



# WasteStream

## COMPOST FOR SALE

Ready for spring planting? The City of Redding has compost for sale. Compost makes an excellent soil amendment and improves moisture retention in your soil. You can buy it in almost any quantity - from a 5-gallon bucket (you load) to a cubic yard or more (we load). Prices start at \$1.50 for a 5-gallon bucket and go up to \$21.00 per yard for 1-4 cubic yards. If you buy five or more cubic yards at one time, you get a 15% discount and pay \$17.75 per cubic yard. Always call before you come out to the facility to buy compost. We do run out occasionally during peak demand times. Call 224-6201 for information.

## ILLEGAL DUMPING: WHO DO YOU CALL?

If you see an item or obstacle in a traffic lane that needs immediate attention, call the Streets Department at 224-6068 or 245-1683, after hours. The Solid Waste Utility responds to illegal dumping along the public right-of-way and coordinates with the Redding Police Department to arrange dumpsite cleanups on public property such as parks, city green belts, etc. Illegal dumping on private property should be referred to the City's Code Enforcement Division at 225-4013.

## Need more info.?



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

Redding CA 96049-6071

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

Transfer Stn.: M-Sat, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Customer Service ..... 224-6201  
Household Hazardous Waste ..... 224-6209

### Holiday Schedule

**Memorial Day: Monday, May 28th**  
*all routes will be one day late this week*

## CITY COUNCIL APPROVES FREE UNIVERSAL WASTE DISPOSAL: Batteries and Fluorescent Light Tubes Accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Lightbulbs seem to be the most mundane of things, yet they've received a lot of publicity lately - negative publicity. This is because Assemblyman Levine of Van Nuys has shed new light on the subject (no pun intended) with his recently announced 'How Many Politicians Does it Take to Change a Lightbulb' initiative. The politician has found a catchy way to call attention to the fact that old-fashioned incandescent light bulbs (you know the kind that actually look like lightbulbs?) are not at all energy efficient when compared to modern compact fluorescents.



**Common U-waste Products:  
Batteries and Fluorescent Light Tubes.**

However, you may recall that the State of California determined in February of 2006 that fluorescent light bulbs, which contain mercury vapors, are now considered Universal waste, or U-waste for short. U-waste is a sub-category or hazardous waste. The term 'universal' alluding to the fact that this waste stream is so prevalent as to be virtually universal, that is, in every household and business. But given that compact fluorescents are now a hazardous waste, the issue of banning incandescents is not one that should be taken, well...lightly. In fact, compact fluorescents, as well as all fluorescent lights, high intensity discharge or HID lights, sodium vapor, and metal halide lamps are part of the Universal waste stream and are banned from landfills. So are household batteries, lithium batteries, Ni-Cad batteries, and pretty much every kind of battery that is on the market today.

The City Council recently agreed to continue free disposal of universal waste at the facility in an attempt to encourage Redding residents to properly dispose of these items.

The Household Hazardous Waste facility is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. No appointment is necessary, though it is recommended that you call before coming to the facility because technicians are occasionally called away on emergency spill response. The facility phone number is 224-6209.

In addition to disposing of fluorescent light tubes and household batteries, residents can also dispose of other common household hazardous waste such as paint, motor oil, antifreeze, pesticides, fungicides, solvents, automotive products, pool chemicals and hobby chemicals. The facility is open to households, but does not accept any commercially-generated hazardous waste.

Fortunately, Redding residents can dispose of u-waste for free at the City's household hazardous waste

While U-waste is accepted free-of-charge, other products may have a small fee for disposal. Check out the price list at [www.ci.redding.ca.us/solwaste/hhwprice.htm](http://www.ci.redding.ca.us/solwaste/hhwprice.htm) or call the facility for more information.

## Pesky Peanuts??

Have you tried to get rid of foam packaging peanuts with no success? Here's an idea: if you don't plan to reuse them yourself, you might consider recycling your packaging peanuts at Mail Biz. An astute Redding Utilities Customer, "Lloyd," recently let us know that the local packaging and mailing company is interested in your donated packaging peanuts. We called Mail Biz to confirm their interest. Mail Biz is located at 2521 Hilltop Boulevard in Redding. Mail Biz also accepts ink jet cartridges for recycling.

If *you* know of other businesses that accept packaging peanuts, ink jet cartridges or any other items for recycling, please let us know. We'd love to hear from you. Email us at [tsgroup@ci.redding.ca.us](mailto:tsgroup@ci.redding.ca.us). We may include your suggestions in a future issue of Wastestream!

## Treasures from Trash Art Contest



Are you artistic and like to recycle? The 'Treasures from Trash' art contest at the Shasta District Fair is just the place to show off your talent. Items must be made from recycled materials. There are categories for paper/cardboard, metals, glass, plastic, textiles, and mixed media. Fair entry forms and a premium book can be downloaded from the fair's website at [www.shastadistrictfair.com](http://www.shastadistrictfair.com).

## Expect Load Checks

City employees are ramping up the load check program at both the R.W. Curry West Central Landfill and the Transfer Station on Abernathy Lane. Both facilities do random load checks to ensure that customers are not illegally disposing of prohibited items or hazardous waste. The program is being expanded in anticipation of new state load checking regulations. Both the California Integrated Waste Management Board and the California Department of Toxic Substance Control have a say in how load checking is performed. These agencies are working cooperatively to ensure that solid waste facilities are doing a more thorough job of load checks.

Incoming loads of solid waste will be randomly selected from both residential and commercial vehicles. This includes City solid waste vehicles as well as private franchise solid waste vehicles. Load inspectors will be looking for prohibited items, such as electronics and appliances, as well as hazardous waste. The list of hazardous wastes is lengthy and includes

many of these common items: paint, motor oil, antifreeze, pool chemicals, automotive products, pesticides, and miscellaneous chemicals. Hazardous wastes are prohibited from landfills because they pose a threat to the environment and to our ground water. In some cases, they can jeopardize the health of solid waste employees and can even cause deadly chemical reactions when mixed or combined.

Customers found to have prohibited items will be given proper disposal instructions. Residential customers with hazardous waste will be referred to the City's household hazardous waste facility. Commercial customers will be given alternative disposal options. Loads found with serious violations will be referred to the Shasta County Department of Resource Management for follow-up.



## Recycling Pays - Now More Than Ever!

As of 2007, the California Redemption Value (CRV) paid to consumers redeeming beverage containers for recycling has increased to 5 cents for containers less than 24 ounces and 10 cents for containers 24 ounces or greater. Consumers also now have the option of requesting a "paid by count" payment for up to 50 empty beverage containers of each material type. If this option is requested, buy-back recycling center operators are required to count up to 50 containers and pay the corresponding 5 or 10 cents per container, depending on size. Any number above 50 containers will be weighed and the consumer is given a rate per pound, depending on material type.

## Scavenging is a Crime!

**Did you know it's illegal for unauthorized people to remove material from the blue recycling carts? The City needs your help in preventing this scavenging. If you see someone taking material out of blue recycling carts, please call the Redding Police Department at 225-4564. Scavenging is a crime and it's also a violation of your privacy - a HUGE concern with identity theft on the rise. Protect yourself. Report scavenging.**