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Getting the Job Done -- Different Trucks for Different Jobs



Garbage truck, trash truck ... These trucks have many names, but only one sole purpose. Most of ACES' residential fleet are side-loaders. A hydraulic arm on the right side of the truck grabs the trash or recycling cart from the curb and dumps it into the hopper opening ... the driver sits on the right side so he can make sure all the trash falls into the right place. These big trucks could make over 1,000 stops and hold up to 19,000 lbs. of trash per load!



Two trucks in one ... You may have seen your driver dumping both the garbage and recycling at the same time, but not to worry! This nifty split body truck is designed specifically to pick up both commodities at the same time. When servicing the garbage, the driver simply pushes a button to block the recycle hopper and vice versa. The trash is dumped into one side of the truck and the recycling is dumped into the other. They are completely separate compartments!

Small but very handy ... ACES fleet is also equipped with

small trucks to access customers on small roads all over the county! Typically, these trucks service our "orange bag"

recycling customers, and most of their stops are spaced far apart. They are capable of hauling up to 11,000 lbs.





Off to the landfill ... Our semi trucks haul on average 40,000 lbs of materials from the transfer stations at a time. These big trucks run from Pine Grove or the Buena Vista Transfer Stations to the landfill about four times per day, Monday – Friday. They also haul out materials to be recycled either to Galt, Rancho Cordova or Sacramento.





Jason McCowan

Jason was working in a variety of entry-level service jobs when he decided to get his commercial drivers license. A family friend told him that ACES was a great place to work so that was where Jason headed as soon as he had some truck driving experience under his belt. He's been at ACES for five years now, and drives residential service routes.

We asked Jason if anything surprised him about the job when he started with ACES and he said, "I didn't know how many narrow roads there are in the county!" Navigating historic alleys in town and narrow lanes in the country are definitely a regular challenge for ACES drivers.

Jason lives in Pioneer, is engaged to be married, enjoys pottery and working in his garden, and appreciates the Monday - Friday schedule and dependable work hours at ACES. He said, "I'm learning a lot on the job. I feel really fortunate to have others around me who are willing to share their experience and expertise."

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Columbus Day: Normal collection, Normal Office and Transfer Station hours. Veterans Day: Normal collection and Transfer Station hours. Office closed. Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off:

Oct. 5, 19; Nov. 2, 16; Dec. 7, 21.

At the Buena Vista Transfer Station, Ione, 9 am - 1 pm. Free, up to 15 gallons or 125 lbs per trip.

Free Christmas Tree Recycling:

Dec. 26, 2024 - Jan. 31, 2025.

Drop off at Westover Field airport parking lot anytime, or the Buena Vista or Pine Grove Transfer Stations during regular business hours.

Fall Clean-Up, Oct. 7 - 11 Within City Limits of Ione, Jackson, Sutter Creek & Plymouth:

Residential Fall Clean-up will be the week of **October 7 -11.** ACES provides customers within city limits of lone, Jackson, Sutter Creek and Plymouth one free extra pick-up (up to one cubic yard, 3'x3'x3', or about seven 32-gallon bags) on normal pickup days. <u>All general trash and yard waste must</u> <u>be bagged, boxed, or bundled in a throw-away container.</u> No single item may exceed 50 pounds or 4 feet in length. **Acceptable materials include:** Paper products, general trash, wood, tools, metal, plastics, yard waste.

Unacceptable materials include: Appliances, furniture, mattresses, tires, electronic waste (TV's, computers, etc.), motor oil, rock, dirt, concrete, paint, hot ashes, animal waste, household hazardous waste.

LET'S GET COMPOSTING WITH THE UCCE MASTER GARDENERS OF AMADOR COUNTY

Saturday, October 26 • 9 am - Noon • C&C Ranch and Community Garden, 1334 Jackson Gate Rd, Jackson



PRACTICAL WAYS TO COMPOST AT HOME

- Turn kitchen scraps and yard waste into garden gold
- Reduce what goes to the landfill
- Tips and how-tos to guarantee success

Class will be held outside. Please bring your own chair, sunscreen, hat and water.



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