## VALLEJO OFFERING FREE RECYCLING SERVICES TO MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING UNITS AND FREE APARTMENT-SIZE RECYCLING BINS

VALLEJO - In honor of National Recycling Day, November 15, 2003, the City of Vallejo and Vallejo Garbage Service are offering assistance with setting up recycling programs for all Vallejo's Multi-Family Dwelling complexes.

A multi-family dwelling complex is an apartment building or condominiums with five units or more.

The City's Recycling Coordinator Derek Crutchfield and the Vallejo Garbage Service Recycling Manager Sara Gallegos Ascencio will assist Multi Family Dwellings Managers with implementing recycling programs.

Recycling is free for all Multi Family Dwelling units and has the potential to reduce garbage bills substantially. In addition, over the next few weeks, the City will be offering free apartment-size appropriate recycling bins for multi-family dwelling complexes that participate and assistance with educating tenants about the benefits of recycling. The smaller apartment size recycling bins provide temporary storage for recyclables, and have a handle that makes transporting recyclables to an outside toter easier.

Over the past year, the City of Vallejo, with the assistance of Vallejo Garbage Service, implemented a recycling pilot program for the following Multi Family Dwelling units: Lighthouse 180 units; The Ridge Town Houses, 50 units; 714 El Dorado, five units. This week they distributed apartment-size appropriate recycling containers.

"Multi-Family Dwelling Units generate a large amount of Vallejo's residential waste," Crutchfield said. "Recycling programs need to be convenient as possible, therefore, Sara and I are willing to work with Apartment managers to set up a customized program for each complex."

The apartments that are currently participating in the recycling pilot program are doing a good job, according to Sara Gallegos Ascencio, and she believes that the new apartment-size recycling bins will enhance each complexes efforts.

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If you are an Apartment Manager and would like assistance with implementing a recycling program at your Multi-Family Dwelling complex, please call the City's Recycling Coordinator at (707) 648-5346 or the Vallejo Garbage Service Recycling Manager, Sara Gallegos Ascencio at (707) 552-3110.