



November 7, 2007

«NAME»  
«ADDRESS1»  
«ADDRESS2»  
«CITYSTZIP»

**ADDRESS:** «ADDRESS3»

Dear Owner / Resident:

This letter is being mailed to property owners and residents of approximately 800 parcels that are recommended to be included in a pilot project that will containerize green waste. The above referenced address is recommended to be included in this project. In order to enhance safety for bicyclists, the City of Davis City Council approved the development and implementation of a pilot green waste containerization project. The project will convert for most of the year, the procedure for collecting yard material (green waste) from loose piles in the street to an automated cart system. The pilot will include mostly arterial and some collector streets. Please see the reverse side for a map of the pilot area.

Features of the containerization pilot include:

- Each parcel will receive one 96-gallon, wheeled green waste cart at no additional charge. If you find one 96-gallon cart is not enough, a 2<sup>nd</sup> one may be requested free of charge. For each additional cart over 2, there will be an additional \$2.16 per month. Cart distribution is estimated to be late January or February 2008.
- Cart-only pick up between January 16 and October 14. Carts with green waste in them must be put in the gutter by 7 a.m. on collection day. January through October excess green waste cannot be put loose in the street.
- Loose in the street-only pick up from October 15 to January 15. During this heavy leaf drop season, all green waste should be placed in the street. No carts will be picked up during this 3 month period.
- All green waste pick up in the pilot area will be on Tuesday. For some, this means a change in the green waste pick up day; however, this change allows for the most efficient use of the trucks and crews needed to pick up the carts using an automated system. (NOTE: this change affects green waste collection only; your trash and recycling collection day will still be on your regular scheduled day.)
- Once a week street sweeping will continue.
- The pilot test will run for a minimum of twelve (12) months, and using carts is mandatory so the pilot can operate efficiently and bike safety is improved along the street.

This project will help determine the effect of containerization on bicycle safety. After the trial period, an assessment of the containerization program will be done to measure the effectiveness of the pilot. Measures that city staff will employ to make that assessment will be bike crash reports, customer feedback, survey of pilot participants and amount of green waste collected to ensure that diversion from the landfill is not being adversely affected.

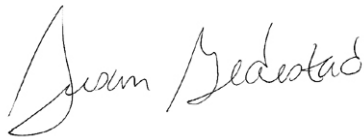
The Bicycle Advisory and Natural Resources Commissions will be discussing this item at their November meetings. All are welcome to attend to express concerns/comments on the containerization pilot project.

**Bicycle Advisory Commission**  
**November 19, 2007**  
**Veterans Memorial Building, Club Room**  
**Meeting Begins at 7:00 p.m.**

**Natural Resources Commission (NRC)**  
**November 26, 2007**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**Meeting begins immediately following joint**  
**NRC/City Council meeting**

The meeting agendas will be posted at [www.cityofdavis.org](http://www.cityofdavis.org) approximately one week in advance. Your comments and feedback are important. If you are unable to attend either meeting but would like to comment, please email [pwweb@cityofdavis.org](mailto:pwweb@cityofdavis.org) or call Richard Tsai at (530) 757-5686. Your comments will be forwarded to the commissions.

Sincerely,



Sue Gedestad  
Operations Administrator

