

Zero IN Vacaville Dixon

A Home for Local Vets



Recology helped make the construction of the veterans' residence possible through funds donated by **Recology** employee/owners. Representing **Recology** above are Bill Burrage, Someone Someone, Sam Lopez, Julia Lopez, Scott Pardini, and Steve Hendrix.

The new residence for military veterans was dedicated on August 24th, 2019, in Dixon. **Recology** employee/owners donated over \$70,000 to the project through funds raised in their annual golf tournament. The six bedroom house now provides a permanent home for six local veterans to live safe, healthy, and productive lives.

"Many of the employees of **Recology** are either military veterans or related to veterans," said Scott Pardini, General Manager of **Recology Vacaville Solano**. "Providing a safe, comfortable home for those who served was a community project that captured our hearts. We are all so proud to have helped build this home."

In addition to the funds, **Recology** salvaged vintage wood from the original home that stood on the property and made a unique bench for the veterans.

The veterans' residence took two years to plan and build by Habitat for Humanity and a host of sponsors. It is the first of its kind in the nation. The "shared model" concept of the

home has already inspired 18 other communities to begin construction of similar homes.

Guide for Compostables

Commercial customers who generate organic waste are now able to place an expanded number of items out for collection. Listed below are the acceptable and *unacceptable* materials for the compostable program.

Acceptable Compostables

Green Waste: branches (no larger than 3" in diameter), brush, floral trimmings, grass clippings, leaves, tree trimmings, weeds.

Food Waste: bones, breads, eggshells, fruits, meat, poultry, rice, seafood, shellfish, vegetables.

Organics: coffee grounds & filters, napkins, paper milk cartons, paper tea bags (not nylon or synthetic tea bags), paper towels & plates, pizza boxes, untreated wood (including chopsticks).

Unacceptable Materials

Ashes; bio-degradable plastics; construction & demolition waste; cornstarch items; dirt, rock & concrete; food service gloves; pet & human excrement; residual waste; Styrofoam and packing peanuts.



The **Recology Golf Committee** presents a check for \$42,000 for the Play 4 All Park that is being built in Vacaville. The funds were raised during the annual **Recology Golf Tournament** that was held in June.

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Holiday Schedule & More

AB 1826 Solution

California's AB 1826 places requirements on commercial customers who generate more than four cubic yards of waste. This law requires these customers to subscribe to both recycling service and organic service. Organic waste includes plant material either from landscaping maintenance or food preparation.

Recology is ready to help customers comply with the law and help the environment by diverting waste from their residual waste container to their recyclables container.

Check your invoice to determine the quantity of waste you produce. If your service level is four cubic yards or more, then you must comply with the new regulation.

Waste Zero experts are available to you through **Recology**. They will help you comply with AB 1826 and help you implement a customized program that works best for you.

Get started by contacting us by clicking recology.com or calling us at 448-2945 in Vacaville or 678-4026 in Dixon.

The Recology Way!

Fructuoso Valdez worked for **Recology** in Santa Rosa for two years before transferring to Vacaville as a relief driver. He has nothing but high praise for the company in both locations.



"**Recology** is a great company," Fructuoso explains. "They really care about customers and care about the people who work for them. They give you the opportunity to grow and make a good life for your family. Once you land a job with **Recology**, you stay until you retire."

Fructuoso was glad to transfer to Vacaville. He attended Will C. Wood High School and feels like he is a part of the community.

"I feel connected here," says Fructuoso. "I know this community. People know that **Recology** really cares."

Fructuoso lives in American Canyon with his wife Alontra and their twin 5 year-old daughters Lucia and Marcela.

Fructuoso Valdez

Assembly Bill 1826

- Adopted September 28, 2014.
- On and after April 1, 2016, businesses that generate 8 cubic yards or more of organic waste per week shall arrange for recycling services.
- On and after January 1, 2017, businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of organic waste per week shall arrange for recycling services.
- On and after January 1, 2019, businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week shall arrange for recycling services.
- Returning organic materials to soils reduces greenhouse gases and conserves landfill space.
- Food is the largest single source (15.5%) of all waste in California.
- More than six million tons of food products are discarded in California landfills every year.
- The **Recology** compost facility has been converting food waste and green waste into rich organic compost for years.

learn more at calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/

Holiday Schedule

*There will be no change in the collection schedule for Thanksgiving. Collections will be made as usual on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28. The **Recology Hay Road Landfill** will be open on Thanksgiving Day.*

Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Wednesdays this year. There will be no collections on these holidays. All collections will take place one day later than regularly scheduled. Friday collections will take place on Saturday.

*The **Recology** office in Vacaville, the **Recycling Facility** in Dixon and the **Recycling Facility** in Vacaville will all be closed on Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.*

Holiday schedule information is available at:

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