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Environmental column

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POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK

September 15-21 is National Pollution Prevention Week! Join the City of Davis and the Putah Creek Council to help clean up your local watershed during the California Coast and Creek Cleanup Day. On September 20th from 9am to Noon, thousands of volunteers throughout the state will join the cause to rid our creeks, rivers and beaches of environmentally unfriendly litter. To register and find out more information about the local cleanup events contact the City of Davis at 530-757-7680 (Davis ponds) or the Putah Creek Council at 530-795-3006 (Putah Creek). More information may also be found at: <http://www.putahcreekcouncil.org/documents/Cleanup2008.htm>.



Yolo County Creek Cleanup Day

Saturday, September 20, 2008
9:00 am to Noon

Volunteers found 1,197,332 food wrappers at CA Coastal Cleanup Day from 1985-2007

Contact your local coordinator to register or go to www.putahcreekcouncil.org/documents/Cleanup2008.htm for more information.

Cache Creek Nature Preserve (530) 661-1070 admincrk@yolo.com	City of Davis jmcnerney@cityofdavis.org (530) 757-5680
Clarksburg Public Fishing Access Site (916) 776-2290 or (916) 501-5739 dpc@citlink.net or kemery95612@frontiernet.net	West Sacramento (916) 501-0501 or (916) 617-4590 higginsglenda@hotmail.com recycle@cityofwestsacramento.org
Putah Creek (Multiple Sites) (530) 795-3006 dawn@putahcreekcouncil.org	Solano County Sites (707) 469-6400 fwilson@ci.vacaville.ca.us

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You can prevent pollution of our local creeks and waterways by following these simple tips:

- Avoid using toxic products outdoors. If you must use pesticides or fertilizers, do so carefully and sparingly. Do not apply them if rain is expected as stormwater will wash them into the ponds and creeks.
- Never sweep or hose yard waste into gutters or storm drains.
- When you change your oil on your car, take the used oil to a free oil collection center in Davis. Visit www.davisrecycling.org or call 757-5686 to find a location near you.
- Take your car to a car wash facility or have the wash water flow into your landscape to prevent soapy water from running off of your property and into the storm drain.
- Pick up and dispose of animal wastes in the garbage so that animal waste is not washed into the stormwater drain.

- Use kitty litter or another absorbent material to clean spills of paint, cleaners, solvents and other toxic products.
- Clean painting tools in the sink rather than outside on the sidewalk or in the street.
- If you have a pool or spa, never clean the filter in the street or near a storm drain. Instead, rinse cartridge filters onto a dirt area and spade filter residue into your soil.

MOVING IN OR MOVING OUT?

Please help keep our City beautiful and be responsible as you are moving and do not leave unwanted furniture and other household items in the street or on the sidewalk. It is against the law and it is a safety hazard for bicycles and pedestrians. Please note that it is also a violation of City Code to leave indoor furniture in front of your property in public view (indoor couches in front yard). Such code violations may be reported by calling the Code Compliance Hotline at 757-5646 or online by using the City request for code investigation form at www.cityofdavis.org.

If you are unpacking, please help us reduce waste by recycling and reusing your packing materials. Please do not throw cardboard in the trash. Flatten and stack cardboard boxes next to the recycling carts and Davis Waste Removal will pick it up for recycling. Bring your bubble wrap and packing peanuts to The UPS Store, Pakmail, Postmarks or Parcel Dispatch PDQ for reuse. Always be sure to call ahead to ensure that they are not overloaded and will take your stuff before dropping it off!

FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT

Don't miss this month's free household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off events, September 12 and 13, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Yolo County Central Landfill. Bring in your empty propane canisters, pesticides, fluorescent light bulbs, household cleaners, expired medicines and more for FREE and safe disposal. Mark your calendar for the HHW drop-off dates next month, October 17 and 18, from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Check out the reuse opportunities at the landfill as well. During each HHW drop-off event reusable items are available for FREE. Stop by the landfill during a HHW drop-off event to take your pick of free paints, fertilizers, household cleaners and more.

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