSTOMER PORTAL

Recology Vallejo has discontinued the collection calendar on its website and the mobile app will not be updated. To view your specific collection schedule and current services, please scan the QR code to log in or register for the **Customer Account Portal**.

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RECYCLING IS A SECOND-LIFE OPPORTUNITY

Ever wonder what happens to your recycling after the collection truck rumbles away?

Your clean, dry, and empty discards head to a bustling sorting facility, where they're dumped in one heap on the tipping floor. Then, conveyor belts whisk everything uphill to the line, where sharp-eyed workers and special machines team up to sort the stream: plastic here, metal there, paper, cardboard, glass.

Sneaky contaminants get caught and tossed. The good stuff gets compressed into giant bales, sold, and often reborn as new products.

That soda bottle? Tomorrow it might be a fleece jacket. Recycling isn't the end of the story. It's the beginning.



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