

## Please sort waste into the correct bin

RECYCLING

### PLASTIC, GLASS & METALS



### PAPER



### CARDBOARD

Flatten and stack on the ground next to the recycling carts or place in the cardboard recycling bin, if present.



ORGANICS



LANDFILL



Visit [DavisRecycling.org](http://DavisRecycling.org) for more information

## Why is it important (and better for the environment) to sort our waste?

### Sorting out recyclable and compostable waste is an easy way to combat climate change.

- Landfills are the 3rd largest source of methane emissions in California.
- When buried in landfills, organic waste (including paper, cardboard, food scraps, food-soiled paper products, yard trimmings and other organic-based wastes) emit 20% of the state's methane (a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide) and air pollutants like PM 2.5 (which contributes to health conditions like asthma).
- Organic wastes make up half of what Californians send to landfills.
- **Reducing the amount of organic waste in landfills can have a direct impact on the climate crisis and create healthier air for all of us to breathe.**

### Sorting our waste is required by law

Sorting recyclables and organic materials from the trash has been required in Davis since 2016. State-wide laws now require all residents and businesses to sort their waste properly.

**See the first page for information on what goes in each bin.**

## Where does our waste go?

Recyclables are hand-sorted here in Davis before they are shipped out to be recycled into new products.

Organic wastes are brought to a composting facility at the Landfill where they are turned into clean energy and nutrient-rich compost.

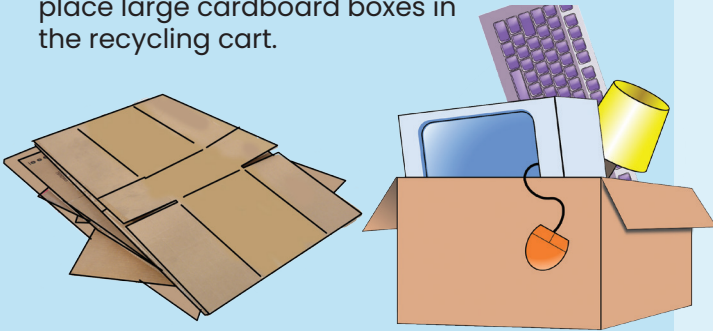
Trash is taken to the Yolo Landfill where it is buried. Trash is not sorted to remove recyclable and organic waste, so please sort your waste carefully!

## Moving In?

You probably have a lot of cardboard moving boxes.

**Cardboard CANNOT be placed in the trash.**

Please empty boxes of all packing materials (i.e. Styrofoam, plastic "packaging air bags" and polystyrene peanuts), flatten them and stack them flat on the ground next to the recycling carts or in the cardboard bin (if present). Please don't place large cardboard boxes in the recycling cart.



## Got extra food?

Instead of letting it go to waste, donate extra food that's still edible so it can be given to those in need. Visit [DavisRecycling.org](http://DavisRecycling.org) and click on the link for Edible Food Recovery for more info on donating food.

Californians send 11.2 billion pounds of food to landfills each year.

Avoid wasted food by planning meals for the week and only buy those ingredients.



## Moving Out?

Be responsible as you are moving and help keep our city beautiful by donating your unwanted items instead of leaving them on the street, sidewalk or in your front yard. Do not place usable items in the trash. If you have items that are no longer needed, here are some tips to keep usable items out of landfills:

- **Take a closer look at what you're throwing away.** It's possible that at least half of what you're tossing out is recyclable or compostable (see the front page for details).
- **Consider donating unwanted but useful items.** Local thrift stores accept a wide variety of reusable goods. Please call to verify drop-off times and currently accepted items::

- ▶ **Big Blue Barn Thrift Store at the Yolo County Central Landfill** 4090 County Road 28H, Woodland | 530-666-8856 | Donations accepted daily from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. The Yolo County Central Landfill is a one-stop-shop where you can donate items for reuse, recycle what can't be reused, and throw away whatever is left.
- ▶ **Community Mercantile** 622 Cantrill Dr. | 530-379-3070 Please call or text to see if items are accepted.
- ▶ **Goodwill Donation Xpress** 417 Mace Blvd. | 530-231-5111 Donations accepted daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ▶ **Goodwill Thrift Store** 1640 E. 8th St. | 530-564-4474 Donations accepted 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ▶ **R & R Thrift** 2801 Spafford St. | 530-759-9648 | Donations accepted Wed., Fri. and Sat. from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- ▶ **Yolo County SPCA Thrift Store** 920 3rd St. | 530-758-0544 Donations accepted Mon. – Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **Post items online that you would like to sell or give away.**
- **Recycle unwanted mattresses and box springs.** Bring mattresses and box springs to the landfill for free recycling. Recology also accepts them for free recycling during CRV buy back hours (M – F 9:30 a.m. & 2 p.m. & Sat. 8 a.m. & 4 p.m.)
- **Visit [DavisRecycling.org](http://DavisRecycling.org) for more ways to reuse and recycle unwanted items when you are moving.**



# These items should not be thrown away in the trash


## Batteries

Residents can recycle single-use household batteries at these sites in Davis:



- CVS, 1550 E. Covell and 1471 W. Covell Blvd.
- Davis Ace Hardware, 3rd & G St.
- Davis Food Co-Op, 620 G St.
- Davis Senior Center, 646 A St.
- Nugget Markets, 409 Mace and 1414 E. Covell Blvd.
- Recology Davis Recycling Center, 2727 2nd St. (during buyback hours only: Mon. – Fri.: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- Rite Aid, 655 Russell & 2135 Cowell Blvd.

