



## RATE INCREASE

## EFFECTIVE

JANUARY 1, 2024

Recology service rates will increase beginning **January 1, 2024** for residential and commercial customers.

### Commercial Rates

	CURRENT	NEW
32-gal	\$68.62	\$83.46
64-gal	\$135.85	\$165.23
96-gal	\$178.28	\$216.84

Monthly rates are based on size and frequency of garbage and organics carts. Weekly collection of recycling is included with your service.

If you have questions or special service needs, please contact Customer Service.

## 168 MARKET IS DEDICATED TO COMPOSTING CORRECTLY

We applaud the staff of 168 Market who worked diligently to reduce the contamination levels in the store's compost carts.

When 168 Market, a Taiwanese grocery store chain, opened on Sereno Drive in October 2023, employees worked with Recology Waste Zero (WZ) specialists to learn how to sort materials correctly. If items such as plastic, glass, or trash are put in the compost bin, the bin is considered contaminated.



*Business Highlight*

A few months later, WZ specialists conducted audits and found that 168 Market had done a wonderful job keeping contamination out of its compost bins!

Store Manager Bill Liu credited his employees with working hard to separate discards into accurate categories—organics, recycling, and trash.

"We just needed to keep reminding ourselves about what goes in which bin, and eventually we had clean compost bins," Liu said. "We are here to help the community and to be a good example as a business caring about the environment."

Well done, 168 Market!

*If your business needs educational materials or training about recycling and composting correctly, call Recology Vallejo at **707.552.3110** to arrange an on-site visit at no extra charge.*

## WASTE ZERO CORNER

### Nice to meet you!

Hello Vallejo! We are Recology Vallejo/  
American Canyon's new Waste  
Zero Specialists—**Elizabeth  
Talbot** and **Ana Wong**.



We are here to help with:

- Presentations at your business, school, market, or apartment building on proper disposal techniques and services.

- Site visits of your business or multi-family residence to recommend correct bin sizes to optimize discard diversion for more recycling and composting while reducing garbage costs.
- Setting up new services and providing posters, stickers, and informational brochures.

Recology offers these services at no extra charge. Please give us a call at **707.552.3110** to ask for Waste Zero assistance. We look forward to talking with you.

## TANGLER ALERT: NO PLASTIC BAGS

Please do not put plastic bags in your blue or green bin. Flimsy plastics contaminate recycling and compost. Contaminated bins will either not be serviced, or a fee will be levied for servicing them as trash.



**Operations must be stopped when plastic bags get tangled in machines, which could increase costs and be dangerous for workers.**

Plastic bags make it difficult for workers to sort recyclables properly and safely. They can wrap around equipment, requiring operations to shut down while workers climb onto the machinery to cut the plastic off gears and screens.

Hard plastics—think water bottles or laundry jugs—that are clean and dry can be put loose in the blue cart along with aluminum, glass bottles and jars, paper, and cardboard.

Whenever possible, decline single-use plastics such as utensils, bags, and straws. They cannot be recycled or composted.

When in doubt, check out [WhatBin.com](https://www.whatbin.com) to find out what items go in which bin.

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## WHY COMPOSTING MATTERS

CalRecycle, which oversees the reduction, reuse, and recycling of state resources, estimates that one-third of the material currently thrown into California landfills could be composted.

Businesses and other organizations that compost help reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions, divert materials from landfills, and support local farms to grow healthy food.

California law SB 1383, enacted in 2022, mandates commercial entities compost their food scraps and yard waste. The law seeks to decrease the amount of compostable material sent to landfills by 75% and increase food recovery by 20% by 2025.

One aspect of SB 1383 is to recover uneaten edible food from supermarkets, hotels, restaurants, schools, large event venues, and health facilities to give to homeless shelters, food banks, and others who may need it. For more information, visit [Calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/foodrecovery/](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/foodrecovery/)

Recology offers composting and recycling services with all garbage collection, no matter what size cart you have. Call us, and we'll ensure you have the correct organics cart for your business.

## WORK AT RECOLOGY

Recology Vallejo is hiring drivers, mechanics, and customer service representatives.



We are a 100% employee-owned company offering good pay and benefits. Recology won an industry award this year for Communications Excellence for executing an event celebrating employee ownership.

Apply online by going to [Recology.com](https://www.Recology.com) and clicking Careers.

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