

Zero IN Vacaville Commercial

Assistance for New Commercial Regulations



Recology Waste Zero Specialist Isabell Angel helps design programs to meet new regulations. Learn more about Isabell on the back page.

these regulations. This is especially important to commercial customers.

City of Vacaville staff have worked with **Recology Vacaville Solano** to implement a program that turns organic waste from commercial customers into rich compost. The program complies to State law SB 1383 that centers on reducing the amount of organic materials going to landfills. This law is closely related to AB 1826 that is summarized on the back page. **Recology** has compliance solutions for these and other regulations.

A large part of organic waste includes food waste. Over 6 million tons of food waste are currently sent to landfills. The new program in Vacaville will collect food waste and other organic waste from commercial customers like restaurants and food processing plants. The organic material will be taken to the composting facility at the **Recology Hay Road Landfill**

California is stepping up efforts to reduce the amount of waste going to landfills. California homes and businesses must comply to a number of laws that increase the amount of materials recovered from the waste stream.

Recology Vacaville Solano, fortunately, has the resources to help customers meet

just outside of Vacaville. There it is mixed with green waste from residential and commercial customers to produce a rich compost that is highly valued by vintners and farmers.

Recology is experienced at composting organic waste. In addition to green waste from landscaping and lawn maintenance, **Recology** has been diverting food waste to compost facilities for about a decade. The composting facilities in California and Oregon have gained international attention for the high quality compost.

The new program in Vacaville meets the mandate of SB 1383 which was signed into law in 2016. It works in conjunction with AB 1826 to set goals of reducing organic waste levels 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2025. SB 1383 also provides guidelines for recovering edible food for human consumption by the year 2025. Once implemented, the recovered food will be distributed through food banks and organizations serving people in need.

Commercial customers include businesses and multi-unit residential units of four or more units. Many commercial customers already have a commercial recycling program established. Moving materials from the residual waste Toter® to the recyclables Toter® is a great way to keep bills low. **Recology** is ready to help businesses get started with a commercial recycling program. We are also available to update established recycling programs to comply with new regulations.

To get assistance, contact the **Recology** office at 707-448-2945. The new organic program is a significant step to achieve the goal of zero waste.

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Welcome Isabell!

Isabell Angel is the newly hired Waste Zero Specialist for **Recology Vacaville Solano**. She is an important resource for commercial customers to design effective recycling programs.

"I get to teach people while improving the health of our environment," explains Isabell. "There are a number of new regulations aimed at commercial customers, and **Recology** is here to help. **Recology** is a company that 'walks-the-walk' when it comes to reducing waste. As a Zero Waste Specialist, I play a key role to achieving this goal."

Isabell recently obtained her B.S. degree from UC Davis in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. She lives in Vallejo. When not working, she enjoys eating pizza and visiting breweries with her fiancé Mike.

Contact **Recology** at 707-448-2945 for help in designing a commercial recycling program that complies to all regulations.

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/

Covid-19 Changes

There have been no changes to collection services during the pandemic. Here is a quick list of the temporary changes that have been implemented:



Main office at 1 Town

Square Place: Closed until **Recology** safety officials authorize a safe opening.

Assistance by phone: Customer Service Representatives work remotely Monday through Friday from 8am until 5pm. Contact us at 707-448-2945 to get information about services, to enroll in E-BillPay service, or for other assistance.

Assistance by web: The "Contact Us" feature at recology.com is given the same priority as phone calls or phone messages. Contact requests are answered during working hours.

Payments: Pay bills by mail, over the phone, or online. A payment box for checks or money orders is available outside the office at 1 Town Square Place. Cash is not accepted. Pay-By-Phone is free for customers to use at any time. Call 707-305-1275 to make your payment.

Recycling and Buy-Back Facility: The center at 855½ Davis Street in Vacaville is temporarily closed.

Avoid Dangerous Items

Items that are flammable, explosive, or just dangerous to handle must never be placed out for collection. Boat flares, caustic chemicals, fireworks, hypodermic needles, propane tanks, and other dangerous items can easily explode or catch fire when collected.

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