

The City of Davis Recycling Program Presents



# The Green Recycler

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Save Green and be Green...*RECYCLE!*

## NOVEMBER 15TH IS AMERICA RECYCLES DAY!

### How do I recycle.....

There are so many different kinds of products out there, and it's not always clear how to properly recycle them. Here is an handy guide to recycle common item found at businesses.

#### Cell Phones

These days we go through cell phones pretty fast--new models come in and old models become obsolete, but please don't throw your old phones away in the trash! California's Department of Toxic Substance Control (DSTC) banned cell phones from the trash in February 2006. Cell phones can be recycled for free in several places. All stores that sell cell phones are required by law to take them back for recycling. Some non-profit groups collect cell phones as a fund raiser. You can also drop cell phones off for recycling in Davis at Longs, Rite Aid, Davis Ace Hardware, Radio Shack, Office Max and the Davis Senior Center. Other cell phone drop-off sites can be found online at [www.davisrecycling.org](http://www.davisrecycling.org).

If your business generates a lot of cell phones and/or rechargeable batteries, you might want to sign up to get a free cell phone and rechargeable battery recycling box from the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Program (RBRC). Check out [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org) to set up a free rechargeable battery and cell phone recycling system at your business.

#### Recycle your wood waste—

Wood waste includes boards, fencing, furniture, pallets, tree limbs, stumps and other wood products. These items can be brought to the Woodland Biomass Facility for free. The Biomass Facility uses the material as feedstock for their

power plant. Be sure to call ahead to confirm that they will accept your material (661-6095). Another option to recycle your wood waste is to bring it to the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL). The landfill accepts these materials on a daily basis at a reduced rate.

#### Rigid plastics

Rigid plastics, such as outdoor furniture, children's toys, sand boxes and play equipment can be recycled for free at YCCL and at Davis Waste Removal (DWR). Plastic items accepted in the rigid plastics recycling bins include:

- any plastic container with a #3, #5, #6 or #7 recycling symbol
- children's outdoor plastic toys (sandboxes, slides, play kitchens)
- large reusable water bottles
- clean PVC pipe (no dirt)
- plastic outdoor furniture
- toys and CD cases
- crates, buckets and laundry baskets
- flower pots and nursery trays
- ice chests
- garbage cans
- other non-flexible plastic household items

#### Electronics

All Yolo County residents and businesses can bring small electronics to the landfill for free recycling on a daily basis. This includes radios, TVs, monitors, computers, cell phones, ink cartridges and rechargeable batteries (a fee applies for microwaves and other appliances).

#### Fluorescent Bulbs/Tubes

The DTSC adopted special regulations that



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explain how to manage and recycle fluorescent tubes. These regulations allow businesses to accumulate spent tubes for up to one year before sending them to a recycling firm. The DTSC requires only informal training for most employees handling spent tubes and allow you to ship spent tubes to a lamp recycler or to transport them to a lamp recycler yourself without using a hazardous waste hauler. These regulations also require generators to keep some form of documentation to demonstrate tubes were managed properly.

Businesses have three main options to dispose of their fluorescent lamps:

**1) Mailing box programs:** Many recycling facilities use mail-in boxes to collect waste mercury lamps. The recycler sells the box at a fixed price, which includes shipping costs. The customer fills the box with waste lamps and ships it back to the recycler. To find a lamp recycling company, type in "recycle fluorescent lamps" in your internet search bar.

**2) Lighting contractors:** Large businesses often pay lighting contractors to replace all of the mercury lamps in their facilities every three to four years. The business and lighting contractor determine which party will send the waste mercury lamps to a recycling facility.

### **3) Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) Program**

The Yolo County Central Landfill accepts hazardous waste from businesses through the CESQG program. Fluorescent lamps, batteries, paint, pesticides etc. can be disposed of through this program. There is a fee to participate, depending on the types and amounts of hazardous waste disposed. This may be the easiest way for businesses to dispose of it's hazardous waste, depending on the types and amounts of wastes produced. See [www.davisrecycling.org](http://www.davisrecycling.org) for more information, or call 666-8729.

### **Batteries**

Businesses have three main options to dispose of waste batteries:

**1) Mailing box programs:** Many battery recycling facilities use mail-in boxes to collect alkaline and lithium batteries. The recycler sells the box at a fixed price, which includes shipping costs. The customer fills the box with batteries and ships it back to the recycler. To find a battery recycling company, type in "recycle alkaline batteries" in your internet search bar.

### **2) CESQG Program (See above)**

### **3) Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC):**

Rechargeable batteries can be recycled for free through the RBRC. Request a free mail-in box to collect your rechargeable batteries online at [www.call2recycle.com](http://www.call2recycle.com).

### **RECYCLING DROP-OFF**

#### **Woodland Biomass**

1786 E. Kentucky Ave., Woodland  
661-6095

Acceptable material—wood waste, green waste, wood furniture, wooden pallets, etc. Call ahead to confirm material acceptability.

#### **Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL)**

44090 County Road 28H, Woodland  
666-8729

Accepted material—rigid plastics, PVC pipe, scrap metal, used motor oil, cardboard, electronics (a fee applies for microwaves and other appliances), paper, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and glass for free recycling. Wood waste and green waste is accepted at a reduce rate.

#### **Davis Waste Removal (DWR)**

2727 2nd Street, Davis  
756-4646

Free 24-hour drop-off of all these items—scrap metal, rigid plastics, cardboard, used motor oil, used oil filters, plastic bottles, aluminum and steel cans, paper and glass.