

The Recycle Reader

YOUR QUARTERLY DOSE OF TRASH TALK

A Recology™ Yuba-Sutter Publication

COVER YOUR LOAD

Covering and securing your load is smart business and supports the environment.

The Recology Yuba-Sutter Transfer Station operates to best environmental practice standards. Litter and waste escaping from vehicles entering and exiting the transfer station directly impacts safety and the natural environment.

The California Highway Patrol receives many reports from citizens concerning vehicles spilling and losing their loads. The law is very specific and requires all loads be covered to prevent them from falling and blowing out. Additionally, if your spilled contents cause damage or injury to a car or person, you can be held responsible. The criminal penalties are severe for those who disregard the law and get caught spilling their loads or not having them covered. Please take the time to properly secure and cover your load.

Best Practice Tips for Transporting

Do you:

- Consider what you have to load and plan to spread the weight?
- Divide your load into groups for ease of unloading and separation?
- Keep the load within the trailer dimensions and make sure there are no protruding objects?
- Cover and secure your load with straps and ropes?
- Carry a broom to sweep your trailer after unloading?



Vehicle Code 23114:

A vehicle shall not be driven or moved on any highway unless the vehicle is so constructed, covered, or loaded as to prevent any of its contents or load other than clear water or feathers from live birds from dropping, sifting, leaking, blowing, spilling, or otherwise escaping from the vehicle.

It's not only hard work loading, securing, transporting and unloading; it's a big responsibility. *Think about your load habits!*

Recycling Education is Key!

Recology Yuba-Sutter recognizes the integral part that we as the exclusive waste hauler play within the community and we work hard to continue community interest and participation in recycling. Our community outreach programs are at the heart of the success of the recycling programs. Our Public Education Coordinator offers educational programs and tours for all ages to learn about recycling. We approach the subject of waste reduction within four main subject areas; **solid waste**, **natural resources**, **composting**, and **recycling**.

Our goal is to get you thinking about simple ways you can reduce waste in your daily lives. In 2015, we visited 27 classrooms and 16 service groups to teach the three R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) with presentations and to offer tours of our state-of-the-art recycling center to see the recycling process in action. Call Jackie Sillman at 749-4220 to plan your tour or schedule presentations.



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Recology™ Yuba-Sutter WASTE ZERO

Recology Employee Owner News



Lesa Holmes has accepted the position as Recology Yuba-Sutter's new Customer Service Manager. Lesa joined Recology in 1990 and has supervised many aspects of the waste industry including the material recovery facility, transfer station, buyback, organics, and curbside pick up. In addition, she was a representative for the NorCal Employee Communications Committee, marketed recycled

material, worked with local government and with the Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery.

Lesa graduated from Norcal Academy in 2002, Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce LEAD Program in 2003, and currently attends Brandman University to obtain her Bachelor Degree in Sociology. She has been Distinguished Past President & Distinguished Past Lt. Governor of Marysville Kiwanis. Currently she is a member of Yuba City Rotary. Lesa is excited for this opportunity and looks forward to becoming Customer Service Manager at Recology Yuba-Sutter.

Lesa is a lifetime resident of the Yuba Sutter area. She is married to Tom Holmes and they have two daughters.



Frank Tamayo is Recology Yuba-Sutter's Operations Manager. Frank transferred from Recology Auburn Placer operations and has worked at Recology since 2001, first serving as Safety & Compliance Manager for six Northern California Recology companies. In this role, Frank developed and implemented a number of environmental health and safety programs to increase employee awareness and achieve 100% compliance with local, state, and federal regulations.

In 2005, Frank transferred to his position as Operations Manager for Recology Auburn Placer, he was responsible for providing day-to-day oversight of employees, collection routes, and transfer station operations. He also managed commercial and residential customer relations, in addition to City and County government relations. Frank is an active member in the Regional Recycle Group (RRG), the RRG is an informal group comprised of Placer County, Western Placer Waste Management Authority, The Cities of Colfax, Rocklin, Roseville, Lincoln, Auburn, The Town of Loomis and Recology Auburn Placer. The mission of the RRG is to let those that live, work and play in Placer County know how recycling happens. Frank is also an active member in the Corporate Recology Volunteer Program.

Frank is married with 2 children and 2 dogs. During his off time he enjoys restoring and driving his wide variety of classic cars.

★ As owners of the company, we all strive to deliver the highest quality of customer service; constantly enhance environmental protection through the application of stringent standards; and to embody professionalism in all our undertakings.

REMOVING RECYCLABLES FROM THE CARTS IS ALSO STEALING

Have you seen strangers rummaging through your recycling cart? They are usually looking for valuable CRV materials, like soda cans and water bottles. They are stealing.

The problem isn't just here in Yuba Sutter. It's an issue throughout California, which is why Assembly Bill (AB) 1778 was passed. AB 1778 requires scrap yards that buy \$100 or more of CRV bottles and cans or \$50 or more of newspaper to document transactions and to pay for these materials by check.

AB 1778 is designed to reduce organized recycling theft in California.

Locally, scavenging recyclables is against the law and violators may be prosecuted and are subject to a fine.



Scavengers are not only stealing from Recology Yuba-Sutter, they're stealing from the residents and business owners of Yuba-Sutter because the revenue generated from the sale of recyclables goes directly back to the rate payers in the form of lower service rates. Recycling service is provided at no extra cost to ratepayers because the revenue from the recyclables subsidizes the cost for the collection. When scavengers steal the recyclable materials, however, they remove that revenue and cut the funding to the recycling program.

So the next time you see someone scavenging through a recycling cart or bin, remember that it is a crime and you can do something about it.

