

Reminders!

Carts at the curb by 6:00 AM!: Don't get used to your carts being collected at the same time each week. Route times can change for a variety of reasons. Avoid costly return trips by having your cart at the curb no later than 6:00 AM on your collection day.

Leaf Season in Full Swing: Redding residents may bring excess leaves to the Transfer Station during leaf season (November 1st through January 31st each year). This offer is for Redding residents *only*. You must bring a current City of Redding Utility bill and a photo I.D. to show proof of residency. Leaves only, please. No other greenwaste.

Use Caution When Disposing Hot Coals or Ashes!: 'Tis the season for emptying ashes from woodstoves. Hot ashes should never be put in your garbage cart. They will melt the cart and have been known to start house fires if stored too close to a structure. RFD recommends that hot ashes be stored in metal containers only. Thoroughly wet the ashes and allow to cool for 4 to 5 days. Place the cooled ashes in plastic bags before disposing so they don't blow around and make a mess.

Electronic Waste (E-Waste):

Getting a new computer for Christmas? Recycle the old one at the Transfer Station free-of-charge. We accept televisions, computer monitors, lap tops, printers, copiers and other electronics from individuals and businesses. Limit: ten items per day.

Need more info.?



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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

Thanksgiving: November 24th & 25th
Thurs & Fri. routes one day late
Christmas: Observed Dec. 26th
All routes one day late this week
New Year's Day: Observed Jan. 2nd
All routes one day late this week

Recycle This Holiday Season

'Tis the season of plenty - garbage, that is. Excess holiday packaging, wrappings and just the sheer volume of food and goods associated with the holiday season means extra work for the Solid Waste Utility. Typically, we experience a seasonal spike in recyclables in the months of December and January. Remember these tips to make the holiday greener:

- Look for gifts with less packaging.
- Reuse gift wrap, ribbon, and even greeting cards. Gift bags are a great alternative to wrapping paper because they can be used over and over again.
- Your blue recycle cart may be very full. Be sure to break down boxes. Don't jam stuff in there - if you do, it won't completely. The lid needs to be closed when you set it at the curb to prevent spills when we empty it. Excess recyclables can be brought to the Transfer Station free-of-charge.
- Styrofoam and packaging peanuts, wreaths and decorations, ribbons, bows, and plastic packaging materials can't be recycled and should not be put in your blue recycle cart.
- Reuse those plastic food trays from your holiday parties. We only accept plastic beverage containers, bottles and jugs.

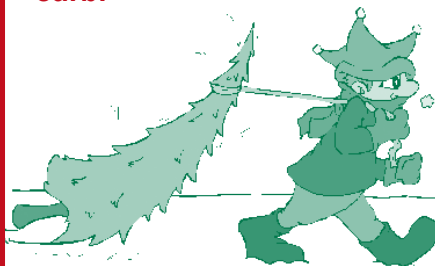


Recycle Christmas Trees

Christmas trees can be recycled at the curb, in your greenwaste cart or at the Transfer Station. Remember to remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel and stands. Flocked trees can't be recycled and must be disposed of as trash.

At the curb: Beginning December 27th, you can recycle your Christmas tree by cutting it into segments no longer than 3.5 feet and setting it at the curb next to your waste carts.

In Your Greenwaste Carts: Trees can be placed in the greenwaste carts if cut into short segments that fit loosely in the cart. Lids must be completely closed when the cart is placed at the curb.



At the Transfer Station: Bring trees to the Transfer Station on Abernathy Lane throughout the month of January. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

New Regulations for Disposal of Household Batteries and Flourescent Light Tubes

The State of California's Universal Waste Regulations, regarding disposal of certain hazardous wastes, are due to expire February 1, 2006. "Universal Waste" includes alkaline (household) batteries, Nickel Cadmium (NiCad) batteries, Lithium Ion batteries, flourescent light tubes (FLT) and mercury switches. All of these are waste products commonly found in households. And while they do exhibit toxic characteristics, until now there has been an exemption from the stricter handling requirements imposed on other types of Household Hazardous Waste.

As the regulations are written, these exemptions will expire in February, 2006. That means individuals and businesses will no longer be able to throw them in the trash. Instead, they will have to be properly disposed of. The City of Redding is evaluating disposal options and costs, but is preparing to accept the items from residential customers. Check our website for the latest updates on Universal Waste.

www.ci.redding.ca.us/solwaste/. Click on the link that says "Household Hazardous Waste".

Coats for Kids: November 15th - December 23rd

The City of Redding's Annual coat drive is underway. Donate new and gently used coats November 15th - December 23rd. Once again, the City of Redding's Solid Waste Utility and the Redding Fire Department are partnering in this effort to collect warm winter coats for children.

Donation bins have been placed at all City of Redding fire stations and at the Solid Waste Transfer/Recycling Facility on Abernathy Lane and in the main lobby at City Hall. For your convenience, Redding residents may also put their donated coats at the curb. Just wrap your donation in a plastic bag and label it 'Coats for Kids'. Place it on top of your blue recycling cart on your regular collection day and our drivers will pick it up.



Coats will be given to the Good News Rescue Mission to be distributed to Shasta County families in need.

Last year, over one thousand items were donated through this wonderful program. "We're hoping to top that this year," said Bonnie Low, City of Redding Solid Waste Supervisor. "Redding residents have been incredibly generous and supportive of this program. We've made it easy to participate and the response has been heartwarming," said Low.

Pastor Jim Dahl of the Good News Rescue Mission stressed that they not only need coats, but would be happy to receive warm winter blankets as well. Coats, vests, sweatshirts, sweaters, windbreakers, rain jackets, gloves, mittens and blankets can all be donated through Coats for Kids. All sizes are needed - infant through adult, because kids come in all shapes and sizes.

Warm a child and warm your heart this holiday season! Questions? Call 224-6205.

Clip & Save Solid Waste Utility Holiday Schedule - 2006

The following holidays will have garbage, recycling and yard waste collection as follows:

New Year's Day - Jan. 1, 2006
No change for residential routes

Independence Day - July 4, 2006
Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri routes one day late

Martin L. King Jr. Day - Jan. 16, 2006
All routes one day late this week.

Labor Day - September 4, 2006
All routes one day late this week.

Lincoln's Birthday - Feb. 12, 2006
No change for residential routes

Columbus Day - October 9, 2006
NO CHANGE

President's Day - Feb. 20, 2006
All routes one day late this week.

Veteran's Day - November 11, 2006
NO CHANGE

Memorial Day - May 29, 2006
All routes one day late this week.

Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 23, 2006
Thurs/Fri routes one day late

Christmas Day - Dec. 25, 2006 All routes one day late.

The West Central Landfill & City of Redding Transfer Station will be **closed** on the following dates:

New Year's Day - Jan. 1, 2006

Martin Luther King Day - Jan 16, 2006

President's Day - Feb. 20, 2006

Memorial Day - May 29, 2006

Independence Day - July 4, 2006

Labor Day - September 4, 2006

Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 23, 2006

Christmas Eve - Dec. 23 (closed at noon)

Christmas Day - December 25, 2006