



January 24, 2008

SUBJECT: Pilot Green Waste Containerization Program

Dear Owner / Resident:

At its January 22, 2008 meeting the City Council voted to discontinue the pilot green waste containerization program. In November 2007, the above address had been notified that it would be included in the pilot area. As a result of Council's recent action, the pilot containerization project is not moving forward. The method of picking up green waste will not change and continue to be loose in the street in 5' x 5' piles.

Bicycle safety continues to be of concern. The City is pursuing other measures such as enforcement, double striping of bike lanes, additional public education and improved street lighting. Here is how each resident can help.

– Timing

Place yard material on the street as close to your scheduled pick-up date as possible. Check www.davisrecycling.org for the pick-up schedule. Streets are usually swept the day after yard waste has been picked up.

– Limit the size

Be aware that yard material piles can create serious hazards for cyclists; **BIKE LANES SHOULD NEVER BE BLOCKED!!** Each pile of yard material should be no larger than 5 feet in any dimension (sometimes even a 5' x 5' pile may inhibit bicycle traffic and a smaller pile may be needed), but you may have more than one pile. Place your yard materials 18 inches from your curb or gutter. To report hazards or other concerns visit www.cityofdavis.org or call 757-5686.

– Composting

What's better than putting the yard material out on the street? Composting! Composting or mulch mowing returns the nutrients back into the soil, cuts down on the need for pesticides and/or fertilizers and saves water. To receive a free compost bin via the City's compost correspondence class, contact Davis Public Works at 757-5686 or visit www.davisrecycling.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Gedestad".

Susan P. Gedestad
Operations Administrator