Free Compost and Other Tips

Vacaville residents who reside in the city limits may bring their shovels and load up on free compost at the Hay Road Landfill from April 1 until October 1, 2008, weather permitting.

Just show your garbage bill or other identification as a Vacaville resident at the scalehouse. Customers are entitled to three yards per visit, one visit per day. Compost supply is limited and subject to supplies on hand. Remember to bring a tarp to cover any open loads of compost.

Heads Up to Landlords

Landlords are urged to double check the status of their tenants' garbage bills. Property owners who rent out property in Vacaville are ultimately responsible for the payment of the garbage bill. Landlords must clearly understand local ordinances that regulate the payment of bills.

Liens may be placed against the property if garbage bills remain unpaid. Quarterly garbage bills are sent out in advance and become delinquent after 90 days. Notices of delinquency are usually sent to property owners two times per year–in January and April.

If the bill remains delinquent, the City of Vacaville notifies property owners of the bill's status prior to a Public Hearing before the Vacaville City Council. If outstanding balances are not resolved at this time, the debts are sent on to the Solano County Assessor's Office in July to be placed as liens on the property. Interest and other fees are added to the amount overdue.

Renting property does not transfer this responsibility away from the property owner. Landlords are urged to make payment of garbage fees clear in their rental agreements. One option is for landlords to pay the bill directly and include the cost of garbage service in the monthly rent. Landlords who are unsure of their tenants' payment status are encouraged to call **Vacaville Sanitary Service** at 448-2945 with the account number and property address to check the outstanding balance. This simple check, if done early, will often enable landlords to take quick action with their tenants.

Extra Yardwaste Assistance

Customers may place out unlimited numbers of extra yardwaste Toters® or extra cans at no extra charge. Extra cans must be sturdy and must have handles and tight fitting lids. Only 32-gallon cans may be used. Customers may rent extra yardwaste Toters® from **VSS** that are equal in volume to about three 32-gallon trash cans. Place bundles of tree or shrub prunings beside your green Toter®. Bundles must be no larger than 3 feet by 2 feet. Tie bundles with twine. Never use wire to tie bundles.

Earth Day Contest

Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 19. Watch for announcements of local events that will be held in Vacaville. The City of Vacaville is sponsoring an Earth Day coloring contest for students. Just look for your copy of the *Around Town* publication. The publication has all the entry information.

Free compost is available to Vacaville residents at the Hay Road Landfill. The article above explains how customers can obtain this rich addition for their lawns and gardens.

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Fiesta Days Returns!

*The Drill Team runs drills during last year's Fiesta Days Parade while family members and employees from **Vacaville Sanitary Service** cheer them on.*

The 51st Annual Fiesta Days is on the way, and the **Vacaville Sanitary Service** Drill Team is dusting off their uniforms and polishing their cans for this year's event. The Vacaville Fiesta Days Parade will be held on Saturday, May 24. The **VSS** Drill Team has been a highlight of the Fiesta Days celebration for many years. Route drivers and other employees run cadence style drills while carrying cans in the old fashioned spirit of the garbage collectors of the past. During the parade an antique garbage truck will be the centerpiece of the team's performance. Employees and their family members will fill the truck. A sound system in the truck provides lively music for the Drill Team's performance.

"The Fiesta Days Parade is the highlight of the year. It is our opportunity to show off our talents," said **Vacaville Sanitary Service** Manager, Ed Farewell. "We fill the truck with family members and friends who cheer on the team. We all feed off the energy of the crowd who enjoys the performance. Just seeing our friends and familiar faces in the crowd gives us energy. We are all looking forward to this year's parade being better than ever."

*Watch for the **VSS** Drill Team at the Fiesta Days Parade on Saturday, May 24. The precision team executes a number of complicated maneuvers with old fashioned trash cans. The maneuvers are choreographed to lively music.*

Members of the Drill Team deliver intricate routines that are set to the music. The team performs with large antique garbage collection cans. Employees, family, and friends also march in costumes with recycling themes. Be sure to cheer them on during the Fiesta Day Parade!

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Great Tips for Curbside Recycling

Proper placement of Toters® helps drivers empty the containers safely and efficiently. It is important that customers understand the rules for proper placement and also place the proper materials into each container.

