



## ALL HAIL THE KITCHEN PAIL



Composting food scraps and yard trimmings, now required by law, is a great way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. And using a receptacle in the kitchen for food scraps makes it easier to transport them to your green collection cart.

You can purchase a kitchen pail or use an old bucket or countertop canister. Containers with lids work best.

- Put food scraps in the pail loose. No plastic allowed.
- Use paper bags or paper towels to line the kitchen pail.
- Empty it every few days.
- Wash it with warm water and soap.
- Dry your pail and reuse it.

Residents of multifamily buildings should contact their property manager and find out where the complex's organics cart is.

Recology offers free, on-site training to property managers and staff on proper sorting procedures as well as sorting guides for all residential and commercial customers.

## PREVENT FIRES: TAPE LITHIUM BATTERIES

### WHEN RECYCLING

Lithium batteries power car clickers, wireless speakers, and many other gadgets. When lithium batteries run down, we replace them and return to action. But what should we do with the old ones?

Recycle them, along with other household batteries, but be sure to use clear tape on the contact points. Lithium batteries that are not taped can cause fires in collection trucks and recycling facilities and harm workers.

Take your old batteries — taped lithium, standard household, and car batteries — to the Recology Vallejo-American Canyon BOPA Recycling Facility, 2021 Broadway St., Vallejo. It is open 8 AM to 3:30 PM Thursday through Saturday. For more information, call the facility at **707.552.3110**.



## TIPS TO REDUCE

### PESTS AND ODORS

Regular maintenance of compost bins will help reduce odors and pests, especially during the warm summer months.

First and foremost, be sure to put your cart out for weekly service. Recology will empty whatever amount is there. And:

**STORE** your green cart in a cool, shady spot, and always close the lid.



**KEEP** your kitchen pail out of the sun or under the sink and rinse it after each use.



**LINE** the bottom of your green cart with newspaper, food-soiled paper, or yard waste (grass, leaves, sticks, flowers, plants).

**FREEZE** food scraps in a paper bag and dispose of it the night before your service day.

**SQUIRT** lemon juice over the lid and handle. Wasps and flies don't like citrus juice.



**SPRINKLE** baking soda, apple cider vinegar, or a favorite essential oil inside the cart.



After collection, **RINSE** your organics cart with diluted vinegar and let it air dry for about an hour before closing the lid and storing it.

## DISPOSE OF MEDICATIONS AND SHARPS PROPERLY

### ONLY MEDICATIONS ACCEPTED

Please do not flush prescription drugs or over-the-counter medications down the toilet. Medication does not dissipate completely after passing through wastewater treatment plants.

Put old or unused medications in



a plastic bag or transport them in their original containers and drop them off at these locations:

- CVS Pharmacy, 1193 Admiral Callaghan Lane
- Kaiser Vallejo Discharge Pharmacy, 975 Sereno Dr. (Kaiser also accepts sharps.)
- Rite Aid, 2021 Solano Ave.
- American Canyon Police Department, 911 Donaldson Way East. Note: Medicine bottles/packaging are not accepted. Put all pills loose in a baggie, then drop it into the container in the lobby.

### SHARPS ONLY DROP-OFF

Sharps include syringes, needles, and lancets used for medical purposes on humans and animals. Never discard these items in curbside bins; doing so is a health hazard and against the law.

Place your home-generated sharps discards in biohazard containers.

You can usually purchase biohazard containers at pharmacies, medical and office supply stores, healthcare providers, and online.

When your biohazard container is nearly full, sharps can be dropped off at these locations:

- Recology BOPA Facility, 2021 Broadway St.
- Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador St.
- Napa-Vallejo Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, 889A Devlin Road, American Canyon.
- VALCORE Recycling, 38 Sheridan St.



## GROW WITH US! RECOLOGY VALLEJO & AMERICAN CANYON JOB POSTINGS

As the largest 100% employee-owned company in the resource recovery industry, Recology has a unique workplace culture that guides how it supports employees, interacts with customers, services its communities, and cares for the environment.



It takes a team of dedicated people to create positive change. Our teams are continuously working to find solutions to global waste issues and they're nothing short of dedicated.

Interested? Apply online to join our team. The positions needed are:

- Drivers
- Sorters
- Waste Zero Specialist
- Mechanic Assistance

Apply online by going to [Recology.com](https://phg.tbe.taleo.net/phg03/ats/careers/v2/searchResults?org=RECOLOGY&cws=43), clicking on Careers, and then Working at Recology on the drop-down menu and Search Openings. Or enter this web address:

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