



# WasteStream

## Disposal Coupon Details

The City of Redding Transfer Station disposal coupons will be sent out beginning the first week of June. Before you head over with your items for disposal, please read your coupon carefully because there are some conditions and limitations that are strictly adhered to. Here are some of the conditions.

- The load is limited to one full-sized pickup truck bed up to below the rear window or a trailer 7' or less in length.
- You **must** bring photo identification **AND** a current City of Redding Solid Waste Utility bill.
- The person to whom the coupon is addressed **must** be present - no exceptions.
- No appliances or tires.
- No dirt, rock, asphalt, concrete, brick, remodeling, construction or demolition waste.
- Couches, chairs, mattresses, box springs and household furniture cost \$6 each through 6/30/09 and \$7 each from 7/1/09 through 10/31/09.

The value of the coupon is limited to \$19.50 if used by 6/30/09 and \$20.00 from 7/1/09 through 10/31/09.

If you have any questions, please call 224-6201.

## Blue Cart Recycling Tips

Many people have been taught that if there's a recycling symbol on an item, that it can be recycled in their blue curbside container. Unfortunately, in Redding, that isn't the case. Here are some tips on how you can help us do a better job with recycling.



- We are only able to recycle #1 and #2 containers. There are many items that have a #1 or #2, but as a rule of thumb, only containers where the opening of the container is smaller than the container itself can be recycled. One notable exception are containers that held motor oil, antifreeze, brake or transmission fluid, pesticides/herbicides, and gasoline - these go in your garbage. Often clear plastic clamshell containers or drink cups have a #1 or #2, but since the plastic is manufactured differently than beverage container plastic we aren't able to recycle them. There is no redemption value for recycling this type of plastic, but Big Foot Recycling does accept them at their drop-off locations.
- Yogurt, sour cream, cottage cheese and similar plastic containers are usually #5 plastic and need to be disposed of in the garbage or can be reused to store other items in your home.
- When it comes to metal, **only** aluminum, tin and steel cans should be placed in your container. Items such as metal coat hangers, curtain rods, pie tins, and aluminum foil belong in the garbage.
- Plastic bags and shredded paper should never be placed in your recycling container. They get tangled in the machinery that is used to sort the recyclables and can cause breakdowns. Shredded paper should be bagged and placed in with your garbage.
- Glass - please only recycle beverage and food bottles – remove the lids, and rinse out excess food residue from the container. Light bulbs, mirrors, ceramics, and window glass are considered contamination and belong in your garbage.

If you aren't sure about what can be recycled, visit [www.ci.redding.ca.us/solwaste/recyclingrules.htm](http://www.ci.redding.ca.us/solwaste/recyclingrules.htm) or call customer service at 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 5:00 pm  
Transfer Station: M-Sat, 8 am to 4:30 pm

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

## Moving? Have Extra Cardboard?

If you have just moved and have extra cardboard boxes you would like to recycle, the Solid Waste Utility can provide you with a special pickup at no charge. A minimum of 15 boxes is needed, and they must be flattened and free of any packing material such as peanuts, plastic or styrofoam. Please call 224-6201 to schedule a pickup or for more information.



## Safer Cleaning Product Recipes

Resolved to reduce household expenses this year? Are you interested in reducing the amount of toxic chemicals you use? Consider making your own household cleaning products. Did you know that the average household uses 40 pounds of toxic cleaning products which equals over 32 million pounds down the drain every year? Most of the cleaners you can make will do the job just as well as products you buy at the supermarket, but will cost you substantially less. Here are two recipes to get you started.

**Bathroom cleaner:** Borax is a water softener and sanitizer that is available at most grocery stores in the laundry detergent section. For a good all-purpose bathroom sanitizer, mix 2 teaspoons of borax, 4 tablespoons of vinegar, and 3 to 4 cups of hot water in a spray bottle. For extra cleaning power, add ¼ teaspoon liquid soap to the mixture. To clean your toilet bowl, pour 1 cup of borax into the toilet before going to bed, in the morning, scrub and flush. For an extra-strength cleaner, add ¼ cup vinegar to the borax.

**Window cleaner:** Mix ½ cup sudsy ammonia, 1 tsp dishwashing liquid, 1 pint rubbing alcohol, and water to create one gallon of cleaner. Pour some of the mixture into an empty spray bottle.



## Recycle Your Used Motor Oil and Filters

Did you know that used motor oil never wears out? It just gets dirty and can be recycled, cleaned and used again. Recycling used motor oil conserves natural resources and is good for the environment, plus disposing of used motor oil improperly, contaminates and pollutes our groundwater, soil, streams and rivers. One gallon of oil will contaminate one **million** gallons of water - that's as much water as 50 families use in an entire year! There are many locations in the City of Redding that will accept used motor oil for recycling. Most of them will even give you a 16¢ rebate for every gallon you bring in.

Used oil filters should also be recycled. Even a properly drained filter still contains enough oil to contaminate over 31,000 gallons of water and one ton of used oil filters yields 1,700 pounds of steel and 30 gallons of used oil.

### Redding Used Motor Oil Recycling Locations

**AutoZone** 3251 S. Market St.  
323 Lake Blvd.  
2601 Churn Creek Rd.

**Kragen** 275 Lake Blvd.  
1145 Dana Dr.  
6446 Westside Rd.

**Cassidy's Auto Lube\*\***  
195 Locust St.  
133 Parkview Ave.  
140 Lake Blvd.

**Jiffy Lube\*\***  
905 Hartnell Ave.  
125 E. Cypress Ave.  
2123 Market St.

**Redding Travel Center\*\***  
19483 Knighton Rd.

**Wal-Mart**  
1515 Dana Dr.

**City of Redding Transfer Station\*\***  
2255 Abernathy Lane  
Thursday - Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm

**Note: \*\* Means these locations will accept used motor oil filters.**

Most locations have a limit of 5 gallons of used motor oil per day. If you have more than 5 gallons, please call to be sure it can be accepted.

## Recycling + Schools = Cash



TerraCycle offers families, schools and non-profits a way to raise money by paying .02 a piece for the collection of items such as drink pouches, cookie wrappers, yogurt cups, corks and more. TerraCycle takes these items and "upcycles" them into other useful products such as backpacks, lunch boxes, notebooks as well as a variety of office and household products.

There is no cost to sign up, and collection boxes come with UPS return labels. There are a limited number of spots available for each type of material and some have waiting lists. To learn more about the program, to sign up, or purchase products go to [www.TerraCycle.net](http://www.TerraCycle.net).