

Get Garb Ready for Collection



The "Give Winter Garb a Second Chance" drive collects thousands of items each year from generous Vacaville residents. The items are then donated to needy Vacaville families just in time for the winter holidays.

It's time to gather unwanted coats and blankets for the annual "Give Winter Garb a Second Chance" drive. Every year blankets and coats are donated by Vacaville residents. The items are then distributed to needy families at neighborhood community centers.

Staff from the City of Vacaville works with **VSS** and local community groups to bring this vital service to the community.

This year **VSS** drivers will collect items from November 8 through 12. Only coats and blankets are accepted. Simply leave your items in a labeled bag beside your yellow bin or green toter on your regular collection day during this collection week. Children's coats are especially needed, but any coat or jacket in good condition will be accepted. Unfortunately, leather or fur coats cannot be collected. All donations will be given to needy Vacaville families during the holidays.

The "Give Winter Garb a Second Chance" drive not only helps out those in need, it also helps

Vacaville meet our recycling goals by saving the collected materials from going to the landfill.

Great Deal on Paint

Customers bring latex-based paints to the recycling facility at **VSS**. The paint is then processed and mixed into fresh paint that is available for purchase by customers. The mixing of various shades of recycled paint makes the final product either a beige, brown or grey shade. The paint is durable and provides great coverage on interior or exterior surfaces. It is available in five-gallon buckets for only \$10. Quantities are limited so call **VSS** at 448-2945 to check availability.

Recycle Old Phone Books

Old phone books can be recycled by simply placing them into your yellow curbside recycling bin. Residents may also drop phone books at the Public Library. Watch for announcements of the Boy Scouts' collection at the City's Corporation Yard, 1001 Allison Drive. The recycling facility at **VSS** will always accept phone books.

No Changes in Holiday Collections

This year refuse collection will be made on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25. Thursday customers will have materials collected on Thanksgiving, November 25. Friday customers will have materials collected on Friday, November 26. There will be **NO** Saturday collection.

There also will be no change in the collection schedule for Christmas Day or New Year's Day which both fall on Saturdays this year.

The main offices along with Hay Road Landfill and the Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center in Vacaville will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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Trash Talk

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All Moved In!



Vacaville Sanitary Service staff are ready to help customers from the new office on the second story of the new library at 1 Town Square, Suite 200 in Vacaville. The new office provides improved customer access to services in the downtown Vacaville area.

The administrative staff of **Vacaville Sanitary Service** are now



settling in their new location in Vacaville. The recycling facilities and

company shop remain at the same location in Vacaville. Visitors to the administrative offices will enjoy the convenience and central location of the new office.

"Our new offices are so much more convenient for customers who visit the administrative offices," explains Ed Farewell, **VSS** General Manager. "Parking is much easier and the downtown location provides a host of shopping and dining opportunities."

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The offices of **Vacaville Sanitary Service** and **Dixon Sanitary Service** now occupy the top floor of the new 25,500 square foot library that is right off Dobbins Street. Customers may pay their water bill right next door at the Senior Center. The new administrative office address is 1 Town Square,

Suite 200, Vacaville, CA 95688.

"There currently are no signs out front," explains Farewell. "This has caused some confusion. Just look for the new library which is off of Dobbins Street. We are upstairs. Hopefully, the signs will be up soon to help guide customers to us."



Look for the new VSS offices downtown in Vacaville. The new address is 1 Town Square Place, Suite 200. We are above the new library. The shop and recycling facilities are still located at 855 1/2 Davis Street.



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Proper Toter Placement & Tips



Keep at least 5 feet between toters and yellow recycling bin. Place the containers on the street next to the curb. The automated trucks have difficulty collecting toters and bins that are not placed out properly.

days. The automated collection system requires at least 5 feet of space between containers.

Drivers are noting that many yellow recycling bins are placed directly against one of the toters. This makes both containers difficult to empty.

Proper placement of toters is important. Follow the rules below to ensure the program runs smoothly and efficiently.

Be sure to place out materials either

- Keep all bins and toters 5 feet apart.
- Toters should face the street with the lid opening towards the street, handle in back, numbers and address in front.
- Don't block the sidewalk.
- Don't park cars within 5 feet of toters.
- Put toters out by 6:00 AM on pickup day.
- Remove toters from curb as soon as possible after pickup.
- Call VSS at 448-2945 if you have questions.

Customers are asked to double check the placement of their toters and recycling bin on collection

the night before your collection day or before 6 AM the day of your collection. It is important to remove the empty toters and recycle bin as soon as possible after collection.

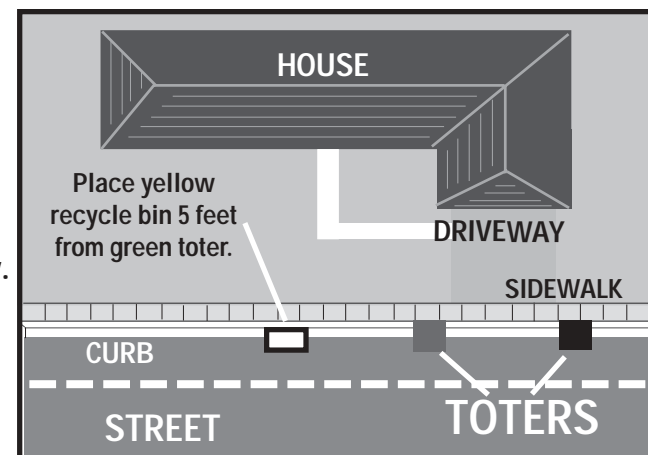
With winter rains approaching it is important to keep toters covered. Place loose items like styrofoam popcorn into bags to keep them from flying away during collection. Never place hot ashes into the garbage.

Christmas Trees and Boxes

Start thinking about recycling your Christmas trees! Make sure used trees are free of all tinsel, ornaments and stand. Remember that flocked trees cannot be recycled.

Trees may be cut in half and placed next to the green yardwaste toter or cut to fit inside.

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. Boxes may also be flattened, cut into 2' by 3' sections, bundled with twine and placed curbside for collection.

Call the City's recycling information line at 454-5705 or check their website at www.vacaville-recycling.com for more information.

E-Waste Collection

Residents may bring their E-Waste to the **VSS Recycling Facility** for free disposal. The Recycling Facility is open every Saturday from 9 AM until 2 PM at 855 1/2 Davis Street in Vacaville. Up to two items per visit may be deposited at the collection area. There is no assistance available so residents should be prepared to unload their own items. Acceptable E-Waste items include computer monitors, television sets, VCRs, computers, laptops, mouse/keyboards, printers, scanners, cell phones, radios, clocks, hair dryers, microwave ovens and FAX machines.

Items that will not be accepted include refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners or freezers.

We're Here for You!

After 8 years working as the accountant for **Vacaville Sanitary Service**, Kathy Duffy was ready for a change. As the new Office Manager for **VSS** she is enjoying the daily contact with customers.

"I just wanted to see our business from the other side," Kathy said. "I really enjoy interacting with people all day."

One of her first tasks was to coordinate the massive move of people and equipment to the new location.

"Everybody pitched in and the move went smoothly," Kathy said. "The new location really offers customers better access to our services. We just need our signs out front so that customers will have an easier time finding us."

Kathy and her husband Pat did not originally plan on making Vacaville their long-term home but they enjoyed the small town feeling. They are active supporters of the public schools. Their son Ed is attending Georgetown University in Washington. Matt is a sophomore at Will C. Wood and their daughter Bridget attends Vaca Pena.



Kathy Duffy

