



SAVING MONEY BY

RECYCLING, COMPOSTING

Yvonne Jacobs has served diners delicious meals for 20 years at **My Homestyle Café**. Over the past couple of years, after working with Recology Vallejo Waste Zero specialists, she has become a proponent of recycling and composting, reducing the discards she sends to landfill and her garbage bill.

"I found out how to recycle, and now I know better," says Jacobs, noting that she now separates cardboard, bottles, and cans for recycling and kitchen scraps and plate scrapings for composting. "I don't need the big garbage cans anymore, so I was able to downsize and save money."

The restaurant at 523 Marin St. went from a large 1-yard metal bin to a

64-gallon garbage cart. Jacobs says the change has "saved me a lot of money" and is doing something good for the environment.

Learning sorting techniques took some getting used to, says Jacobs, but thanks to guidance from Recology Waste Zero specialists, she and her sister, My Homestyle Café's only employee, are confident about knowing what goes in which bin.

She advises all businesses to take advantage of the practical and financial benefits of reducing waste and recycling and composting more.



Business Highlight

Yvonne Jacobs

*If your business needs info or training about recycling and composting, call Recology Vallejo at **707.552.3110** to arrange a free on-site visit.*

**COMMERCIAL
RATE INCREASE
JANUARY 1, 2025**

Monthly rates are based on the size of the trash can. Weekly collection of blue recycling and green organics carts is included in the rate.

	CURRENT	NEW
32-gal.	\$83.46	\$87.63
64-gal.	\$165.23	\$173.49
96-gal.	\$216.84	\$227.68

**WASTE
ZERO
CORNER**

A NEW YEAR RECYCLING RESOLUTION



Join us in setting a goal for 2025 to reduce the materials we send to landfill (which could reduce your bill).

As the new year begins, you may see a Recology employee-owner checking your bins. We are conducting

annual route reviews required by SB 1383. These allow us to see how well businesses sort their waste and what education is most needed.

Our Waste Zero team can provide sorting guides, bin size recommendations, and waste audits. We do educational presentations for multifamily properties, businesses, and schools. Call us at **707.552.3110**.

Recycle Right

ACCEPTABLE

PLASTIC



Bottles,
tubs, jugs

Clean
and dry

METAL

Food/
Soda cans

Aluminum foil/
trays



GLASS

Bottles

Jars



PAPER/ CARDBOARD



Flatten
cardboard

UNACCEPTABLE

No plastic bags

*No tangles (ropes,
hoses, bags)*

No electronics

*No hazardous waste
(batteries, oil, paint,
chemicals)*

*No small or flimsy
plastics (packaging,
utensils, wrappers, bags)*

No ceramics or dishware

No scrap metal



PLEASE REMEMBER:

Empty recyclables of food or liquid,
keeping them as clean and dry as
possible. Some light residue is okay.

Recycling is sorted by hand. Place
recyclables loose in your blue cart.

SUSTAINABILITY HIERARCHY

REFUSE: Buy only what you need, use what you have.

REDUCE: Limit the amount of products used.

REUSE: Donate items that still have life in them.

RECYCLE: Put recyclables loose
and dry into your blue bin.

ROT: Put food scraps, food-soiled
paper, and yard waste in the
green bin for composting.

LANDFILL: This should
be the last resort
for discards
that have
no other
purpose.

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