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Environmental column

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NOT TOO LATE FOR BULKY ITEMS!

If you missed this years Bulky Items Drop-off in March, no fear—there are other options available to get rid of your extra stuff!

- 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.
- Rigid plastics, such as outdoor furniture, children's toys, sand boxes and play equipment can be recycled for free at the Yolo County Central Landfill in the rigid plastics recycling bin.
- Scrap metal (bed frames, bike frames, metal furniture etc.) and other recyclables can be dropped off at Davis Waste Removal Recycling Center 2727 2nd Street 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Wood waste, including boards, fencing and wood furniture can be brought to the Woodland Biomass Facility for free. Call the Biomass Facility at 661-6095 for more information.
- All Yolo County residents and businesses can bring small electronics to the landfill for free recycling on a daily basis (a fee applies for microwaves and larger appliances). This includes radios, TVs, monitors, computers, cell phones, rechargeable batteries, laser and ink printer cartridges.
- 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.
- You can also take your unwanted materials to the Yolo County Central Landfill; standard fees will apply.

Still not sure how to recycle or dispose of something? 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, or contact the City of Davis Public Works Department Recycling Program (757-5686).

IT'S GARDENING SEASON!

As you are gathering together all of your yard waste to put on the curb for pick-up, please remember these tips.

Davis Waste Removal collects yard materials once a week, usually the day before trash pick-up. They will only pick-up yard material piles that are located directly in front of a

house. Do not place your yard material pile across the street or around the corner from your house—it will not be picked up!

To make disposal of yard material easy for you and safe for others, please place your yard material 18” from the curb or gutter. Yard material piles should be no larger than 5’ in any dimension. Please be sure that your pile does not block fire hydrants, driveways or sidewalks. Be aware that your yard material piles can create serious hazards for cyclists; **BIKE LANES SHOULD NEVER BE BLOCKED!!!**

Acceptable materials for disposal include: grass clippings, brush, leaves, prunings, weeds, discarded floral displays, indoor plants, branches (less than 8 inches in diameter) and Christmas trees. Do not place yard waste in a plastic bag or any other container.

Please do not place sod, soil, concrete, fruit, flowerpots, florist wire, fencing, bricks or stumps in yard material piles. Try composting your fruit yourself—attend a free compost class to find out how. Disposal information for other items can be found in the Recyclopeda at www.davisrecycling.org.

FREE BACKYARD COMPOST CLASSES

Earth Day is April 22! In celebration of Earth Day, why not try composting and give a little bit back to the earth!

The City Recycling Program will be offering a free composting class at the 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, April 13 and 14 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Yolo County Central Landfill! Bring in your paints, pesticides, fluorescent light bulbs, poisons and more for FREE and safe disposal. Mark your calendar for the household hazardous waste drop-off dates next month, May 11 and 12 from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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