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DROP OFF THOSE BULKY ITEMS

Just in time for spring cleaning, this year's Bulky Item Drop-Off Days will be March 28-31 at Davis Waste Removal, 2727 2nd Street. Drop-off hours will be from 4pm to 7pm on March 28-30, and from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, March 31. This is the perfect opportunity to get rid of your unwanted bulky items such as refrigerators and freezers (limit of two), large appliances, mattresses, furniture, sinks, bathtubs, toilets, wood scraps, scrap metal, and other bulky items FOR FREE!

Please be advised that this service is available for Davis residents only. ID will be checked at the drop-off. Commercial haulers and business materials will not be accepted.

Useable items that are brought to the drop-off will be separated for salvage. Residents can take these items for free.

Davis Waste Removal will try to recycle as much of the material brought to the drop-off as possible. To help them to recycle, please try to separate your items by type—scrap metal, wood, cardboard, etc. from other items.

Please do NOT bring electronics, TV and computer monitors, microwaves, soil, dirt, concrete, asphalt, tires, hazardous waste, and regular household garbage—these items will NOT be accepted at the Bulky Items Drop-off. All electronics are accepted for FREE recycling at the Yolo County Landfill everyday during normal business hours. Hazardous waste can be brought to the landfill for free during a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day (see notes below). Soil, dirt, asphalt, tires, microwaves and household garbage can be brought to the landfill everyday for disposal/recycling. Standard fees will apply.

If you can't transport your bulky items to the drop-off site, there are a few other options available. We encourage residents to carpool with their neighbors and friends who have a vehicle that will allow you to transport your bulky items to the drop-off site. Individuals who currently subscribe to handicapped trash service can call Davis Waste Removal (756-4646) for a special pick-up appointment. As always, Davis Waste Removal offers special pick-up service for a fee to residents who wish to dispose of a bulky item.

If you are unable to participate in this year's event, there are several other options available for you to get rid of unwanted items. Reusable items can be donated to a local

thrift store or charity or can be given away by advertising in the free section of the Davis Enterprise classifieds. Check out the City of Davis Recyclopedia at www.davisrecycling.org for ways to reuse and recycle over 150 different items from dining tables to old bicycles. You can also take your unwanted materials to the Yolo County Central Landfill; standard fees will apply.

FREE BACKYARD COMPOST CLASSES

The City Recycling Program will be offering a free composting class at the newly renovated compost demonstration area located at the Community Gardens on 5th Street. The class will be held April 21 from 10:00-11:00 am, 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 the class, call the Public Works Department at 757-5686. While all Davis residents are invited to attend the composting class, please be advised that registration is on a first-come first-serve basis, with priority registration and free compost bins given to residents in single-family homes.

FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT

Don't miss this month's free household hazardous waste drop-off events today and tomorrow, March 9 and 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 like 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, April 13 and 14 from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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