Place alkaline and lithium batteries into separate plastic bags for safety.

 Save money and reduce waste by switching to rechargeable AA, AAA, C, & D batteries.

## Sharps Waste

Sharps (used hypodermic needles, lancets and other devices used to penetrate the skin) cannot go in the trash. Place sharps waste in a puncture-proof container, tape the lid shut and write "Sharps Waste" on the outside of the container. Bring the filled container to a location listed below for free and safe disposal:

- Recology Davis Recycling Center, 2727 2nd St. M – F 9:30 a.m. & 2 p.m. & Sat. 8 a.m. & 4 p.m.
- Yolo County Landfill, 44090 County Rd. 28H Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



## Unused Medications

Unused medications should never be put in the trash or flushed down a drain.

Prepare your medications for drop-off:


1. Remove or blackout your information on prescription labels.
2. Place pills in a clear zippered plastic bag and recycle the container. Keep liquids & creams in their original containers & seal them tightly.
3. Drop off medications at these locations during pharmacy hours:
  - Kaiser Permanente Davis MOB OP Pharmacy, 1955 Cowell Blvd.
  - CVS Pharmacy, 1550 E Covell Blvd.
  - Rite Aid, 2135 Cowell Blvd.



## Electronics

Recycle televisions, computers, phones, printers and other electronics for free every day at the Yolo County Landfill. See the location and hours below.



 If electronics still work, consider donating them to thrift stores or selling them instead of recycling.


## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., residents can bring toxic items to the Yolo Landfill for free. Seniors and persons with disabilities can schedule a free pick-up by calling 530-666-8856.

Accepted items include:

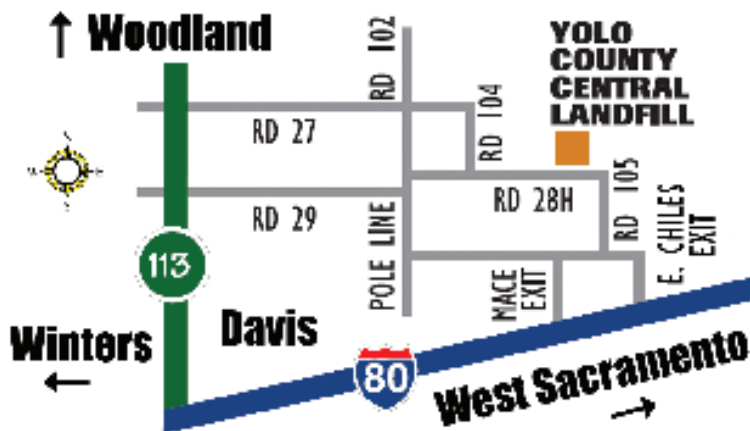
- automotive products
- batteries & paint
- fluorescent bulbs & tubes
- household cleaners
- used syringes
- propane and helium canisters
- used cooking oils, fats and grease



 Choose less-toxic products whenever possible. Visit [OurWaterOurWorld.org](http://OurWaterOurWorld.org) for options.

## Yolo County Central Landfill

44090 County Rd. 28H, Woodland  
Mon. – Sat. 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Sun. from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
530-666-8729 or [IWM@YoloCounty.org](mailto:IWM@YoloCounty.org)  
[www.YoloCounty.org/Landfill](http://www.YoloCounty.org/Landfill)



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# Conserve Water Rain or Shine



**Repair or report leaks.** Look and listen for leaks. Watch for water or gas bill increases (which could be hot water leaks). Repair leaks and broken irrigation (or if renting, report them to the property manager).



**Soak dishes.** Rather than let the water run while scrubbing, use a dishpan, large pot or plug the sink to soak dishes before washing.



**Shorten showers.** Keep showers to five minutes or less and turn off water while lathering.



**Limit running water.** Turn off the water while you're brushing your teeth, shaving or lathering your hands.



**Use a glass a day.** Limit the amount of dishes you have to wash. Designate one drinking glass per day.



**Fill it up.** Only wash full loads of dishes and clothes to conserve water.

**We can all help to reduce water usage. Learn more at [SaveDavisWater.org](http://SaveDavisWater.org)**

## Down the drain: Clean water starts with you

Sewer pipes are designed to handle liquids and only small amounts of solids. Even a little household waste flushed down the toilet or dumped down the drain or garbage disposal can lead to sewer back-ups that can pollute our rivers, clog pipes and cause expensive and messy sewer backups in your home and our City.

### Protect the environment and prevent messy sewer back-ups:

**Fats, oils or grease.** Save liquid fats, oils and grease for recycling at the hazardous waste facility at the landfill (see inside for details). Place solidified fats, grease and oils in the organics bin.

**Only water down the drain.** Place food scraps and plate scrapings in the organics cart instead of down the garbage disposal. Keep hair, floss and other wastes out of the drain.

**Don't flush garbage.** Only human waste and toilet paper should be flushed down the toilet. "Flushable" and disposable products such as wipes, diapers, feminine products and floss belong in the trash. Place hair and used facial tissue in the organics bin.

**Dispose of medicines and hazardous wastes properly.** Household chemicals and medications should never be disposed of in the sink, toilet or trash can. See inside for safe and free disposal options.



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