



WasteStream

Got Leaves?

Redding residents can bring excess leaves to the Transfer Station on Abernathy lane for free disposal until January 31st. You must bring a current City of Redding Solid Waste Utility bill and a photo I.D. Leaves will be used to make compost so they'll need to be removed from the bags at the compost site.

No Hot Ashes in Containers!

There's no quicker way to ruin the holidays than to start a fire because of improperly disposed ashes and coals. NEVER put hot ashes in your garbage can. They should be thoroughly cooled, soaked with water for 4 to 5 days, and bagged (to prevent them from blowing around and getting in your eyes.)

Scavenging From Recycling Carts

Once your recycling cart has been placed at the curb for collection, the contents become property of the City of Redding. Help us reduce the theft of recyclables. If you see people taking recyclables out of carts, please call 224-6208 and we will do our best to send someone out to stop them and let them know that this practice is not allowed.

8th Annual Coats for Kids' Drive: Through December 11th, 2009

The City of Redding Solid Waste Utility and the Redding Fire Department are proud to once again sponsor the Annual Coats for Kids program. This is our eighth year to work with the Good News Rescue Mission to provide warm winter coats for the children of Shasta County. Each year, nearly 1,000 coats are collected from Redding's generous residents and delivered to the Rescue Mission. Any new or gently used warm winter items, such as gloves, scarves, sweatshirts, coats, jackets, vests and blankets are needed.

If you'd like to participate, you can simply place your donation in a securely closed plastic bag labeled 'Coats for Kids' and place it on top of your blue recycling cart. Your driver will pick it up on collection day. **There are also convenient drop-off locations at each City of Redding Fire Station and in the lobby of City Hall.**



Ken White, Director of the Good News Rescue Mission stressed that childrens sizes, in particular, are needed.

The staff of the Solid Waste Utility and the Redding Fire Department invite everyone to share the warmth this holiday season: Donate to Coats for Kids!

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

The City of Redding offers two convenient options for recycling your old Christmas Tree. They are collected curbside from January 2nd through January 9th. Please cut them into segments that will fit loosely in your green waste cart. You may also bring it to the Compost Facility which is located at the Transfer Station on Abernathy Lane.

Remember that all tinsel, decorations, lights and stands must be removed prior to recycling. Flocked trees cannot be processed as compost. They must be landfilled and will be charged as garbage.

If you choose to bring your tree to the City's Transfer Station, please bring a current City of Redding Solid Waste Utility bill and a photo I.D. The Transfer Station is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Saturday. The free Christmas tree recycling program is available from December 26th through January 31st each year.



Need more info.?



City of Redding
Solid Waste Utility
2255 Abernathy Ln.
P.O. Box 496071

Redding CA 96049-6071

Office Hours: M-F, 8am to 4:30pm

Transfer Station: M-Sat, 8am. to 4:30pm

Customer Service 224-6201

Household Hazardous Waste 224-6209

Holiday Schedule

Christmas: Dec. 25th

Fri. routes one day late this week

New Year's Day: Jan. 1st

Fri. routes one day late this week

Looking For Ways to Reduce Waste This Holiday Season?

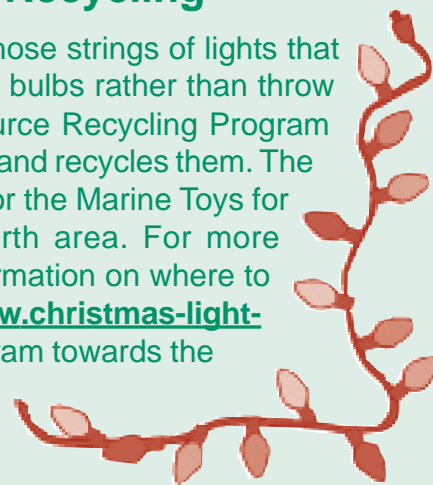
We generate more waste during the holidays than at any other time of the year. It is estimated that between Thanksgiving and the New Year an extra **million** tons of waste are generated nationwide each week.

Think about all the waste your family generates such as packaging, foam peanuts, packing paper, giftwrap, greeting cards and food waste. For example, approximately 38,000 miles of ribbon is thrown out each year - enough to tie a bow around the Earth. Here are a few ideas that can help you reduce waste during the holidays.

1. Not sure what to get someone? How about a gift certificate, a coupon for a home-cooked meal or some baked treats?
2. Reduce the amount of gift wrap you use. Wrap kitchen gifts in a colorful dish towel, wrap books in a reusable canvas shopping bag, or place home-baked cookies in a reusable box or kitchen container.
3. Set aside a box to collect reusable ribbons, bows, and other package decorations. Flatten and reuse gift boxes.
4. Drop-off packaging materials such as clean foam peanuts and bubble wrap at local shipping stores. Most are happy to reuse these items.
5. Before you throw out or recycle all those gift catalogs, take a minute to pick out the ones you don't want to receive anymore. Call their toll-free numbers and ask to be removed from their mailing list.

Christmas Light Recycling

Ever wonder what you can do with all those strings of lights that don't work anymore or have burned out bulbs rather than throw them in the trash? Christmas Light Source Recycling Program takes broken and burn-out holiday lights and recycles them. The proceeds are used to purchase books for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. For more information about the program and information on where to send your lights, visit their website at: www.christmas-light-source.com. There is a link to the program towards the bottom of the list of categories on the left side of the page.



My Yogurt Cup Has A #2 On The Bottom, Why Can't It Be Recycled?

You just finished off some yogurt and because the container has a chasing arrow symbol on the bottom, you place it into your blue recycling bin. Right?

Not necessarily. When it comes to recycling plastic, things can get tricky. There are many types of plastic and they cannot all be recycled together.

Recycling is generally better than sending waste to landfills. It takes two-thirds less energy to make products from recycled plastic than from virgin plastic. Many people mistakenly believe that having the symbol and number on the plastic means it can be recycled, but not all plastic can be recycled.

Plastics are chemically categorized by numbers, which are displayed inside the chasing arrow symbol on most plastic containers. While plastics marked #1 or #2 are generally considered to be recyclable, not all containers with those numbers actually are. For example, a yogurt cup may be made of #2 plastic, (the same type of plastic material that is used for recyclable milk jugs or bleach bottles) but it contains different dyes, plasticizers, softeners and other chemicals required to shape it into a cup. This mix of additives change the properties of the plastic and make it incompatible with the plastic used to make bottles. The same thing is true for #1 plastics. As a result, they melt at varying temperatures so they cannot all be melted down and recycled together to make a new product.

Many well meaning people don't know this, so they toss all plastics into the blue bin where they have to be manually sorted and thrown away. If you are unsure which plastics to put into your curbside cart, visit our website at www.ci.redding.ca.us/solwaste/brochures.htm or call 224-6201.

