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Environmental column

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2009 BULKY ITEM DROP-OFF DAYS

The 2009 Bulky Item Drop-Off Days continues today, Friday, April 3rd (4 pm- 7pm) and Saturday, April 4th (10 am-4 pm) at Davis Waste Removal, located at 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, and regular household garbage—these items **WILL NOT** be accepted at the Bulky Items Drop-Off. These items can be brought to the landfill everyday for recycling and disposal. Standard fees will apply. Visit www.davisrecycling.org to find out how to recycle or dispose of other items.

For more information about the Bulky Item Drop-Off Event, visit www.davisrecycling.org, or call DWR at 756-4646.

Hazardous waste is not accepted at the Bulky Items Drop-off days, but it can be brought to this month's free household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off events April 3rd and 4th 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, May 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!

COMPOSTING CLASSES

The City of Davis Recycling Program is offering free composting classes at the Compost Demonstration Area in the Community Gardens on 5th Street. Classes run about 45 minutes and will cover both backyard composting and worm composting. Currently scheduled classes are: Friday, April 24 at 3:00pm and Saturday, April 25 at 10:00am. After attending a class, Davis residents can receive a starter set of vermicomposting worms and residents in single-family homes can receive a free compost bin. To register,

call the City of Davis Public Works Department at 757-5686 or email pwweb@cityofdavis.org.

WORKING TOGETHER TO CONSERVE WATER

One of the biggest sources of wasted water comes from irrigation. Landscapes do not need to be watered everyday, please irrigate your landscape only when necessary. Do your part and adjust your irrigation timers accordingly. If your landscaper sets your irrigation timer, ask them to make sure it's only turning on 3 times a week.

If you don't have automatic irrigation, consider purchasing a hose timer. The timer can be set for variable lengths of time and will automatically shut off at the designated time. This will ensure that the area will not be over watered, even if you get distracted and leave the water running.

Other easy ways you can conserve water:

- Fix leaky faucets—a leak could mean 360 gallons of water lost each day.
- Work out early and shower just once a day, instead of once in the morning and once in the evening.
- Standard showerheads are one of the biggest water consumers in your home. Replace your old showerhead with a water conserving showerhead to cut its water consumption by 50%. Shorten your showers a little and save even more water.
- Water your landscape early in the morning or late at night when it cools to reduce water loss due to evaporation.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your sidewalk and driveway. You'll get a good workout and you'll save water. Keep in mind that an average garden hose uses 650+ gallons per hour!
- Apply mulch to your landscape to improve the quality of your soil and to maintain soil moisture.

We need everyone's help to conserve water. Please be conscious when you turn on the tap that every drop is important. More water conservation tips are available online at www.cityofdavis.org.

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