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Recycling E-Newsletter



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Your on-line Recycling Guide

The Spring 2013 Butte County Recycling E-Newsletter has arrived!

- ♻️ Would your club 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 available to answer questions about local and national waste and recycling issues. Call 879-2352.
- ♻️ 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.
- ♻️ Remember, April 22nd is Earth Day; as is every other day of the year.
- ♻️ Does your organization have an upcoming event and need recycling containers? Give us a call and reserve your Clearstream Recycling bins for the collection of bottles & cans. Call us at 879-2352.



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*Keep Butte County
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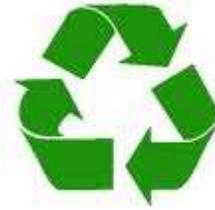
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This year's legislative session is in full swing and there are a number of bills that are being considered this year that can help consumers and local governments manage the many types of special wastes. What all these bills have in common is that it places some of the responsibility of end-of-life management of these products on the manufacturer, thereby relieving local governments (and taxpayers) of some of the cost of managing these wastes. These types of product stewardship bills should, if passed, provide a much more efficient framework of material management for products at the end of their useful life. *This listing does not constitute or imply either support or opposition of any particular bill by Butte County. For information only.* Here are some of the bills:

AB 488, Williams – Primary Battery Recycling Act

This bill is sponsored by the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) and builds on the two years of work with Senator Corbett to pass an all alkaline and rechargeable battery recycling bill. To reduce opposition, this bill does not cover rechargeable batteries and would amend current regulations to require a producer designed, funded and operated take-back program state-wide that is convenient for consumers for primary batteries.

AB 403, Stone – Needle Stick Prevention Act

This bill is sponsored by CPSC with the goal of creating a state-wide sustainably funded sharps management system that is highly convenient and effective. While California imposed a sharps disposal ban in 2008, without a sustainably funded collection system there has been an increase in needle-sticks of recycling workers and increased danger to the public when illegally disposed on beaches and on land.

SB 727, Jackson – Medication Take-Back Program

This is a producer responsibility bill that will require producers of medications to design, fund and oversee operation of a take-back program. It follows CalRecycle's model for a producer-run collection system. The goals of the bill are to remove unused medications from residential environments by providing safe and convenient collection opportunities state-wide thereby reducing unsafe access to medications by those persons who have not been prescribed to take them and to avoid any flushing of medications into the wastewater treatment system.

SB 254, Hancock – Mattress Management

This bill is sponsored by Californians Against Waste and builds off of the bill from last session that failed passage. Mattresses are a priority product for local governments because they are hard to manage, lack many recycling opportunities, and are illegally dumped throughout the state. They are also a public health issue with the continued increase in bedbug infestations in the State.

Freecycle: The on-line gifting movement that reduces waste, saves resources & eases the burden on our landfills.

Do you have good stuff around the house you just want to get rid of? Whatever it is: baby clothes, stereo

equipment, golf clubs, etc. The Freecycle Network is made up of thousands of groups with millions of members around the world. It's a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Each local group is moderated by local volunteers. Membership is free. To sign up, log on to one of the Butte County Freecycle web pages listed here:

<http://groups.freecycle.org/ParadiseCA/posts/all>

<http://groups.freecycle.org/freecyclechico/description>

<http://groups.freecycle.org/OrovilleCA/posts/all>

Thrift Store Profile: P.A.W.S. (Promotion of Animal Welfare Society)

Tucked away in a small building in east Oroville is the PAWS Thrift and Gift shop. PAWS was established in 1981 and is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide low-cost spay and neutering services to pets of low income families throughout Butte County. PAWS is not affiliated with any other organization and receives no government funding. Its main source of income comes from the Thrift Store on OroDam Blvd.

The store features clothing, small appliances, kitchen items, books/CD's/tapes and assorted knick-knacks. All proceeds from the sale of these items goes toward the PAWS animal clinic located in the same building. PAWS Thrift & Gift Shop is located at 3557 OroDam Blvd. in Oroville (534-5713). Hours are 10:00 to 5:00 M-Thurs., 10:00 to 4:00 on Friday, and 10:00 to 2:00 on Saturday.

One of the features of this non-profit thrift store is that those items that do not sell get donated to shelters and other non-profits; nothing goes to the landfill. It is a **Going Green** program participant which requires, among other things, that they be environmentally and socially responsible within their community and constantly work to improve treatment of humans, (and in this case, the furry four-legged "humans" too) conserve resources and reduce waste.

PAWS is always in need of animal-loving volunteers, quality items and monetary support. If you would like to help or make a donation, please call 534-5713.

For more information visit the PAWS website at:

http://www.chamberorganizer.com/orovillechamber/mem_friendsofpaws



Five recycling myths exposed

1. " *There's no point in recycling because all the stuff just gets dumped.*"

This is a common story that periodically gets recirculated. What is often not realized is that just a single Pyrex dish or piece of china in a load of recycled glass will contaminate the whole load and make it unusable. The vast majority of loads are fine and end up being reprocessed, but unfortunately negative stories tend to stay in the mind longer than positive ones.

2. " It costs more to recycle than to make things from new materials."

This is not true. Many recycled products not only save energy and water but also reduce raw-material usage and the associated energy and pollution caused in the process of obtaining the raw materials. For example, it is far better to be constantly recycling aluminum than mining out the finite stocks of bauxite and causing unnecessary pollution and wasting energy in the process.

3. " There are no markets for recyclables."

Demand for recycled materials has never been greater and, in many cases, exceeds the supply currently provided by the American public. Rapid industrial development, particularly in China and other Asian nations, has created a huge surge in demand for recyclables. Domestic and international markets exist for all materials collected in curbside recycling programs, as long as they meet basic quality standards. In fact, there is intense competition among users for many recycled materials. The recycling industry is comparable in size to the auto and truck manufacturing industry. It's a large industry that demands lots of raw materials. A recycled aluminum beverage can returns to the grocer's shelf as a new, filled can in as few as 60 days after collection,

.4. " It causes huge amounts of pollution trucking all the recyclable materials around the country."

At one time there were relatively few reprocessors for recyclable materials' and this required these materials to be transported great distances. At the present time however, more mills are in place and more markets are developing for recycled materials. It is at the point for many materials where extracting or harvesting and transporting raw material is more expensive than using recycled material. This is especially the case for materials like metal, cardboard and most plastics.

5. " Washing out cans and bottles uses more energy than is saved by recycling them."

Not if you wash them out at the end of doing the dishes!

Coming in the Summer 2013 Issue:

- **The California Carpet Recycling Program**
- **Recycling Profile: Fair Street Recycling**
- **Tire Amnesty Day coming this fall (Hopefully)**
- **What do you do with old...? New ideas for old stuff.**

Questions, comments, suggestions? Email us at recycle@buttecounty.net. We will try to respond as soon as possible.



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