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Recycling E-Newsletter



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Your on-line Recycling Guide

The Fall/Winter2012 Butte County Recycling E-Newsletter is in your inbox!

- Two new Butte County locations now accept architectural paint for recycling. They are Kelly-Moore Paint at 1221 Mangrove Ave in Chico and Sherwin-Williams Paint at 2412 Cohasset Rd. in Chico. Only paint in original containers with readable labels can be accepted. You should call the stores first to find out their limits on quantity and exceptions to what paint they can currently take.
- Backyard Composting Guides are available upon request. Email us at recycle@buttecounty.net or pick up a copy at the County Public Works office at 7 County Center Drive in Oroville or at the Neal Road Recycling & Waste Facility.
- Christmas Tree recycling will start up soon after the 25th of December. Log on to RecycleButte.net for ways to keep your tree out of the landfill.
- Happy Holidays from Butte County Public Works Department.

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Holiday Recycling: Recycle that Bicycle

Is there a bicycle in the garage that hasn't been ridden in years? Or maybe you just got a new bike and your old one needs a new home? The Neal Road Recycling & Waste Facility works with several non-profit or government agencies that pick up the bikes collected at Neal Road and refurbish them for donation to area

children. Prospect High School in Oroville and Butte County Behavioral Health Department are two of the organizations that refurbish the bikes. The students/clients are trained on bike mechanics and maintenance while making these bikes available to the community.



We are looking for bikes that are mostly free of rust with straight frames that just need some attention from a bike mechanic and a part or two. We are especially looking for BMX bikes and cruiser bikes.

If you have a bike that needs a new home and a little “TLC”, drop it off at the Neal Road facility during regular business hours. For more information call 879-2352.

County news: COVE Recycles the Ridge

Thanks to a grant for CalRecycle, new locally manufactured recycling containers are popping up all over the Town of Paradise and throughout the Paradise Park system. In cooperation with the Town of Paradise and the Paradise Recreation and Park District, COVE (California Vocation Inc.) will be servicing these combination recycling/trash containers throughout the Town and park system. Each container is split into a “Recycling” section and a “Trash” section. The Recycling section is for all bottles and cans as well as clean paper products.

COVE is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing residential and vocational support to developmentally disabled adults. Revenue from the recycled materials will go toward supporting COVE programs.



Coming soon to a ridge park near you

Recycling Profile – The Greatest Generation

A common perception is that the Baby Boomers of the 60’s were the ones who started the whole environmental movement with the emphasis on recycling and sustainability. However recycling and the conservation of resources has been going on since before recorded history. There was a period in recent history where one group of people demonstrated a remarkable ability of conserve resources. That group is what newsman and author Tom Brokaw labeled “The Greatest Generation”.

This was a generation born into the great depression with many families struggling to just feed themselves. Children grew up looking forward to hand-me-down clothes from older siblings. When things broke, you didn’t buy a new one; you fixed the old one. When clothes wore out, the quilter in the family would take possession of the fabric. Little was wasted because there was little to begin with.



With the start of World War II, conservation and recycling were taken to levels not yet experienced in modern American culture. During the war, financial constraints and massive material shortages due to the war made it necessary for citizens to reuse goods and recycle materials.

Local committees were established to help coordinate the collection of materials needed for the war effort with quotas given to cities and counties. The materials included paper, aluminum, tin, iron and steel, rubber, silk stockings, and cooking fat. Some of these materials like rubber and silk were needed because the Japanese had cut off the supply by their rapid advance through Southeast Asia.

Many children participated in scrap metal, used tire, and paper drives to collect materials useful to the effort. There's no denying scrap drives and other efforts were in many ways meant in part as morale builders. But many were surprisingly effective. In 1943 victory gardens produced 40 percent of the country's fresh vegetables. Salvaged kitchen fat was used to produce glycerin, an ingredient in drugs and explosives. Wasteful practices were looked upon with scorn by most of that generation as it was considered unpatriotic.

Some of that generation of recyclers, in many ways, relaxed those practices that they had learned during the first half on the century in the years following the war. Yet many still held to the same habits that they grew up with. Habits like saving thin slivers of soap in a coffee can under the sink; the chicken on Sunday becoming the casserole on Monday, the sandwich on Tuesday and the soup on Wednesday; and patching the garden hose until it's as much patch as hose. (*Thanks to Mom and Dad for providing those fine examples of conserving resources*)

Today's generations of recyclers, the boomers and beyond, are doing some new and innovative things with regards to creating a more sustainable planet. However it might not be a bad idea for today's recyclers to take some of the patriotic fervor that the greatest generation demonstrated.

Holiday feature – Don't be the Grinch that trashed Christmas

Butte County, like the rest of the nation, produces more residential garbage during December than any other month of the year. You can make the Holidays a lot greener with a little pre-planning.

Too much cardboard?

If you have more cardboard or other recyclables than your recycling container can hold, you can take it to the following locations:

- Waste Management, 2569 Scott Ave, Chico
- Northern Recycling, 920 American Way, Paradise
- Recology Butte Colusa Counties, 2720 S. 5th Ave, Oroville
- Fair Street Recycling (Three locations)
- Many more (See www.RecycleButte.net)

There are ways to keep those trash trucks as light as possible and still have an enjoyable gift giving and belly stuffing holiday season. A little thought can save money, time and landfill space. Here are some ideas:

- Shop the Thrift Stores first: That perfect gift may be sitting on a shelf of a local thrift store. By purchasing at a charity thrift store, you will not only be supporting a local non-profit, but likely saving loads of money as opposed to purchasing that item new. And while you're there...
- Donate your outgrown, under-used and otherwise classic items that somebody else will appreciate. You will also get that tax deduction in before the end of the year.
- Bag it, don't wrap it: Reusable gift bags are not only cheaper, as they are used over and over again, but they are easier and quicker when preparing the gift for giving.
- Donate the leftovers: If you're hosting a holiday party and you've got way too much food leftover, donate what is non-perishable to a local charity kitchen.
- Compost those veggies: If you've got a backyard compost full of fall leaves, those vegetables will balance out the leaves quite nicely. A combination of green food waste and brown dried leaves make for an ideal compost mix.
- Precycle the packaging: Before you give a gift, consider removing and recycling the packaging prior to giving it. This will ensure that the packaging does get recycled and won't overload your recycling bin post holidays. And finally...
- Don't purchase garbage: Some things that people buy are just destined for the landfill. Whether it's because it's made cheaply or it just has no real lasting use (Think Chia Pet), it's best to give

gifts that will be valued for a long time.

- Use rechargeable batteries in all those electronic toys, cameras and gadgets. When your rechargeable nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, lithium ion, or small sealed lead battery no longer holds a charge, call the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation at **800-8-battery** or use their web page at <http://www.rbrc.org> for the nearest battery recycling drop off.

Recycling Road Show/Landfill Field Trips

Would your club, classroom or organization like a presentation about current trends in recycling and waste management? Or perhaps a tour of the Neal Road Recycling & Waste Facility led by facility staff? Our staff will speak at your school or function about local recycling and waste issues and be happy to answer questions about local and national waste trends. Call 879-2352.

Coming in the Spring 2013 Issue:

- **Legislative update: Recycling news from the State Capitol**
- **Freecycle: The on-line service to get or give away almost anything (For Free)**
- **Thrift Store Profile: P.A.S.H. Thrift Store**
- **Five recycling myths exposed**

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