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# Butte County



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## Recycling E-Newsletter



[www.RecycleButte.net](http://www.RecycleButte.net)

Your on-line Recycling Guide

### The Summer 2011 Butte County Recycling E-Newsletter is here.

- ♻️ Do you know of a business or non-profit that offers recycling services and is not yet in our directory? Let us know at [recycle@buttecounty.net](mailto:recycle@buttecounty.net).
- ♻️ Do you have a bicycle you no longer ride but is in reasonable condition? Drop it off at the Neal Road Recycling & Waste Facility. We work with local non-profits who will repair and refurbish it then donate it to area youth in need of a bike.
- ♻️ The Butte County Fair goes green. Look for the recycling containers around the Fairgrounds and visit the County Recycling Information booth in Farmers Hall. The Fair runs August 25<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ♻️ Backyard Composting Guides are available upon request. Email us at [recycle@buttecounty.net](mailto: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.

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**Keep Butte County  
Butte-i-ful**



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### Inside CalRecycle: California's Department of Recycling

CalRecycle is the state's leading authority on recycling, waste reduction, and product reuse. Officially known as the Department



**ZERO WASTE, YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN**

of Resources Recycling and Recovery, CalRecycle plays an important role in the stewardship of California's vast resources and promotes innovation in technology to encourage economic and environmental sustainability.

Initially created as the California Integrated Waste Management Board in 1989, CalRecycle has been working with local cities and counties to reach the goal of waste reduction and increased recycling through public education, program implementation and economic incentive in the form of grants and loans.

Each jurisdiction in the State is required to create and implement an integrated waste management plan that addresses the specific needs of the businesses and residents of that community in terms of solid waste and recycling. Butte County works with all the local municipalities with such a plan and reports annually to CalRecycle with regard to program implementation, new recycling and waste reduction programs and future plans to accommodate the waste handling and recycling needs of new business and population growth. These annual reports also detail specific disposal figures and whether or not the County's waste reduction goals have been met.

For 2010, the Butte Regional Waste Management Authority has surpassed the goal set by CalRecycle of 4.9 pounds per person per day (PPD) by reducing its disposal to 4.1 PPD. This low disposal number represents both increased recycling efforts by both the commercial and residential sectors as well as a soft economy resulting in lower commercial and construction disposal.

For more information on CalRecycle, log on to: [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/)

## **Cash for Cartridges: There could be money in your printer**

They're in virtually every home and office. Printers are everywhere. They come in a variety of sizes and speeds and range from a low cost home desk top model to a mini print shop. They all have one thing in common; they have a voracious appetite for ink cartridges. Americans throw away 13 inkjet cartridges every second. High volume users of printers are becoming increasingly aware that the pile of spent inkjet and laser jet cartridges they are creating has value.



Many local establishments are either giving credit for the purchase of a new inkjet cartridge when you turn the old one in, or they charge less for a refilled cartridge as an encouragement to recycle your old cartridges. Several of the locations in Butte County will set up an account for a qualified non-profit organization and direct the proceeds of the value of the cartridges to that organization.

Organizations that would like to deal direct with a cartridge recycler can set up an account with companies and get paid directly for the cartridges they send in. They accept all types of inkjet cartridges and pay directly back to the organization. Two companies that will pay for cartridges are: [www.planetgreenrecycle.com/index.php](http://www.planetgreenrecycle.com/index.php) and [cartridgefundraising.com/](http://cartridgefundraising.com/)

As for the larger laser jet cartridges, most manufacturers now include postage paid mailing labels in the original boxes for the consumer to mail back for free. If you misplaced your mailing labels, you can reorder on-line from the manufacturer or just print the labels straight from the manufacturer's web site.

## **County News: The Paradise Lake Recycling Project**

One of Butte County's hidden treasures is Paradise Lake. Nestled above Magalia just off Coutelenc Road, Paradise Lake offers an abundance of recreational opportunities. Fishing, biking, hiking and kayaking are a few of the activities available to lake visitors. It's also a great place for a family picnic.



**Paradise Lake**

The Paradise Irrigation District, which operates the lake, has recently expanded its bottle and can recycling program with the installation of four new recycling containers at various locations around the lake. Proceeds from the value of the bottles and cans go towards restocking the lake with a variety of trout in the spring, just in time for Kid's Fishing Day in April. Bottles and cans can also be donated directly to the Kid's Fishing Day program by taking them to Northern Recycling & Waste Services in Paradise and requesting that the proceeds go to that program.

The recycling containers were purchased with a grant from CalRecycle through the Butte County Public Works Department and maintained by the Paradise Irrigation District.

The Irrigation District also provides receptacles to deposit and recycle old tangled fishing line at several locations around the lake. Abandoned fishing line poses a threat to birds and other small wildlife as they can easily become tangled in the line.



**Recycle a Can... Buy a Fish**

For more information on Paradise Lake, go to: [www.visitparadiselake.com](http://www.visitparadiselake.com)

## **Summer Feature – Recycling on the trail, in the boat or tubing on the river (Sacramento River Cleanup edition)**

We are all aware of the annual Labor Day float that occurs when thousands of mostly young people take to the Sacramento River in a variety of flotation devices to celebrate the end of summer and enjoy a day on the river. We are also aware of the negative impact this activity has on the river. Thousands of pounds of waste is left behind on the banks and in the in the water for someone else to clean up. This article will not focus on the trashing of the river over the holiday weekend; instead it will highlight the folks who volunteer to cleanup of the river after the trashers have all gone home.



**Floaters packed it in; volunteers packed it out.**

A collaboration of four Chico State Associated Student programs (Adventure Outings, CAVE, AS Recycling and AS Sustainability) take to the river in a coordinated intensive scrubbing of the banks and backwaters that suffer intensely from the drubbing it takes days before. With the cooperation of State Fish & Game, State Parks, Butte County Public Works Department, Butte County Sheriff's Department, Recology and Waste Management, over forty student volunteers collect thousands of pounds of materials that would have otherwise been left to either float down to the Bay and eventually into the ocean or just stay and rot on the beach. John Scott of Scotty's

Landing provides the staging area for the collection of the material. "Material" and not "trash" would be the proper term as much of the stuff left behind is perfectly good. Tubes, rafts, clothing, and aluminum cans make up much of the abandoned material. All the bottles and cans are directed to AS Recycling. Materials that could be reused are donated to local charities. Les Schwab Tires takes the damaged tubes for recycling.

This collaborative effort makes it possible for all users of the river, (people, fish, birds, furry critters, etc.) to continue enjoying all that the river has to offer without the discarded waste of a group of individuals who seemed to have forgotten basic lessons learned long ago.

Those members of the community who would like to volunteer for this year's cleanup should contact Chico State Associated Students Adventure Outings at 898-4011.

## **Recycling Road Show**

Would your club, classroom or organization like a presentation about current trends in recycling and waste management? 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 Fall/Winter 2011 Issue:**

- **Used Tires: They're not just for swings anymore**
- **Electronic Recycling and R2 Certification**
- **Household Hazardous Waste Facility update**
- **Seasonal Feature: Holiday Recycling – Keeping the Landfill off your gift list.**

Questions, comments, suggestions? Email us at [recycle@buttecounty.net](mailto:recycle@buttecounty.net). We will try to respond as soon as possible.



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