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Environmental column

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WATER 3 TIMES A WEEK...AND FIX THAT LEAK!

In order to reduce the demand of the water system during peak hours in the summer and to improve water conservation city-wide, the City is requesting that businesses and residents voluntarily water their landscaping three times per week. If your address ends in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), please irrigate your landscaping only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. If your address ends in an even number (2, 4, 6, 8, or 0), please water only on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Whether you set timers for your irrigation or you water by hand with a hose, if you keep your watering to the three days assigned, we will save water and reduce the strain on our City water system. Half the City will irrigate their landscape on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, the other half will irrigate on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Monday, traditionally the day that the City's water system experiences its peak demand, will have reduced use.

In addition to irrigation recommendations, the city continues to encourage residents and businesses to be vigilant in fixing leaks, and where ever possible, install low flow fixtures such as toilets, clothes washers and showerheads.

Learn more about promoting a healthy landscape and conserving water by visiting www.cityofdavis.org/pw/water/conserve.

MOVING IN OR MOVING OUT?

If you or someone you know is moving, please consider donating unwanted items instead of throwing them away. There are many places in Davis where you can bring your stuff for reuse. The SPCA Thrift Store, R & R Thrift Store and R & R Consignment all take previously owned items for reuse. Check out the City of Davis **Recyclopedia** online at www.davisrecycling.org for places to reuse and recycle everything from refrigerators, clothing, home décor and furniture.

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 ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

If you are replacing your old TV, remember that the Yolo County Central Landfill accepts electronics for free recycling every day. Items accepted include television and computer monitors, cellular phones, fax machines, printers, stereos, keyboards, vacuum cleaners, toasters, typewriters, VCR's, CPU's, microwaves and more. There is a fee for appliances. The landfill is open Mon-Sat 6:30am - 4:00pm and Sun from 9-5. To get to the landfill, take Pole Line Road north out of Davis and turn right onto Road 28H.

Don't miss this month's free household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off events June 12 and 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 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, July 10 and 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. During the HHW drop-off events 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.