

Vallejo Unincorporated Waste Zero Ways



RATE INCREASE

EFFECTIVE

JANUARY 1, 2024

Recology service rates will increase beginning January 1, 2024 for residential and commercial customers.

Residential Rates

CURRENT		NEW
32-gal	\$26.51	\$27.31
96-gal	\$40.09	\$41.29

Monthly rates are based on the size of the trash can. Weekly pick up of blue recycling and green organics carts is included in the rate.

If you have questions or special service needs, please contact Customer Service.

IT'S IN THE MAIL

Watch your mailbox (yes, your actual mailbox) for a postcard from Recology that gives you a free pass to the Devlin Road Transfer Station in 2024.

The Dump Coupon is valid through Dec. 31, 2024. When you are ready to clear your clutter, bring a valid ID matching the name on your Recology

account, no more than 1,000 pounds of trash, and the Dump Coupon to 889 Devlin Road, American Canyon.

You must present the coupon mailed to you. Photocopies are not accepted, and there will be no replacements for lost or damaged postcards. So be sure to save your Dump Coupon in a safe spot.

If you have large appliances or lots of trash during the year, you can

arrange a Bulky Item Collection (BIC) and Recology will pick up your stuff at the curb. Residential customers get one scheduled pickup a year for up to 2 cubic yards or 12 32-gallon bags weighing up to 60 pounds or 2 oversized bulky items such as a refrigerator or couch.

Email your itemized list to CustomerService007@Recology.com or call 707.552.3110. There is a daily collection limit, so schedule your BIC ahead of time because slots fill quickly.

WASTE ZERO

CORNER

Nice to meet you!

Hello Vallejo! We are Recology Vallejo/ American Canyon's new Waste Zero Specialists—Elizabeth Talbot and Ana Wong. We are here to help with:

> Presentations at your business, school, market, or apartment building on proper disposal techniques and services.

Site visits of your business or multifamily residence to recommend correct bin sizes to optimize discard diversion for more recycling and composting while reducing garbage costs.

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Setting up new services and providing posters, stickers, and informational brochures.

Recology offers these services at no extra charge. Please give us a call at 707.552.3110 to ask for Waste Zero assistance. We look forward to talking with you.

TANGLER ALERT: NO PLASTIC BAGS

Please do not put plastic bags in your blue or green bin. (You can't put the compostable bags in your green bin either!) Flimsy plastics contaminate recycling and compost. Contaminated bins will either not be serviced, or a fee will be levied for servicing them as trash.



Operations must be stopped when plastic bags get tangled in machines, which could increase costs and be dangerous for workers.

Plastic bags make it difficult for workers to sort recyclables properly and safely. They can wrap around equipment, requiring operations to shut down while workers climb onto the machinery to cut the plastic off gears and screens.

Unfortunately, those green compostable plastic bags do not break down in the composting process even though they are advertised as compostable.

Hard plastics — think water bottles or laundry jugs — that are clean and dry can be put loose in the blue cart along with aluminum, glass bottles and jars, paper, and cardboard.

Whenever possible, decline single-use plastics such as utensils, bags, and straws. They cannot be recycled or composted.

When in doubt, check out **WhatBin.com** to find out what items go in which bin.

CHECK OUT RECOLOGY'S
2023 SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE



WHY COMPOSTING MATTERS

CalRecycle, which oversees the reduction, reuse, and recycling of state resources, estimates that one-third of the material currently thrown into California landfills could be composted.

Businesses and other organizations that compost help reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions, divert materials from landfills, and support local farms to grow healthy food and save water.

California law SB 1383, enacted in 2022, mandates commercial entities compost their food scraps and yard waste.

Recology offers composting and recycling services with all garbage collection, no matter what size cart you have. Call us, and we'll ensure you have the correct organics cart for your business.

SAVE THE DATE



Clean-up Event for Unincorporated
Vallejo residents only.
Saturday, April 20, 10 AM – 2 PM
More info coming in the Spring 2024 newsletter.

WORK AT RECOLOGY

Recology Vallejo is hiring drivers, mechanics, and customer service representatives.



We are a 100% employee-owned company offering good pay and benefits. Recology won an industry award this year for Communications Excellence for executing an event celebrating employee ownership.

Apply online by going to **Recology.com** and clicking Careers.