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## NEW BATTERY RECYCLING BAGS ARE HERE!

### 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!

All residential customers in Vacaville will have received a free battery recycling bag in the mail. 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](http://www.vacavillerecycling.com).



### DON'T FORGET YOUR 2024 LANDFILL PASS

Residential customers are provided with one FREE landfill pass each year -AND- one FREE curbside collection annually of one of the following: 2 bulky items, 2 cubic yards of bagged material, or 3 e-waste items!

For more information, or to request your FREE landfill pass or FREE curbside collection, contact Recology Vacaville Solano at (707) 448-2945.



# 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](http://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.