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Environmental Column

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### GREEN TIPS FOR MARCH

This March, instead of just wearing green for St. Patrick's Day, try to be green all month by making a commitment to do something for the environment. Here are some simple, yet effective things to try that can make a big difference:

- Instead of taking a paper or plastic bag, bring your own bags with you when you shop.
- Use rechargeable batteries instead of single use batteries. Rechargeable batteries can be charged and reused 300+ times.
- Use cloth napkins instead of disposable paper ones.
- Wipe up spills with a washcloth or sponge instead of a disposable paper towel.
- Conserve water by adjusting your irrigation to the season. Plants don't need to be watered when it's raining or overcast.
- Prevent pollution and take your car to a carwash or drive it on your lawn to wash. If you wash your car in the street or driveway, the soap and dirty water will wash down a storm drain and go directly into the local creeks and waterways.
- Pick up after your dog to help prevent dog droppings from being washed down a storm drain when it rains. For cats, leave a litter box outside and always throw the dirty litter in the trash, not down the toilet.

### 2008 BULKY ITEM DROP-OFF DAYS

This years Bulky Item Drop-off Days will be Thursday and Friday, April 10 and 11 from 4 pm- 7pm and April 12 from 10 am to 4 pm at Davis Waste Removal, 2727 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Bring your unwanted bulky items: refrigerators and freezers (limit of two), large appliances, mattresses, furniture, sinks, bathtubs, toilets, wood scraps, scrap metal, electronics, TVs, microwaves, computers and other bulky items for free disposal!

Please be advised that this service is available for Davis residents only. ID



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will be checked at the drop-off. Commercial haulers and business materials will not be accepted.

Please do NOT bring soil, dirt, concrete, asphalt, tires, hazardous waste, and regular household garbage—these items will NOT be accepted at the Bulky Items Drop-off. They can be brought to the landfill everyday for recycling and disposal. Standard fees will apply.

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

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.

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](http://www.davisrecycling.org) for ways to reuse and recycle over 150 different items from dining tables to old bicycles.

## COMPOST CLASSES

The City of Davis Public Works Department is offering free composting classes on Friday, April 25 at 2:00pm and Saturday, April 26 at 10:00am. The classes will be held at the compost demonstration area at the Community Gardens on 5th Street. Classes will cover both backyard composting and worm composting. Davis residents in single family homes can receive a free compost bin after attending the class. To sign up for class, call the Public Works Department at 757-5686.

Don't miss this month's free household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off events, March 7 and 8 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, April 11 and 12, 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](http://www.davisrecycling.org) or email me at [PWweb@cityofdavis.org](mailto:PWweb@cityofdavis.org).