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DONATE YOUR STUFF, DON'T TRASH IT!

If you or someone you know is moving, please consider donating unwanted items instead of throwing them away. Each year, many people resort to “dumpster diving” to retrieve good items that were thrown away by residents that are in a hurry to vacate their homes before their lease is up. Instead of tossing your stuff in the trash, please donate it for reuse.

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 to find local places to reuse and recycle over 150 different items, including appliances, electronics, clothing, home décor and furniture.

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.

If you are planning some remodeling projects, Davis Waste Removal (DWR) can help you recycle your construction waste. Scrap metal (such as bed frames) and rigid plastics (such as plastic patio furniture) can be recycled for FREE 24/7 at DWR's recycling center, 2727 2nd Street. You can also contact DWR (756-4646) and ask for a large dumpster to recycle your wood, concrete, dirt or scrap metal.

A construction and demolition sorting facility at the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) has now made it possible to recycle a mixed load of construction and demolition materials. You can ask DWR for a large bin to recycle mixed construction materials including cardboard, carpet padding, drywall (gypsum/wall board), concrete, asphalt, dirt, soil, gravel, bricks, scrap metals, shrink wrap, plastic strapping & tubing, clean plastics comprised of PETE, HDPE, LDPE & PP, lumber & painted wood, branches & green waste, and wood pallets. Fees will apply. Please note that the City of Davis Construction and Demolition Ordinance will require projects of a certain size to divert 50% of all C&D waste from the landfill. Please contact the City Recycling Program (757-5686) or the City Building Department (757-5610) for more information.

Please remember to move your parked car off the street on yard waste collection and street sweeping days. Yard waste piles placed within 3 feet of parked cars cannot be picked up, and the gutters cannot be swept if cars are parked along the curb. Please check the yard waste pick-up and street sweeping schedule at www.davisrecycling.org (click on the Pick-up Information tab and scroll down to the maps) and move your car off the street on the appropriate days.

Fluorescent bulbs and tubes and latex paint are now accepted for recycling daily at the YCCL. Fluorescents contain mercury, and have been illegal to dispose of in the trash since February 2006. A convenience fee of \$2 is assessed for one or more bulbs and for one or more paint cans. The landfill is open Monday – Saturday from 6:30 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Don't miss this month's free household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off events, August 7 and 8, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the YCCL. Bring in your 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, September 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 or email me at PWweb@cityofdavis.org.