



# recycling resource

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## Windy Day Solutions

**Our first brush** with wind this season and gusts up to 80 miles per hour made it difficult for you to set out your trash and recyclables and a challenge for us to collect them. There are no residential containers, i.e., carts, available to the waste industry that can withstand the strength of gusts we experience (even if they are full and especially if they are empty) and remain standing and in one place.

However, there are several ways to help control blowing trash and recyclables and to minimize your

frustration searching for your containers. Here are several suggestions for very windy days:

1. If you have carts for trash and/or recycling, do not overload them. Make sure the lids are flat and closed and the wheels are against the curb.
2. If possible, bag your trash before placing in your containers to prevent spillage if your containers should tip over before we get there.
3. If you have additional capacity in your trash and recycle

containers and you won't exceed your trash/recycling service level the following week, wait and set them out on your next scheduled collection day.

These are not fail-safe solutions. Mother Nature has been known to throw some wild winds into the mix. But these measures will alleviate the problem of wayward products blowing around your neighborhood on a really windy day. ☞



—EARTH DAY IS TUESDAY, APRIL 22—

## Combine Earth Day with Spring Cleaning!

Celebrate Earth Day by holding your own Earth Day house party or use it as a reason to clean out your closets and have a garage sale.

Today's emphasis on the three Rs—Reduce, Reuse and Recycle—ties in perfectly with both spring cleaning and Earth Day. You can reduce the clutter in your home and garage, allowing others to reuse your castoff treasures as you recycle them rather than send them to the landfill.

Is a family Earth Day activity and a garage sale too much work? Have a toxic treasure hunt in your

house. Assign one or two rooms to each member of your household, give them a checklist for their room(s) and see who can find the most toxic items. Give every member of the household a checklist and the new Yuba-Sutter Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) brochure to help them identify HHW in your home. Have a prize for the winner.

Once you know what hazardous items are in your home, determine how many have actually been used within the last three months. Set aside those products that have not

been used in at least three months, and plan a family field trip to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Yuba City on an upcoming Saturday.

Don't limit Earth Day to one day. Clean out your closets and garage two or three times a year. Donate clothing, books and other items to a thrift shop or mission. Take HHW to the HHW Facility, where it will be recycled through the Reuse Center or state programs. Make the three Rs a habit, and everyday will be Earth Day. ☞



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Buy Back Center Hours:

Tues-Fri 7:30 am - 2 pm

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8 am - 4:30 pm

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# Business Recycling

The Yuba-Sutter business community has significant potential for reduced waste and increased recycling. Proactive companies often can lower their overhead cost by managing their disposal requirements. Finding ways to change unnecessary wasteful practices, and recycling whatever material they can, are just two ways to combat the expense of garbage disposal. Much of the waste that businesses are throwing away as garbage could easily be hauled away as recyclable material at much lower cost to them.

Business waste audits are offered to all businesses free of charge. A business waste audit is an on-site consultation and survey to determine the kinds and amounts of recyclable materials that your particular business generates. An attempt to identify unnecessary waste-generating practices is made, and assistance is available to determine the costs/benefits of developing a waste reduction and recycling program. A customized report detailing the findings can be prepared. For a waste audit at your business, call YSDI Recycling Coordinator Jackie Sillman at 749-4220. ☞



Yuba-Sutter Disposal, Inc. and the Gold Sox are going Green! Come support the environment and the team July 5<sup>th</sup> as the Gold Sox take on the Sacramento Scorch. Come enjoy a visit with special guest Mother Earth, car dealers with hybrids, and a "recycle artist." Call Jackie Sillman, YSDI Recycling Coordinator at 749-4220, for free game-day tickets and learn how you can do your part to GO GREEN!

For all the latest Gold Sox news and information, visit [www.GoldSox.com](http://www.GoldSox.com) and [www.GoldSoxEnEspañol.com](http://www.GoldSoxEnEspañol.com).

## Recycling Curbside Winners!

- **Stacy Koranda, James Dodson, Sandra Ward** of Sutter
- **Robert Lolmaugh, Jim Elliott** of Marysville
- **Ranee Ellsworth, Bennett Laskey, Steve Mackey** of Yuba City
- **Sondra Foster, Elberta Le Page** of Linda
- **Michael Tester, Chris Zarges** of Wheatland
- **Maria Moreno, Harwinder Singh, Fernando Rodriguez** of Live Oak
- **Daniel Bejenariu, Melissa Calapini-Mcgee, Carla Woodyatt** of Olivehurst

### Business Award Winners

- **Marysville Veterinary Hospital**
- **Adept Solutions**
- **All Seasons R.V.**



## OVER-RECYCLING: Too Much of a Good Thing

You wash out your pet food cans; you remove staples and plastic windows from your mail; you would never think of putting an old newspaper in the regular trash. But is it possible that you're recycling too much? Believe it or not, even those of us who are in the business of promoting recycling don't want people to "over-recycle." By that we mean putting things into the recycling cart that don't belong there. Examples include ceramic dishes, plate glass (such as broken windows), film plastics (grocery bags, shrink wrap and dry cleaning bags, for example), Styrofoam packing

peanuts and scrap metals (including wire hangers). Yuba-Sutter Disposal, Inc. Recycling drivers have seen it all. Some of the all-time contamination highlights are an ironing board, a sledgehammer and an engine block!

When items like these get into the "recycling stream," they cause safety issues for the employees, increase processing costs, and decrease prices paid for the material sent to market. In the long run, this contamination could result in higher costs for you. So, now is the time to adopt a mantra: "When in doubt, throw it out!" If you have a question about what is recyclable in your curbside cart, call Yuba-Sutter Disposal, Inc. at 743-6933. ☞