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Environmental column

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2009 BULKY ITEM DROP-OFF DAYS

This years Bulky Item Drop-off Days will be Thursday and Friday, April 2 and 3 from 4 pm- 7pm and April 4 from 10 am to 4 pm at Davis Waste Removal, 2727 2nd 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 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.

California Duck Days, a wetlands festival, will begin with a gala reception on February 20 at the Davis Arts Center, from 5:30 to 7:30pm. The reception includes refreshments and a wildlife art exhibit by Yolo County high school students. On Saturday, February 21, the festival will continue with field trips and workshops at the Yolo Wildlife Area Headquarters facility in South Davis. For more information, visit www.yolobasin.org or call the Yolo Basin Foundation at 530-757-3780.

CONSERVE WATER AND SAVE MONEY ON YOUR SEWER BILL

Reducing the amount of water you use can have a large effect on your water and sewer bill. Earlier this year, the City Council adopted a methodology for variable sewer rates based on water usage. Instead of a flat fee, sewer rates are now calculated using the average monthly winter water consumption. Winter water consumption is water used from November to February when irrigation is at a minimum. This methodology places an emphasis on estimating how much water is going down the sewer. To conserve water and save money on your sewer bill, be sure to re-set your irrigation timers for fall and winter. More water conservation tips are available online at www.cityofdavis.org.

Don't miss this month's free household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off events February 8 and 9 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, March 7 and 8, 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!

February 9 marks the 2 year anniversary of the statewide landfill ban on batteries, fluorescent light bulbs/tubes, electronics, and other products containing mercury or other heavy metals. These items are illegal to dispose of in the trash.

Electronic devices, including TV's, computer monitors, printers, VCRs, cell phones, blenders, microwaves, radios etc., often contain heavy metals like lead, cadmium, copper, and chromium. The Yolo County Central Landfill accepts electronics for free recycling everyday during normal business hours (Monday-Saturday 6:30am-4:00pm and Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm).

Fluorescent tubes, bulbs and other mercury-containing items (neon bulbs, thermometers, etc.) are also banned from the trash. Yolo County residents can bring these items to the Yolo County Central Landfill FOR FREE DROP-OFF during a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day.

Residents can recycle alkaline, lithium/button, and rechargeable batteries for free at these collection sites in Davis: Davis Senior Center, Longs Drug stores, Rite Aid stores, Hibbert Lumber and Davis Ace Hardware. Please separate the batteries by type (alkaline, rechargeable, and lithium/button batteries) before recycling.

Please keep in mind that the battery collection sites are for residents ONLY. This means that businesses CANNOT drop off batteries at these sites. Businesses in Yolo County can dispose of their hazardous waste through the Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) program at the Yolo County Central Landfill. For more information, call 666-8729, or visit www.davisrecycling.org.

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