



## NO PLASTIC REQUIRED

Tips to avoid plastic:

- Use canvas carry bags when shopping so it's easier to decline plastic bags.
- Choose to use a refillable metal water bottle and avoid buying water in plastic bottles.
  - When you visit coffee shops, bring your own travel mug.
  - Buy fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets where produce is presented on tables, not in plastic wrap. Bring paper lunch sacks. They are made of 100 percent recycled Kraft paper. Fill one with your chosen produce and place it on the scale.
- Choose aluminum and glass when buying beverages and condiments. Aluminum cans get recycled at a higher percentage than any other beverage container.



**FIESTA DAYS PARADE TIME**



**R**ecology mascots Buddy Blue and Binny Green are preparing to dance down Merchant Street, inspiring smiles and high-fiving kids during this year's Vacaville Fiesta Days Parade.

The must-see event starts at **10 AM on Saturday, May 25.**

Buddy and Binny, who represent blue bin recycling and green bin composting services, are perennial parade favorites, as is the Recology Drill Team.

The Drill Team is practicing its footwork and fancy collection-can moves that are sure to thrill the crowd. A unique vintage garbage truck outfitted with a sound system provides the team's music.

After the Fiesta Days Parade, attendees can wander over to Creekwalk Park, where a car show, food vendors, and live entertainment are planned. See you there!

## DON'T BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES—

### KEEP THEM LOOSE!

When putting recyclables in your blue bin, keep them loose. When recyclables are bagged, your blue bin is considered contaminated and will not be serviced.



## CLEAR YOUR CLUTTER

Is your house or apartment feeling cramped? Tired of navigating around large, worn-out items in your garage, side yard, or workspace?

Residential customers within the city limits of Vacaville get one free Residential Cleanup Program (RCP) curbside pickup a year.



It's an easy and convenient way to discard broken possessions that need to go but are too big or inappropriate for your recycling bin, such as broken TVs, old mattresses, damaged furniture, and unfixable appliances.

Call **707.448.2945** at least one day before your collection day to schedule a pickup. You may choose one of the following types of pickups:

- **2 bulky items.** A mattress and box spring set count as one bulky item.
- **2 cubic yards of bagged material.** Bags may not be larger than 32 gallons and must not weigh more than 25 pounds when full.
- **3 e-waste items.**

Place items at the curb next to your gray cart. Write "RCP" on paper and attach it to one of your items.

We do not accept hazardous waste, construction and demolition debris, or auto parts.

In addition to the curbside RCP, residential customers are mailed one landfill pass each January to self-haul a single load of up to 2 yards or 1,000 pounds of materials to Recology Hay Road Landfill without charge. E-waste and recyclable materials should not be included. E-bill customers can contact our office to request a pass.

## WE'VE GOT FREE COMPOST

Load up on compost now through October 31 at Recology Jepson Prairie Organics, 6426 Hay Road in Vacaville, while supplies last.



City of Vacaville residents may haul up to 4 yards of the nutrient-rich soil amendment per visit at no charge. One visit per household per day.

Show your Recology residential bill, driver's license, or other official identification at the scale house. Bring a shovel, load your vehicle, and cover the compost.

Jepson Prairie Organics is open 8 AM – 4 PM Monday through

Sunday, weather permitting. No appointment necessary.

Recology compost is made from the food scraps, plants, grass clippings, and food-soiled paper that residents and businesses put in their green collection bins.

California state law SB 1383 requires all cities and counties to participate in such collection programs to divert compostable materials from landfills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

## ALL HAIL THE KITCHEN PAIL

Did you know Californians are no longer allowed to put food scraps in the garbage? All food scraps and uncoated food-soiled paper must go in your green organics cart.



Twenty percent of California's methane emissions are produced by food rotting in landfills.

Recology collects food scraps put in the green bin and turns them into compost, which helps reduce emissions. Farmers use the compost to nurture the soil and grow more food.

For easier handling and storage of kitchen food scraps, you can get a free pail designed specifically for this purpose. One per household; two replacements per year per household if needed.

Call us at **707.448.2945** to request your kitchen pail today!



## HOW TO RECYCLE E-WASTE AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Vacaville Recycling Center  
855½ Davis St., Vacaville  
Hours: 9 AM – 3 PM, Tuesday – Saturday

Household Hazardous Waste, E-Waste,  
Mattresses, and Carpet  
855½ Davis St., Vacaville  
Drop-off hours: 9 AM – 3 PM Saturdays Only