



# WasteStream

## FREE SHARPS DISPOSAL: CITY ADDS NEW PROGRAM AT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

### REMINDERS:

**Please Don't Leave Carts at the Curb:** Just a reminder that Redding Municipal Code prohibits garbage, greenwaste, and recycling carts from being left at the curb more than 12 hours prior to or after collection. Please roll them back to your house. This keeps our neighborhoods looking nice and clears the way for pedestrians, bicyclists, and street sweeping.

**Bring Help With You:** Neither the Transfer Station on Abernathy Lane nor the R.W. Curry West Central Landfill provide staff to unload incoming vehicles. Please be prepared to unload any items that you bring. We apologize for the inconvenience this may present. Due to liability concerns, the City's policy prohibits employees from unloading private vehicles.

**Dumpsters Available:** Need to rent a dumpster for spring cleaning? Available in 2 yd, 10 yd, 20 yd, 30 yd, or 40 yd. sizes. Available for use inside Redding City limits. Call 224-6201 for pricing and terms.

**Need Another Greenwaste Cart?:** Residential customers may have up to two greenwaste carts. Simply call our office to arrange for delivery. Our staff will explain the terms and conditions. Call 224-6201.

### 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

#### Upcoming Holiday Schedule

**4th of July: Friday, July 4th**  
Friday routes one day late

**Labor Day: Monday, September 1st**  
all routes one day late this week

The City of Redding is proud to announce a new disposal program for home-generated Sharps (needles, syringes, lancets, etc.). These items can be disposed, free-of-charge, at the City's Household Hazardous Waste Facility. The facility is located at the Transfer Station at 2255 Abernathy Lane. Current operating hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9am to 4pm.

As of September 1, 2008, it will be illegal to dispose of used Sharps in the trash. This new California law is designed to protect the public and sanitation workers from the risk of needle-sticks and to help prevent the spread of communicable disease.

Just how big a risk DO Sharps pose? Self-injectible drugs are becoming more commonplace. They are used to treat many conditions, including: Diabetes, Hepatitis B & C, Psoriasis, Arthritis, HIV, Osteoporosis, Migraines, Multiple Sclerosis, and are used in a variety of other applications. People also use self-injectible drugs to provide hormone therapy, infertility treatments, and for many pet home-veterinary practices. The Shasta County Public Health Department estimates that Shasta County residents generate anywhere from 265,000 to 1.9 million needles, syringes, and lancets per year outside of health care facilities!

All this adds up to a big problem: What to do with used Sharps? The City of Redding and Shasta County have teamed up to create some countywide solutions to this problem. The City of Redding will accept Sharps at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility as previously noted. The Shasta County Public Health Department has installed "kiosks" at 16 locations throughout Redding and Shasta County. Kiosks look like a U.S.

mailbox and function similarly. You simply open the door and deposit a small Sharps container, much as you would mail a letter.

Kiosks are located at all Big Foot Recycling Centers in Redding, Anderson, Bella Vista, Shasta Lake City, Palo Cedro, Happy Valley and Shingletown. They are also located at the Shasta County Public Health Centers on Breslauer Way and Sacramento Avenue in Redding and at the Public Health Clinic in Burney. County staff explained that the kiosks will accommodate small containers, such as the 1 qt. red biohazard containers available for purchase at local pharmacies.

If you do not have an approved Sharps container, you can use a rigid plastic or metal container with a screw-on or tightly secured lid reinforced with duct tape. This helps keep the Sharps secured tightly inside. Water bottles and soda bottles are NOT acceptable as the plastic they're made of is too thin to prevent puncture or breakage.

The City of Redding has obtained a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to promote safe Sharps disposal. As part of this grant, City staff has purchased approximately 2,000 approved Sharps containers to be distributed to customers using the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Containers are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, while supplies last. Limit one per customer. Several local pharmacies also sell Sharps containers.



## Danger! Don't Recycle That!

Most people seem to understand what *should* be recycled, but everyone once in a while we come across an item in a curbside recycling bin that definitely *should NOT* be there!

That was the case on May 9th, when a sorter at the City of Redding's Material Recovery Facility (MRF) came across a brown glass bottle with a homemade label that said: "Cyanide." Cyanide is an extremely hazardous, toxic material that can be fatal - even in small quantities. Someone had thrown this poison into a curbside recycling bin and it made its way to the City's recycling operation. Fortunately, it was identified right away and no one was hurt. However, the incident left some employees shaken and reinforced the need to educate the public about the dangers of improperly disposed hazardous waste.

Unfortunately, this isn't the first time this has happened. Sorters routinely see motor oil, paint, aerosol cans, automotive products, bleach, batteries, and even needles and syringes come across the conveyor belts that move recyclables from one side of the sorting operation to the other. These items should NEVER, EVER be recycled. Not only is there a risk of injury for workers, some of these chemicals are incompatible and can create fires, explosions, or even deadly gases.

Please use caution when disposing of hazardous waste. The City of Redding operates a Household Hazardous Waste Facility that is open to all households in Shasta County every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9am to 4pm. Best of all, there is no fee to dispose of household hazardous waste!

Keep hazardous waste out of the trash, recycling and green waste carts. Do your part by properly disposing of household hazardous waste. Our sorting crew and the environment thank you!



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Buy-Recycled

## Need a Replacement Lid for Your Waste Wheeler?

We realize that garbage, recycling and greenwaste carts break down over time. Missing and damaged lids have been a common problem, particularly with the blue recycling carts. If this happens to you, don't worry! A simple phone call to our Customer Service Division will take care of it. Just call 224-6201 and request a new lid. We'll send someone out to either repair or replace the damaged lid. In most cases, there is no charge for the replacement.

Help! The Garbage Truck Ate My Lid!

## Local Business Success Story!

The Redding Rancheria Health Clinic on Churn Creek is a great example of businesses showing their commitment to the environment. The Tribal Community Health Center has increased recycling efforts and the benefits are paying off. Clinic staff actively participate in several City-offered recycling programs: cardboard recycling, mixed recycling for bottles, cans, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, etc., and office paper recycling. These programs are free and help save the Clinic money on avoided disposal costs. The programs have become so popular that they recently had to increase their recycling capacity!

Redding Rancheria - thanks for making a difference!

2008 City of Redding  
SUN POWERED

# ENERGY FAIR SOLSTICE AT THE SUNDIAL

Saturday, June 21, 2008 • 8 am - 1:30 pm  
Sundial Bridge - Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Join the City of Redding's Municipal and Electric Utilities at the 2008 Energy Fair & Summer Solstice. This popular annual public service event, usually held at City Hall, has been moved to the scenic Sundial Bridge at Turtle Bay! The City of Redding is anxious to show off solar-powered, energy saving ideas and to promote conservation, waste reduction, pollution prevention, product stewardship and other City programs and services.

Come see local vendors and find out what amazing things are available in Redding to help us preserve this beautiful, natural environment. Vendors typically feature attractive sales offers and rebates for City of Redding residents so don't miss out on this great opportunity. You can even see our iconic Sundial in action! June 21st is the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year and the only day in which the Sundial is accurate.



Printed on 30% Post-Consumer Recycled Content Paper