



## REMINDERS:

**TARP INCOMING LOADS!** Don't get caught by CHP! Loads headed for the Transfer Station or the West Central Landfill must be tarped to prevent litter. To enforce this policy, the Solid Waste Utility doubles the charges for untarped loads. It's not worth the risk of getting a ticket from the California Highway Patrol. Officers have been known to park near the entrances of the facilities, watching for violators. Avoid extra fees or a possible ticket - just tarp it!

**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 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: Wednesday, July 4th**  
**Thursday & Friday routes one day late**  
**Labor Day: Monday, September 3rd**  
**all routes one day late this week**

# WasteStream

Join us at the 2007 Public Services and Energy Fair: Free disposal for household batteries and fluorescent lights

Don't miss the 2007 Public Services and Energy Fair. If you've never been before, you'll want to put this date on your calendar, for sure. The City of Redding's annual event embraces the themes of municipal services and resource conservation.

Redding Municipal Utilities will promote water conservation, pollution prevention, recycling and composting. Redding Electric Utility will focus on energy conservation and will be giving away Compact Fluorescent Lights, or CFLs.

It is widely acknowledged that CFLs are more energy efficient than standard, incandescent light bulbs. That's the 'up side' of CFLs. However, though more energy efficient, CFLs rely on mercury vapors to produce the fluorescent glow. Those mercury vapors are what make CFLs a hazardous waste product at the end of their useful life cycle.

To promote the responsible disposal of spent CFLs, the City of Redding's Solid Waste Utility is offering a free disposal opportunity for these items. Redding residents can bring old CFLs to the Energy Fair for free disposal. Our staff will be on hand to accept fluorescent lights and household batteries.



## 2007 Services



## Energy Fair

**Saturday, June 23rd, 2007**  
**8:00 am - noon**  
**City Hall Plaza**

So, what can you bring to the Energy Fair and who is eligible? Here's the scoop:

**Who:** City of Redding households. Sorry, no businesses.

**What:** Fluorescent lights and household batteries.

**When:** Saturday, June 23rd  
8am - noon

**Where:** City Hall Plaza

**Cost:** Free!

**Limit per customer:** 10 lights & 5 lbs. of batteries

If you can't make it to the Energy Fair - no worries! Our Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility accepts batteries and light tubes, along with lots of other household-generated hazardous waste. We're open Thursday - Saturday from 9am to 4pm at the City's Transfer Station, located at 2255 Abernathy Lane. *Always* call before you use the HHW facility - occasionally our staff is called away on an emergency response. (530) 224-6209.

## Recycling Tips From Our Readers

We asked and you responded! In our spring issue of the WasteStream, we ran an article on recycling options for packaging peanuts. We asked you, our readers, to help point out local recycling options for all kinds of things. Here are some of the tips from our readers (keep 'em coming!)

**Ink Jet Cartridges:** Sherry from **Sher Re-Inks** not only recycles ink jet cartridges - her business will pick them up at your location! Call 275-8015 to schedule a pickup.

**Packaging Peanuts:** Dean from **Wrap-N-Pack**, located at 2205 Hilltop Drive, will accept your foam packaging peanuts.

Pam from **Phoenix Spas** in Anderson will also accept foam packaging peanuts. Call 365-1500 to make arrangements.

Trish from the **UPS Store**, located at 909 Dana Drive said they will take foam packaging peanuts and cell phones, too!

Please keep the good ideas and suggestions coming. E-mail your suggestions to our editor at [tsgroup@ci.redding.ca.us](mailto:tsgroup@ci.redding.ca.us).

## New Disposal Guidelines On the Way for Needles & Other Sharps

Beginning in September of 2008, state regulations will prohibit California residents from disposing of needles and other 'Sharps' in the trash. Sharps include needles, syringes and lancets.

The Shasta County Public Health Department has placed Safe Sharps Disposal Kiosks at locations throughout Shasta County. These units allow individuals to safely dispose of used Sharps. This reduces the risk of needle-stick injuries and the spread of disease, such as Hepatitis B, C and HIV. Sharps placed

Paper or plastic.....what's a shopper to do? Plastic bags seem to be everywhere these days, including tree tops, as recently pointed out by Redding City Councilman, Ken Murray.

Some communities, it seems, are fed up with troublesome film plastic and are taking steps to find better alternatives. The City of San Francisco went so far as to adopt an ordinance requiring grocery stores to use only recyclable paper bags, compostable plastic bags or reusable bags for their customers.

Plastic bags are as common in Redding as they are in any community (except, perhaps, San Francisco). In addition to being a significant source of roadside litter, the bags are not compatible with the City's mechanized recycling system. Plastic bags and other forms of film plastic (shrink wrap, tarps, plastic sheeting, etc.) wrap around the mechanical sorting disks and must be manually cut out. This leads to time consuming repairs and down-time at the sorting facility.

"Redding is not close enough to facilities and ports to make it cost-effective to ship film plastics to the commodity brokers. We also don't generate enough, locally, to justify the cost of collecting film plastic as a separate

commodity, since it can't be combined with other mixed recyclables,' explained Larry Miralles, Municipal Utility Manager.

Miralles commented that his staff is often asked how to answer the check out clerk at the grocery store when asked the question, 'paper or plastic?' He said the best alternative is neither of those. Miralles suggests bringing your own reusable bag and added that many stores offer a small rebate if you do. However, if you don't have your own bag, Miralles recommends you select paper, rather than plastic. "Paper bags, also known as Kraft paper, are basically the same material as cardboard so they're easily recyclable and are compatible with our sorting system here in Redding." He added that it is OK to put *paper* grocery sacks in your blue, curbside recycling cart.

There *are* some local reuse and recycling options for plastic bags. The following local grocery stores accept plastic grocery bags: **Raley's** on Hartnell and Lake Boulevard; **Holiday Quality Foods** on Placer; **Safeway** on Cypress and Pine, and **Food Max** on Churn Creek. Some offer a cash credit. Others simply take the bags as a convenience for their customers and ship them to a regional distribution center where they are consolidated with bags from other stores.



**2305 Balls Ferry Rd**  
**1330 Churn Creek Rd**  
**2455 Hartnell Ave**  
**8080 Airport Rd**  
**201 Lake Boulevard**

Until the new regulations take effect, you *can* continue to dispose of Sharps in the trash, but they **MUST** be sealed in an approved Sharps container or in a rigid plastic or metal container, such as an empty bleach bottle or coffee can, with the lid securely taped. Label the container: "Danger - Sharps. Do Not Recycle."

in garbage containers also pose a health and safety risk to solid waste workers.

The kiosks look and function like a mailbox. A small container of needles placed in a drawer at the top drops to a secure collection bucket at the bottom of the unit. The kiosks are emptied and serviced regularly. Shasta County has developed a cooperative agreement with Big Foot Recycling Centers, which have agreed to allow the kiosks to be placed at their recycling locations. Kiosks at the Big Foot Recycling Centers in Redding are available at the following locations: