Important Autumn Information

New phone books will be distributed in October. Old phone books may be deposited in your blue recycling Toter® on your normally scheduled collection day. Phone books may also be deposited at the **Vacaville Sanitary Service** Recycling Facility, 855 1/2 Davis Street, which is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 AM until 3 PM.

The City of Vacaville has a wealth of information on recycling phone books and other materials. Click on www.vacavillerecycling.com to get updated information on recycling options in Vacaville.

Up to three yards per visit of compost is available at the Hay Road Landfill until October 31, weather permitting. Supplies are limited and available only to residents who reside within the Vacaville city limits. You must load the compost yourself and cover all loads before leaving. Just show your garbage bill or other identification at the scalehouse.

Christmas Trees and Boxes

Start thinking about recycling your Christmas trees! Cut your trees in half and then stack the sections next to the green yardwaste Toter® between December 26 and January 4. During other times, cut the trees to fit inside the yardwaste Toter®.

Trees sent for recycling must be free of tinsel, flocking, ornaments and tree stand. Trees with these materials may be cut up and placed in your gray trash Toter® for collection.

Tree recycling is one way Boy Scout troops and other youth groups raise funds after Christmas. These groups will collect whole trees for a small donation.

Large corrugated cardboard boxes are accepted at the **VSS** Recycling Facility at 855 1/2 Davis Street in Vacaville which is open from Tuesday through Saturday from 9 AM until 3 PM. Boxes may also be flattened and placed in the blue Toter® for collection.

Call the City's recycling information line at 454-5705 or click onto the City's website at www.vacavillerecycling.com during the holiday season for a listing of Boy Scout troops that will do pickups in your area.

Help Prevent Recycling Theft

The theft of materials from recycling Toters® threatens to drive up the cost of the program and often leaves an unsightly mess on neighborhood streets. Please report any people pilfering through recycling bins to the Vacaville Police Department at 449-5200.

Holiday Schedule

There will be no change in the collection schedule for Thanksgiving. Refuse collections will be made as usual on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 22.

Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Tuesdays this year. All collections during these holiday weeks will shift one day later from Wednesday through Saturday.

The Hay Road Landfill and the Recycling Facility in Vacaville will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Holiday schedule information is available at www.vacavillesanitary.com/residentialgarbage.htm

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Help Keep Children Warm

The annual **Give Winter Garb a Second Chance** program is returning to Vacaville! Gather your unwanted coats, jackets, and blankets for collection during the week of November 5. Place your items in a plastic bag that is clearly marked "Winter Garb." Then just put the bag next to your blue recycling Toter® on your regular collection day between November 5 and 9.

Help keep needy families warm by donating clean used coats, jackets, and blankets to the Winter Garb program. Items will be collected by **VSS** drivers between November 5 and 9.

Donated items will be distributed to needy Vacaville families by local community groups in time for the holidays. All donations go directly to Vacaville residents. Call 469-6509 for details of the distribution date, time, and location. Advertisements will also be placed in local newspapers announcing the distribution dates.

Staff from the City of Vacaville works with **VSS**, local schools, organizations, and businesses to provide this vital service to the community.

"This is such a great way to kick off the holiday season," said **VSS** General Manager Ed Farewell. "Vacaville residents always show their generosity during the Winter Garb effort."

Route drivers from **VSS** will collect donations right at the curb. Make sure that your driver can clearly see the label on your donation bag. Only clean coats, jackets, and blankets can be accepted.

"We are grateful to everyone who donates items to this important event," Farewell said.

VSS Driver Mike Holden collects donations for the annual Winter Garb event.

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Trash Talk

Relief for Plastic Bag Disposal

Plastic bags, like the ones above, may not be placed in the blue recycling or the green yardwaste Toters®. A new law now requires some stores to accept used bags for recycling.

A new law went into effect on July 1, 2007, that requires California grocery stores to take back and recycle plastic grocery bags. AB 2449 was signed by Governor Schwarzenegger in September of 2006. Over the next six years, large grocery stores and other retailers must create an in-store recycling program for the collection and recycling of plastic bags.

"Plastic bags have been an issue for us," explains **Vacaville Sanitary Service** General Manager Ed Farewell. "Customers may not dispose of the bags with their yardwaste or recyclable materials. The end result is a huge volume of the bags going to the landfill each year."

The new law also requires stores to label their bags with notices of how the bags can be returned to the store for recycling. Each store must also place bag recycling bins in visible and accessible locations for customers. The law also encourages stores to provide reusable bags for customers to purchase in lieu of disposable ones. Bag manufacturers are also required to help ensure the proper collection and recycling of the plastic bags. A public awareness program that informs customers of the changes is also required.

"For now, it is just important that our customers know that these changes are taking place," said Farewell. "The result should add considerably to Vacaville's diversion efforts. Just remember that plastic bags may only go in the gray garbage Toter®."

Extra Yardwaste Relief

Customers may place out unlimited numbers of extra yardwaste cans at no extra charge. The cans must be sturdy and have tight fitting lids and handles. Only 32-gallon cans may be used. Plastic bags will not be collected. Cuttings may be bundled in stacks no larger than 2′ by 3′, tied with twine, and left beside the green Toter®.

Pressure-treated wood is now on the growing list of hazardous materials. Pressure-treated wood is commonly seen as stained green or reddish-brown lumber with a stamped surface. It can no longer be placed in the trash. The material will also be turned away from the Household Hazardous Waste facilities. It is expected that the State will announce a disposal solution in the near future, but for now customers are forced to keep any pressure-treated scrap.

A World of Information

Click on the website for ***VSS*** for an interactive street sweeping map, recycling and disposal updates, holiday schedules, and other important information. Just click on: *www.vacavillesanitary.com*

We're Here for You!

Arturo Berumen

For Arturo Berumen, waste collection is truly in the blood. Arturo's father was one of the first garbage men in Vacaville, and his dad worked for the garbage service for 40 years. Arturo now follows in the family tradition as he enjoys his recent promotion to Assistant Route Foreman for **Vacaville Sanitary Service**. Prior to his promotion, Arturo worked as a driver for 16 years. In his new job, Arturo helps supervise drivers and keeps routes running smoothly.

"I enjoy helping customers," Arturo said. "All of the employees at **VSS** try to provide great service. We take great pride in our jobs."

Arturo believes that the experience of the management team helps keep operations running smoothly. "The bosses here have worked their way up," Arturo explains. "That really makes a difference in a company."

Arturo was raised in Vacaville where he lives with his wife Yvonne and their four sons Anthony, Nathaniel, Jonathan and Nicholas. When not working, the family enjoys sports, camping and fishing.