



# WasteStream

## No Hot Ashes in Containers

There's no quicker way to ruin the holidays than to start a fire because of improperly disposed ashes and coals. NEVER put hot ashes in your garbage cart. Thoroughly cool them, soak them with water and then bag them (to prevent them from blowing around) before placing in your gray cart.

## Solid Waste Facebook Page

Stay updated on holiday closures, new programs, new fees and other news – check out our Facebook page. Get questions answered, learn how your recyclables are processed, what items belong in each of your curbside carts and more. Visit Facebook and search for “City of Redding Solid Waste” and click “Like”.



### Need more information?



City of Redding  
Solid Waste Utility  
2255 Abernathy Lane  
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

## Recycle Your Christmas Tree

The City of Redding offers several options for recycling your Christmas tree each year. For the first two options, the trees must be cut into segments no more than 4 feet in length.

- Trees will be collected from the curb January 3<sup>rd</sup> through January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- You can also place your tree in your green waste cart anytime as long as it fits into it loosely.
- Trees may also be brought to the City's Transfer Station for free from December 27<sup>th</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup> this year during regular business hours. You will need to bring your current City of Redding Solid Waste Utility bill and a photo I.D. in order to use this service.



Remember that **you must** remove **all** tinsel, decorations, lights and stands prior to recycling. Flocked trees cannot be processed for compost. They must be landfilled and will be charged as garbage.



## Clip and Save Solid Waste Utility Holiday Schedule – 2012

New Years' Day	Jan. 1, 2012	All routes one day late
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Jan. 16, 2012	All routes one day late
Lincoln's Birthday	Feb. 12, 2012	NO CHANGE
President's Day	Feb. 20, 2012	All routes one day late
Memorial Day	May 28, 2012	All routes one day late
Independence Day	July 4, 2012	Weds – Fri routes one day late
Labor Day	Sept. 3, 2012	All routes one day late
Columbus Day	Oct. 8, 2012	NO CHANGE
Veteran's Day	Nov. 11, 2012	NO CHANGE
Thanksgiving Day	Nov. 22, 2012	Thurs/Fri routes ONE day late
Christmas Day	Dec. 25, 2012	Tues – Fri routes one day late

## The City of Redding’s Transfer Station and Richard W. Curry West Central Landfill will be CLOSED to the public on the following holidays in 2012:

New Year’s Day	January 2	Labor Day	September 3
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 16	Thanksgiving Day	November 22
President’s Day	February 20	Christmas Eve (closed at noon)	December 24
Memorial Day	May 28	Christmas Day	December 25
Independence Day	July 4		

## Can You Recycle Pizza Boxes?

Most people assume that pizza boxes are recyclable since pizza boxes are made out of cardboard and cardboard is recyclable; however, pizza boxes belong in your trash. What makes pizza boxes non-recyclable is the food and grease residue in them. The reason for this is when paper products, like cardboard are recycled, they are mixed with water and turned into a slurry. The grease on the cardboard prevents the paper fibers from separating during the recycling process and can cause the entire batch to be ruined.

If the lid of the box is grease free, it can be cut or torn off and recycled, and the bottom portion of the box should be placed in the trash. Otherwise, please put the whole box in your garbage cart.

## Where to Recycle Bubble Wrap and Styrofoam Peanuts

Styrofoam (or polystyrene) peanuts, bubble wrap and air-filled pillows make excellent packaging materials because of their light weight. Many people end up with excess Styrofoam peanuts and bubble wrap during the holidays, but these items cannot be recycled in your blue curbside cart. There are several local shipping businesses that will accept your clean packing for reuse or recycling.

Here are a few businesses that will accept your leftover packaging materials at no charge.

If you do choose to place these items in your trash, please be sure to securely bag them to prevent them from blowing out of your cart when it is emptied.

<b>Mail Biz</b>		<b>Wrap &amp; Pack</b>	
215 Lake Blvd.	245-9801	2205 Hilltop	222-6842
2521 Hilltop	221-3311	<b>FedEx - Kinkos</b>	
3335 Placer	245-9301	2105 Churn Creek	222-3034
<b>UPS Store</b>		<b>Pages</b>	
909 Dana	226-5192	1698 Market	246-9178

## Free Used Cooking Oil Recycling

Many people enjoy a deep fried turkey for the holidays. Used cooking oil should not be disposed of in the garbage and should never be poured down the drain.

This will be the second year the City of Redding Household Hazardous Waste Facility will be accepting used cooking oil during the holiday season. Once the oil has cooled, put it back in the jugs it came in and bring it to the Transfer Station at 2255 Abernathy Lane.

We will be accepting cooking oil from 9 am to 4 pm, Tuesday through Saturday, until January 15th.

## How to Recycle Your Old, Burned-Out Christmas Lights

As you start decorating for the holidays, chances are you will have strands of Christmas lights that no longer work or that have burned out bulbs. These can be placed in your trash or they can be sent to the Christmas Light Source Recycling Program. The company takes broken and burned out lights, recycles them and uses the proceeds to purchase books that are donated to the **Marine Toys for Tots Foundation**.

For information on where to send your old Christmas lights, please visit their website at: [www.christmas-light-source.com](http://www.christmas-light-source.com).

Please do not place your old lights in your blue recycling cart. We do not recycle them and they can get caught in the sorting equipment and cause damage.