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GOT STUFF?

For the 12th year in a row, the City of Davis Recycling Program is teaming up with apartment managers to encourage reuse and reduce the amount of waste that happens during the yearly August turnover. At the end of August, Davis Recycling staff will set up donation stations at participating apartment properties, and residents at those apartments can donate items they no longer want or need. Local non-profit groups and other apartment residents stop by and take the items they want. The end result is that good, usable items are kept out of the trash.

Volunteers are needed for the move-out program to organize items in the donation stations (place cushions on sofas, bag up clothing and shoes, stack books, and dishes, etc.) August 24-September 1. Volunteers are asked to commit to work a minimum of 2 hours and must fill out the required paperwork prior to participating. Volunteers are also encouraged to keep any donated items they wish—it's like a free garage sale! If you are available at the end of August and are interested in making a difference for the environment, contact the City Recycling Program (757-5686 or PWweb@cityofdavis.org) to sign up for the move-out program.

Please remember that leaving furniture, mattresses and other items in the street or on the sidewalk is a violation of City Code and a safety hazard for bicycles and pedestrians. Such code violations may be reported by calling the Code Compliance Hotline at 757-5646 or online at www.cityofdavis.org/cdd/forms/code.cfm. Please be responsible as you are moving and help keep our City beautiful by donating your unwanted items instead. Check out the City of Davis Recyclopeda online at www.davisrecycling.org for places to reuse and recycle everything from refrigerators, clothing, home décor and furniture.

iBIN RECYCLING!

In 2007, the California Department of Conservation awarded the City of Davis grant funding for the iBIN Recycling Program. This program provides apartment properties with enough iBINs (in-apartment recycling bins) for each apartment unit so that residents have their own recycle bins.

iBINs are available **at no cost** to multi-family properties in Davis. Interested property managers, home owners associations and other multi-family community leaders that are interested in receiving iBINs are encouraged to contact the City of Davis Public Works Department at 757-5686 or via email (pwweb@cityofdavis.org). Residents in multi-family communities who do not have an iBIN can check with their property managers to

see if they have any extra. If none are available, the City Recycling Program may be able to provide them while supplies last.

FREE SHARPS CONTAINERS

A California State Law enacted in September 2008, made it illegal to dispose of home-generated sharps waste (including hypodermic needles, lancets, etc.) in the trash, and requires that all sharps waste be transported to a collection center in an approved sharps container. Sharps containers may be purchased at most pharmacies and drug stores.

The County of Yolo received a hazardous waste grant from the State to purchase sharps containers that will be handed out to the public for free while supplies last at these locations in Davis:

- Davis Senior Center, 646 A Street
- Longs Drugs Store, 1550 E. Covell Blvd.
- Longs Drugs Store, 1471 W. Covell Blvd.

For more information about sharps disposal, see <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/HHW/Sharps/default.htm>.

Stop by the monthly household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off events, July 10 and 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Yolo County Central Landfill! Bring in your paints, empty propane canisters, 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, August 7 & 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 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.