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COMMUNITY CLEANUP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Butte County has a serious illegal dumping problem! We appreciate the efforts that community groups are willing to put into cleanup programs and we are pleased to offer this grant program to assist with disposal costs. Because Butte County is committed to reducing the amount of material going to its landfill, we want to make sure that recycling is a part of every cleanup program.

The following guidelines have been established to make this application process simple and to achieve the desired goals, which are:

1. Keep Butte County clean
2. Divert waste from the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility through reuse and recycling

Community groups wishing to participate in the grant program must meet the following criteria:

- Fill in the application completely, including total amount requested, cost per box/dumpster and all other lines. If the haul of box is being donated, please indicate with "No charge" in the *Cost* area.
- Have the appropriate Board of Supervisor member approve the application prior to submittal.
- If using a hauling company, please indicate the company contact information.
- The cleanup event must be a broad-based community effort such as a community or neighborhood cleanup program.
- The cleanup event must include public property and provide a general public benefit.
- Groups must make an effort to recycle as much of the collected material as is practicable.
- The Board of Supervisors has requested that your event organizers verify proof of residency for those community members who participate in your cleanup event to ensure that the event benefits those that it is intended for.
- For traffic control at large cleanup events, you are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors (S.T.A.R.S.) in your area. The general administration number is 538-6759.
- It is requested that groups that are conducting a large community wide event that will be advertised, meet with Public Works Staff prior to the event to ensure a successful and problem free cleanup.

Groups can request a maximum of \$2,000 per event. Upon approval, the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility will be provided a copy of the approved application and will waive up to the specified amount of landfill fees. **Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility is the only facility at which the landfill fee waiver can be used – no out-of-County landfills or other facilities are eligible for the fee waiver.** The Community Cleanup grant program also covers the cost of dumpster rental¹. Community groups wishing to take advantage of this option must work with a disposal company representative to determine the size and number of dumpsters needed for the job in order to provide a cost estimate. This information must be provided on the application form in order for County staff to process the application. Payment of this expense will be issued directly to the disposal company upon submittal of an original invoice to the Butte County Public Works Department, following the event.

If you need assistance, please call the County's Waste Management Division at 879-2353. **Please allow three weeks to process your application.** Incomplete applications will be returned. Although it is rare that it takes that long, there is a considerable amount of coordination that has to take place so we prefer that you give us ample time to complete this process. We want to make sure that your event is successful and we'll work hard to make that happen on our end.

Thanks for your interest in Butte County's community cleanup grant program. We appreciate your help in making Butte County a great place to live, work, and play.

** Our application form is available online. Check out our website: www.recyclebutte.net. Or at www.buttecounty.net/publicworks/

Follow the links to Community Cleanup Grant.

¹ Funds can be used for landfill fee waiver, dumpster rental, or both but in no case shall exceed total amount authorized.