

Treated Wood Not Accepted



Treated wood, like that above, is no longer accepted at most landfills in California. **Recology Vallejo** must comply with the new regulations. Treated wood will not be accepted in residential carts, as part of bulky item collections, in debris boxes, or for drop-off at any **Recology** facility.

Changes in State law now prohibit treated wood from being disposed of at most landfills in California. Treated wood has a distinctive green or brown preservative that helps prevent the wood from rotting in wet environments or when in contact with the ground. The distinctive color of the preservative comes from chemicals that are considered toxic by the State of California.

Treated wood is typically used in outdoor applications such as fences, decks, stairways, and outdoor structures.

Beginning on January 1, 2021, treated wood will no longer be accepted by **Recology**.

"All types of lumber have always been unacceptable in the gray, green, and blue carts," explains **Recology Vallejo** General Manager Tom Phillips. "We now must refuse treated wood as part of our Bulky Item Collection program. We will also not accept it in debris boxes or for drop off at **Recology** facilities."

State officials have not yet offered a practical disposal option for the treated wood. There is only one landfill in Northern California that is permitted to accept the waste. The only other option is to take the treated wood waste to landfills outside of California that are permitted to receive treated wood.

"We will ask customers to remove treated wood from debris boxes or ask

that it be removed from any load arriving for drop off at the transfer station. There will be no exceptions. We encourage customers to consider the safe disposal of treated wood as part of your construction plans," says Phillips.

For more information about the responsible disposal of treated wood waste, contact your local Environmental Health Department or the California Department of Toxic Substances Control."

Easy Disposal Solutions

Recology will haul away unwanted items from residential customers. **Recology** drivers will come to your home to collect large items or extra bagged trash as part of the Bulky Item Collection service.

Customers may schedule up to two Bulky Item Collections each calendar year. Call **Recology Vallejo** at 552-3110 or contact us at recology.com at least one day before your regular collection day to schedule your collection.

Two cubic yards of material may be set out for each collection. E-waste may be included in the two yards. Two cubic yards equal about ten 32-gallon bags, or a couch, or other single large item. Each appliance, like an air conditioner or washer, counts as one collection. Mattresses will not be collected during the pandemic. Customers with a large amount of materials may combine their two Bulky Item Collections into a single collection of four yards of materials.

Styrofoam® Is Not Recyclable!

Styrofoam® cannot be recycled in Vallejo. Please never put any form of Styrofoam® in the blue recyclables cart. Styrofoam® should only be placed into the gray trash cart.

Rate Adjustment

The rates for residential and commercial **Recology** services are adjusted annually. This year there was a 2.3% increase in rates effective January 1, 2021.

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Pandemic Service Update

Recology Vallejo continues to provide collection service without interruption during the pandemic, but there are some changes in the way the company operates. Following is a summary of services currently offered to customers:

Main office at 2021 Broadway: Closed until **Recology** safety officials authorize opening.

Assistance by phone: Customer Service Specialists work remotely Monday through Friday from 8am until 5pm. Contact us at 707-552-3110 to get information about services, to enroll in E-BillPay service, or for other assistance.

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

Bulky Item, E-waste collection, Special Pick-Ups: These services are now available. Contact us to schedule service. **No mattress or box spring collection at this time.**

Payments: Pay bills by mail, over the phone, or online. A payment box for checks or money orders is available outside the office at 2021 Broadway. Cash is not accepted.

Pay-By-Phone is free for customers to use at any time. Call 707-731-6526 to make your payment. Have your account number ready and follow the instructions.

Go to billpay.recology.com to pay online. Customers may make a one-time payment or create an online account for recurring payments. We accept American Express, Discover, Mastercard, and Visa

credit cards, or we can debit your bank account.

Recycling Facility: Temporarily closed due to Covid-19 restrictions. Please check website or Facebook for updates on reopening.

Service Requests: Customers are encouraged to use the website at recology.com for service requests. Customers may also call the office during business hours, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm, at 707-552-3110.

Accepted Blue Cart Recyclables

Paper-Newspaper, boxes, bags, cardboard (flattened), magazines, catalogs, glossy paper, phone books, softcover books, shredded paper in paper bags, junk mail, envelopes, all colors of office paper.

Glass-All beverage and food containers in all colors. Empty container, rinse, and remove lid or cap.

Plastic-All #1 through #7 narrow-neck bottles (water, soda, and detergent bottles). All California Redemption Value (CRV) containers. Plastic tubs for margarine, butter, yogurt, etc. Empty all containers and rinse.

Metal-Food and beverage cans (aluminum, steel, and tin). Rinse. Clean aluminum pans or foil. Empty aerosol cans. Loose lids from jars.

The following materials are not recyclable. Check website or call for proper disposal instructions.

Never Mix With Blue Cart Recyclables

Paper-No hardcover books or binders; soiled papers, food wrappings, napkins, tissues or towels, waxed paper milk cartons or waxed paper juice cartons.

Glass-No drinking glasses; ceramics; window glass or mirrors; light bulbs or fluorescent tubes.

Plastic-No plastic toys, cups, garden hoses, etc.; plastic bags; Styrofoam; clam-shell food containers; PVC or other piping; diapers.

Metal-No electronic or computer equipment; hangers; scrap metal; fuel or propane tanks, etc.

New Regulation Help Available



State of California regulations now require that commercial customers who generate two or more cubic yards of organic waste per week subscribe to both recycling service and organic collection service. Previously, only customers generating four or more yards were required to participate. Organic waste includes food waste or plant material.

Commercial customers who produce four or more cubic yards of trash per week must also subscribe to recycling service. This includes residential rental properties with five or more units.

Customers are often able to comply with these laws by diverting waste from your trash container to your recyclables container. An added benefit is that recycling helps keep your bill as low as possible

Waste Zero experts are available to you through **Recology**. These experts will help you comply with SB 1383, AB 1826, and other regulations related to organic service and recycling. We will help you implement a customized program that works best for you. Get started by calling us at 707-552-3110 or contacting us through recology.com.

