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Environmental column

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REMEMBER THESE RECYCLING REFRESHERS

The City Recycling Program will be offering two free composting classes at the newly renovated compost demonstration area located at the Community Gardens on 5th Street. Classes will be held March 3 and April 23 from 1:00-2:00pm, covering the basics of starting and maintaining a compost pile in your own backyard, how to build your own compost bin and basic worm composting.

To register for a class, call the Public Works Department at 757-5686. While all Davis residents are invited to attend the composting classes, please be advised that registration is on a first-come first-serve basis, with priority given to residents in single-family homes.

PAPER OR PLASTIC?

Have you ever wondered which type of bag to choose at the grocery store? It's actually a trick question! The correct answer to the paper or plastic quandary is **NEITHER ONE!** B.Y.O.B.—Bring Your Own Bag! Leave *less* behind for the future and bring your own shopping bag to the store, whether it be reusing the plastic or paper bags from previous shopping trips, or using a cloth bag. Don't be fooled into thinking you only have two options available—another option besides just paper or plastic!

2007 BULKY ITEM DROP-OFF DAYS

This years Bulky Item Drop-off Days will be Wednesday, March 28 through Friday March 30 from 4pm to 7 pm and Saturday, March 31 from 10am to 4 pm at Davis Waste Removal, 2727 2nd Street. Bring your unwanted bulky items: refrigerators and freezers (limit of two), large appliances, mattresses, furniture, sinks, bathtubs, toilets, wood scraps, scrap metal, and other bulky items for free disposal! **THIS SERVICE IS AVAILABLE FOR DAVIS RESIDENTS ONLY—ID MAY BE REQUIRED.**

Commercial haulers and business materials will not be accepted.

There will be a scavenging area where usable items such as furniture will be separated and stored for salvage; these items can be taken at no charge.

Please do **NOT** bring electronics, TV, and computers (these are accepted for **FREE** recycling at the Yolo County Landfill everyday during normal business hours), soil, dirt, concrete, asphalt, tires, hazardous waste, and regular household garbage—these items will **NOT** be accepted at the Bulky Items Drop-off.

FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT

Don't miss this month's free household hazardous waste drop-off events today, February 9 and tomorrow, February 10 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Yolo County Central Landfill! Bring in your paints, pesticides, florescent light bulbs, poisons and more for FREE and safe disposal. Hazardous waste, such as paints and florescent light bulbs, can contaminate the groundwater with dangerous chemicals such as mercury, lead and cadmium if thrown in the landfill. Do your part and be sure to dispose of your hazardous waste safely by bringing it to a hazardous waste drop-off event. It's an easy drive-through event—qualified hazardous waste handlers will remove your hazardous items for you as you drive through!

Mark your calendar for the household hazardous waste drop-off dates next month, March 9 and 10 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. If you don't want to wait in line during the busy Saturday drop-off days, come on Friday instead!

RECYCLING REMINDERS

- Junk mail is entirely recyclable—catalogues, glossy inserts, envelopes and all. Please recycle all your unwanted junk mail with paper.
- Cardboard is recyclable. Flatten your cardboard boxes and stack them next to the recycling cart for pick-up by Davis Waste Removal.
- Only plastics #1 and #2 are accepted for recycling in Davis. Please do not put plastic bags in the recycling carts.
- Please try to park your car off the street during yard waste pick-up and street sweeping days. Davis Waste Removal cannot pick up yard waste or sweep the pavement that is underneath your parked car! To find out what day your streets are swept, see www.davisrecycling.org, click the “Pick-Up Information” tab and scroll down to “Street Sweeping.”
- Yard material piles should be no larger than 5' in any dimension. Be aware that your yard material piles can create serious hazards for cyclists; **BIKE LANES SHOULD NEVER BE BLOCKED!!!**
- Please do not place sod, soil, fruit, concrete, flowerpots, florist wire, fencing, bricks or stumps in yard material piles.

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