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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SB 1383: Short-lived Climate Pollutants – Organic Waste Reductions

In September 2016, Governor Brown signed into law SB 1383 (Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016), establishing methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants. The primary method of reducing methane emissions is to reduce the amount of organic waste being sent to landfills. This will be achieved through expanded organic recycling requirements for both residential and commercial customers.

The City of Vacaville and Recology Vacaville Solano are currently working

together to prepare for SB 1383, which will become effective January 1, 2022. Here are a few things residents can expect:

- Residential organics recycling service will be expanded to accept more types of organic materials;
- Sorting labels will be deployed on carts to encourage proper sorting of recyclables;
- Additional resources will be available to prevent food waste at home and in the community including complementary kitchen food scrap pails and more recycling opportunities in public areas



To learn more about SB 1383 and stay informed about the changes to come, please visit www.vacavillerecycling.com. Be sure to check the SB 1383 page often as the information will be updated on an ongoing basis.



UPCYCLING: REINVENTING REUSE

Upcycling is a creative process through which items that would normally be thrown away are reused to create something new. Almost anything can be upcycled with a little imagination.

Looking for a fun way to reuse some old shoes or boots? Make them do double duty by turning them into creative planters. Here's how:

Types of shoes to use

If it has an opening it will work! Don't worry if they aren't in the best condition.

Some of the most attractive planters are old work boots with very fine foliage or flowers growing in them.

Drainage

Avoid a soggy planter by drilling some holes in the bottom of the shoes or boots. A layer of gravel or rocks in the bottom will also add additional drainage and keep the planter stable so the wind doesn't blow it over.

Soil and plant selection

Any plant will work for this project, just be sure to select

a soil that is compatible with the type of plant you choose.

Be creative

Want to give your new planter an extra boost? Consider decorating the outside of the planter with paint, fun laces, or craft materials to make it one-of-a-kind.

For more creative upcycling project ideas, check out the Vacaville Recycling Pinterest page at www.pinterest.com/vacavillerecycling.

KEEPING YOUR HOME AND THE PLANET CLEAN...

Some household products contain ingredients that are harmful to people, pets, and the environment. Here are some safe and easy DIY recipes to reduce household hazardous waste:

Drain Cleaner - Use a plunger or plumber's snake.

Glass Cleaner - Mix one tablespoon of vinegar or lemon juice in one quart of water. Spray on and use newspaper to dry.

Furniture Polish - Mix one teaspoon of lemon juice in one pint of mineral or vegetable oil and wipe furniture.

Rug Deodorizer - Liberally sprinkle carpets with baking soda. Wait at least 15 minutes and vacuum. Repeat if necessary.

Silver Polish - Boil two to three inches of water in a shallow pan with one teaspoon of salt, one teaspoon of baking soda and a sheet of aluminum foil. Totally submerge silver and boil for two to three more minutes. Wipe away tarnish and repeat if necessary.

Mothballs - Use cedar chips, lavender flowers, rosemary, mints or white peppercorns.

Spring Cleaning? We can help.



Spring cleaning season is almost upon us, and with that annual home refresh, comes a big job: cleaning out your clutter. This year, make a commitment to disposing of your unwanted items properly. Vacaville Recycling and Recology Vacaville Solano have disposal solutions for just about everything:

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & E-Waste – These are leftover products that can catch fire, react, or explode under certain circumstances and include products such as paint, household cleaners, pesticides, aerosols, batteries, florescent light bulbs, and used motor oil. Electronic waste, also known as E-waste, is also hazardous. Televisions, computers, cell phones, and kitchen appliances should all be kept out of the landfill.

- HHW and E-waste disposal is FREE to Vacaville residents. Take your items to the Recology Vacaville Solano Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 855 ½ Davis Street in Vacaville on Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (No appointment necessary. ID and proof of residency required. Facility accepts up to 5 E-waste items per day, and 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous material in 5 gallon containers or smaller per visit.)

Furniture and Appliances – Large furniture or broken appliances can be a pain to dispose of – let us help!

- Vacaville residents are given one FREE bulky item pickup and a FREE landfill pass each year! To request your FREE bulky item pickup or landfill pass, simply call Recology Vacaville Solano at (707) 448-2945.

Mattresses – Rest easy knowing you can recycle that old mattress for FREE!

- Take your old mattress and box spring to the Recology Vacaville Solano Recycling Center located at 855 ½ Davis Street in Vacaville on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Limit: 5 units per day)

Additional Garbage or Recycling Pickup – Bigger projects mean more waste. Manage the cleanup by requesting additional carts or scheduling an extra pickup.

- To make arrangements for your project, call Recology Vacaville Solano at (707) 448-2945.

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH



Take your HHW to Vacaville's Household Hazardous Waste facility, located at the Recology Vacaville Solano Recycling Facility.

It accepts all HHW for **FREE** from Vacaville, Dixon, and Unincorporated Solano County residents:



Recology HHW Facility
855 1/2 Davis Street, Vacaville 95687
(707) 448-2945
OPEN SATURDAYS 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Looking for something else?

Visit www.WhatBin.com to find out how to properly dispose of your unwanted items today.