Customers are doing a great job on collection day. Curbside collection of trash, yardwaste, and recyclables is easy and convenient. Reviewing the rules for the program really helps make collections run smoothly.

When to Place Out

The blue Toters® may be set out weekly but customers are encouraged to only set them out when they are over half full. This helps the curbside recycling program work most efficiently, and the large containers can often hold a few weeks worth of materials.

Recycling Guidelines

Here is a handy list of the materials that may be set out in your recycling Toter®. Please do not use plastic bags to secure materials in your Toter®.

Tin and Aluminum Cans–you do not need to remove labels or crush cans; Glass Bottles and Jars–remove and discard lids; #1 through #7 Narrow-neck Plastic Bottles and Jugs–remove and discard lids. Flatten bottles. Labels are OK.

Newspapers–including inserts; Magazines–including glossy publications; Junkmail; Chipboard–boxes from cereal, shoes, crackers or gifts; Brown Paper Bags; Paperboard Egg Cartons; Corrugated Cardboard–with ridges typically used for heavy-duty boxes.

The following cannot be recycled: aluminum foil, food trays or pans, scrap metal, coat hangers, spray cans, propane tanks, mirrors, light bulbs, ceramics, window panes, dishware, drinking glasses or mugs, vases, plastic bags, Styrofoam, plant trays or pots, irrigation pipe, small plastic furniture, plastic toys and other plastic items, adhesive backed paper, carbon paper, photographs, facial or toilet tissues, books, plastic or foil lining from cereal or cracker boxes, paper contaminated by food or thermal fax paper. Plastic tubs such as yogurt and margarine containers cannot be accepted.

Cardboard must be cut to fit inside the Toter®.

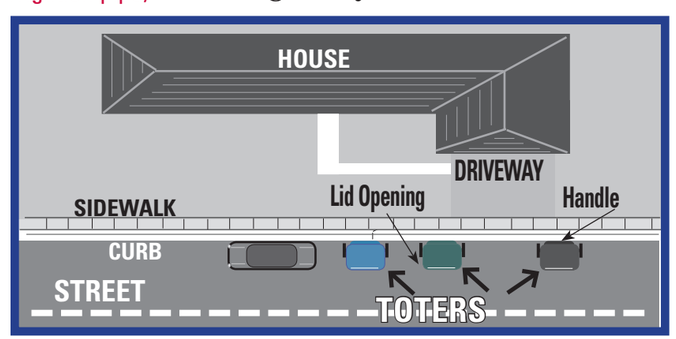
As always, just call us at 448-2945 if you have questions or comments about any of the services we provide.

City Ordinance

The City of Vacaville is enforcing Municipal Ordinance Section 8.10.030A.8 which states "Toters® must be kept on the side of the house or in the rear yard except for garbage service day." The Ordinance helps keep neighborhoods clean, safe, and beautiful. It is enforced by the Code Compliance Division that can be reached at 449-5693. After-hour messages may be left at this number.

REMEMBER • REMEMBER • REMEMBER

- Keep all Toters® at least 5 feet apart
- Toters® should face street with the lids opening toward the street, handles in back, numbers & address in front
- Place yardwaste bundles next to green Toter®
- Don't block the sidewalk • Don't park cars within 5 feet of Toters®
- Put Toters® out by 6:00 AM on collection day
- Remove Toters® from street by 6:00 PM
- Check the diagram to the right for proper placement



We're Here for You!

Mike Fadley

With almost 20 years on the job at **VSS**, there is no type of truck that driver Mike Fadley has not driven. Mike's all-time favorite, however, is the box trucks that haul the large dropboxes.

"I love the box trucks," explains Mike. "You gain pretty good skills after a few years dropping these boxes in tight spaces. By now there is no challenge that I find to be too tough."

Mike came to **VSS** after working a few other jobs. He enjoys interacting with customers and helping them understand the rules that must be followed.

"There are strict rules covering the types and quantities of materials we can haul," Mike said. "Customers really appreciate it when we explain how they can help us keep loads safe and legal. Helping customers is the most important part of our job."

Mike is a 4th generation native of Vacaville. He lives in Vacaville with his wife Susan and their sons Paul, age 19, and Joey, age 17. When not working the family enjoys spending time together with many outdoor activities.