Santa's Helpers and Important Tips

(Left) Employees of V**SS** who helped Santa deliver presents stand with the Garcia family that included Fernando (age 5), Rigoberto, and Delia holding Ricardo (age 2).

Remember that most electronics are recyclable. **Vacaville Sanitary Service** will pick up one computer monitor or television per calendar year from your home at no extra charge. Additional units can also be picked up for a fee dependent on size. The pickup program is only for pickup of televisions and/or monitors. Just call us at 448-2945 to schedule a curbside pickup.

The City of Vacaville, in cooperation with **VSS**, offers free drop-off disposal of electronic equipment such as TVs, radios, fax machines, cell phones, VCRs, microwave ovens, computers, printers, telephones, etc. The drop-off service is available every Saturday between 9 AM and 3 PM at the **Vacaville Sanitary Service** Recycling Center located at 855 ½ Davis Street. There is a two-item limit per day, and residents must be able to carry and unload their own equipment.

Cardboard Box Recycling

Large corrugated cardboard boxes, such as the ones that bicycles and appliances come in, are accepted Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the **VSS** Recycling Center at 855 1/2 Davis Street in Vacaville. Call us at 448-2945 for complete information about recycling.

No Plastic Bags or Garbage

Only leaves, grass clippings, weeds, kitchen fruit or vegetable scraps, and tree or shrub prunings may be placed inside the 96-gallon green Toters®. No plastic bags, non-yardwaste materials, food scraps, animal feces, lumber, rocks, or any form of hazardous waste may be mixed with the yardwaste.

Cut-up Christmas trees may be placed inside the green Toter® if they are not flocked and all tinsel, ornaments, and stands are removed. Trees with flocking or any of these other materials may be cut up and placed in your gray trash Toter®.

Contained & Covered

Secure loose papers and lightweight materials into bags before placing in the gray trash Toter®. Keep all Toters® covered to keep materials from blowing out and prevent rain from going in.

Plastic bags must not be placed into the blue recycling or green yardwaste Toters®.

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Giving Back

(Left) The procession of decorated trucks make their way down the road on their way to the Garcia house in Dixon. **VSS** drivers and Santa himself surprised the Garcia family with gifts and a lighted Christmas tree.

(Below) Santa and his helpers unload a new bicycle and other gifts for the Garcia family. **VSS** drivers and maintenance crew donated the money to purchase the gifts that brightened the holiday for the Garcia family.

The Garcia family enjoyed a surprise visit from Santa and his helpers thanks to the drivers from **Vacaville Sanitary Service**. The drivers contacted Dixon Family Services and were put in touch with the Garcia family who was facing a bleak Christmas this year. Drivers then took up donations amongst themselves to purchase a tree and presents for each family member.

Drivers in a procession of trucks visited the Garcia family with Santa and his many helpers.

Office employees also extended the good will spirit of the holidays as they prepared gifts for Sgt. Anthony Jimenez and his platoon that is stationed in Afghanistan. Sgt. Jimenez was "adopted" by the office staff earlier in the year by contacting *soldiersangels.org*. The staff has been sending regular letters and much needed supplies to Sgt. Jimenez and his fellow soldiers.

"I am so proud of our employees," said **VSS** General Manager, Ed Farewell. "These acts of generosity were entirely our employees doing. The impact they have made on others is truly touching for us all."

(Right) Gifts are prepared for mailing to an Army Sergeant and his fellow soldiers. The platoon is being supported with gifts, supplies and encouraging letters from the office staff.

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Thanks for the Warmth, Recycling Tips

Donations of coats and blankets that were gathered during the "Give Winter Garb a Second Chance" drive were sorted by volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 897 who are pictured above. The annual drive provided Vacaville residents with coats and blankets just in time for the cold winter days.

Once again, the Vacaville community stepped up to make the *"Give Winter Garb a Second Chance"* drive a tremendous success. Route drivers from **VSS** collected coats and blankets in November that had been set out by residents as donations to the program. The City of Vacaville's recycling staff then coordinated volunteer groups to sort and distribute the items.

In addition to the City of Vacaville and **Vacaville Sanitary Service,** other businesses and organizations contributing to the success of the drive included Boy Scout Troop 897, Christmas Wish, Vacaville Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club, Davis Street Self Storage, Vacaville Youth In Action, Public Works Facilities Maintenance, and Golden West Middle School.

Items were distributed to families just in time for the holiday season.

The *Winter Garb* drive helps reduce the amount of materials that go to the landfill while providing a much needed service for families in need.

Recycling Guidelines

Following is a list of acceptable and *unacceptable* materials for the blue recyclables Toter®:

Tin and Aluminum Cans

You do not need to remove labels or crush cans.

Aluminum cans (soda and beer cans); tin cans (soup, pet food, canned vegetable and meat products, and other foods).

NO: Aluminum foil, food trays or pans, scrap metal, coat hangers, spray cans (e.g. hair spray or paint), or propane tanks.

Glass Bottles and Jars

Remove lids and throw them away.

Glass bottles (from juice, soda, wine and liquor–clear, green, and brown–CRV and non-CRV); glass jars (from spaghetti sauce, apple sauce, and other food items).

NO: Mirrors, light bulbs, ceramics, window panes, dishware, drinking glasses or mugs, and vases.

#1 - #7 Narrow-neck Plastic Bottles and Jugs

Remove the lids from the bottles and throw them away. You do not need to remove the labels. Look on the bottom of the bottle for the #1 - #7 recycling symbol.

Plastic bottles and jugs (from soda, juice, milk, bottled water, or other household products).

NO: Plastic bags, tubs such as yogurt and margarine containers, food trays or deli containers, Styrofoam, plant trays or pots, irrigation pipe, small plastic furniture, and plastic toys.

Newspapers, Magazines and Chipboard

Junk mail; newspapers (includes inserts); office paper; magazines (includes glossy publications); chipboard (boxes from cereal, shoes, crackers or gifts); brown paper bags; paperboard egg cartons (not Styrofoam); corrugated cardboard (cardboard with ridges typically used for heavy-duty boxes). Please flatten cardboard.

NO: Adhesive-backed paper, carbon paper, photographs, facial or toilet tissues, books, plastic or foil lining from cereal or cracker boxes, paper contaminated by food, and thermal fax paper.

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!

After 21 years with **Vacaville Sanitary Service**, Randy Rositano views himself as an important protector of the environment.

Randy Rositano

"Trash will always be with us," Randy explains, "and it is up to us to provide safe ways to dispose of garbage and transport recyclables. I like the feeling of accomplishment as we work to protect the environment."

Randy currently drives a large roll-off truck that services commercial customers. He worked various warehouse and delivery jobs before coming to work for **VSS**.

"It is great to be out working and not cooped up in an office," said Randy. "I enjoy meeting new people and helping customers. We do whatever it takes to get the job done, and I just want people to know that we are here to help."

Randy grew up in Vacaville. His family settled here "when all the roads were still dirt." He now lives here with his wife Kerri, daughters Jordan (age 8), Taylor (age 17), and sons Chris (age 24) and Mike (age 26). The family enjoys spending time together camping and riding in the sand dunes.