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Environmental column

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### 2008 RECYCLING CALENDARS ARE IN!

The new 2008 Yolo County Recycling Calendars are here! 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 are available, while supplies last, at the Yolo County Library in Davis and at Davis City Hall.

### YARD MATERIALS/STORM WATER REMINDER

With all the rain we've been having, it's important to make sure yard material piles are properly placed.

- Place your yard material 18' from the curb or gutter.
- YARD MATERIAL PILES SHOULD NOT BE LARGER THAN 5' IN ANY DIRECTION.**
- Do not park or drive over yard materials.
- Do not place yard materials in front of fire hydrants, driveways or storm drain inlets.
- BIKE LANES SHOULD NEVER BE BLOCKED.** This may mean that your pile cannot be 5 feet wide if it obstructs the bike lane. Please be aware that yard material piles can cause cyclists to crash by slipping or getting branches stuck in their wheel spokes; due to their low profile and non-uniform size, cyclists may not see the piles until they come upon them, especially in the absence of street lighting.

Remember to give your yard material piles a little T.L.C.!

**Timing**—Place yard material on the street as close to your scheduled pick-up date as possible. Check [www.davisrecycling.org](http://www.davisrecycling.org) for the pick-up schedule.

**Limit the size**—Yard material piles should never be more than 5' in any direction, but may need to be smaller if the pile will block the bike lane or create another hazard.

**Composting**—What's better than putting the yard material out on the street? Composting! Composting or mulch mowing returns the nutrients back into the soil, cuts down on the need for pesticides and/or fertilizers and saves water.

### NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM AT APARTMENTS

The City of Davis Public Works Department Recycling Program has been awarded two grants from the California Department of Conservation, totaling over \$95,000, to start an innovative new recycling program at apartments in Davis.

The grants will allow the purchase of recycling containers that will be placed in each apartment unit throughout the city to collect recycling and provide an easy means of transport of recyclables to the community recycling carts. Educational literature about recycling,

waste reduction and proper disposal of hazardous waste will be distributed along with the recycling containers.

This new program is entirely covered by grant funding, so there is no cost for apartments to participate. I encourage all apartment managers to contact me (if they have not already done so) at [pwweb@cityofdavis.org](mailto:pwweb@cityofdavis.org) or 757-5686 to sign up for the program and let me know how many recycling containers you will need.

### FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT

Don't miss this month's free household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off events January 11 and 12 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Yolo County Central Landfill! Bring in your paints, 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, February 8 and 9, from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Check out the reuse opportunities at the landfill as well! During the 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](http://www.davisrecycling.org) or email me at [PWweb@cityofdavis.org](mailto:PWweb@cityofdavis.org).