

Zero IN Vacaville Commercial

Assistance for New Commercial Regulations



A new program in Vacaville will soon turn food and organic waste from commercial customers into rich compost.

A new program has been implemented in Vacaville to help businesses comply with a number of laws that increase the amount of materials recovered from the waste stream. The City of Vacaville worked with **Recology Vacaville Solano** to help customers meet these regulations.

City of Vacaville staff have worked with **Recology Vacaville Solano** to implement a program that will provide the process to turn organic waste from commercial customers into rich compost. This helps customers comply with State law SB 1383 that works to reduce 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. 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 turned into compost at the **Recology Hay Road Landfill**.

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. Moving materials from the residual waste container to the recyclables container 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.

Holiday Schedule

There will be no change in the collection schedule for Thanksgiving. Collections will be made as usual on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26. The **Recology Hay Road Landfill** will be open on Thanksgiving Day.

Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Fridays this year. There will be no collections on these holidays. All Friday collections will take place on Saturday.

The **Recology** office and the **Recycling Facility** will both 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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The Recology Way!



Joe Brooks

Joe Brooks has only worked as a **Recology** driver for a few years, but his past experience with another company helped him realize how fortunate of a move this has been for him.

"Recology is like a family here," says Joe. **"We all take care of each other. If you ever need help, you know**

somebody will be there for you."

Joe grew up in Vacaville and saw first-hand how **Recology** was part of community activities. He now enjoys interacting with his customers while living and working in his home town.

"Recology is employee-owned, so that makes it even more important to do a good job," explains Joe. **"This is a great company with supportive bosses and great employees. I like what I do. I enjoy getting up and coming to work every day."**

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.

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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:



The Recology Recycling and Buy-Back Facility has reopened.

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 at 855½ Davis Street in Vacaville is now open Tuesday-Saturday, 9am to 3pm. All visitors must wear masks and social distance. Household Hazardous Waste, E-waste, mattresses, and other materials are accepted **Saturdays only**.

Service Requests: Use the recology.com website for service requests. Customers may also call the office during business hours, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm, at 707-448-2945.

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