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Environmental column

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ENVIRONMENTAL COLUMN RETURNS

I am happy to announce the re-establishment of a regular environmental column in the Davis Enterprise after years of absence. For those who do not know me, I am the new Conservation Coordinator and I am thrilled to be here in Davis with the City Recycling Program working to improve recycling and reduce waste.

Who is in charge of recycling and garbage in Davis? The City of Davis contracts with Davis Waste Removal (DWR) to collect trash, recyclables, yard materials and perform street sweeping within the city limits. The City's Finance Department handles the billing for these services. Recycling outreach to schools, businesses and Davis residents is the job of the City of Davis Recycling Program.

As of February this year, it is illegal to throw away household batteries, florescent lights, and electronics in the trash. However, there are other disposal options available. Florescent light bulbs and tubes can be brought to the free Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days at the Yolo County Central Landfill. Davis residents can recycle 6-volt, 9-volt, AAA, AA, C, and D alkaline batteries at these collection sites in Davis:

- Davis Senior Center, 646 A Street
- Longs Drug Stores, 1550 E. Covell Blvd. and 1741 W. Covell Blvd.
- Rite Aid, 655 Russell Blvd. and 2135 Cowell Blvd.
- Hibbert Lumber at 5th & G Sts.
- Davis Ace Hardware at 3rd & G Sts.
- Radio Shack, 634 G St.

Rechargeable batteries are accepted in Davis at:

- Radio Shack, 634 G St.
- Cingular Wireless, 500 1st St.
- Hibbert Lumber at 5th & G Sts.
- Kragen Auto Parts, 1681 Research Park Dr.
- Longs Drug Stores, 1550 E. Covell Blvd. and 1741 W. Covell Blvd.
- Rite Aid, 655 Russell Blvd. and 2135 Cowell Blvd.
- City Hall-Finance Office, 23 Russell Blvd.
- Davis Senior Center, 646 A Street

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVERYDAY at the Yolo County Central Landfill during normal business hours. Computer monitors, televisions, printers, fax machines, telephones etc. can be dropped off in the electronics recycling bins by the weigh station at

the landfill. The Yolo Hospice Thrift Shop in Woodland is also currently accepting electronics for free recycling.

Upcoming Events

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAY

Do you have any used florescent light bulbs? Unwanted cans of paint? Old mercury thermometers? Bring them and all other Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) to the Yolo County Central Landfill tomorrow, November 18 from 9 am to 2 pm for FREE disposal. Accepted items include: antifreeze, florescent light bulbs, household cleaners, mercury thermostats, acids, paint, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, used syringes (place in a puncture proof container), gasoline and other flammables, car fluids etc.

Begining in January, there will be two HHW drop-off days per month at the landfill, starting with January 12 and 13. For more information on the HHW Drop-off Days, call 666-8729, or visit www.yolocounty.org/recycle.

In honor of America Recycles Day on November 15, do your part to recycle! Please remember to recycle all paper, plastic #1 and #2, glass, cans and cardboard. By simply recycling empty bottles and cans, together we can help to divert billions of beverage containers from our landfills. Just think what we could do if ALL recyclables are kept out of the landfill! More information on America Recycles Day can be found at www.americarecyclesday.org.

To help with all of your recycling questions, the City of Davis recycling webpage www.davisrecycling.org is being updated. There will be more information on Household Hazardous Waste, battery recycling, local reuse options and used oil recycling as well as recycling information specific for curbside residential, business and apartment recycling. The website will remain available during the renovations.

The 2007 Yolo County Recycling calendar will be available soon. The calendar contains information on reuse and recycling in Yolo County and includes a directory of thrift stores and other non-profits that accept items for reuse in the Yolo area. The calendars will be available, while supplies last, at the Yolo County Library and at City Hall.

For more information, visit www.davisrecycling.org or email me at PWweb@cityofdavis.org