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Recycling E-Newsletter



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Your on-line Recycling Guide

The 2013 Fall/Winter Butte County Recycling E-Newsletter has arrived just in time for Small Business Saturday (Shop local, Recycle your money locally)

- ♻️ Do you have an idea for a recycling subject? Or would you like to submit an article for this E-newsletter? Send in your ideas to: recycle@buttecounty.net.
- ♻️ The Neal Road Recycling & Waste Facility will be closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Happy Holidays!
- ♻️ Christmas Tree recycling will be coming to a location near you starting December 26th. Check RecycleButte.net for more information.
- ♻️ Backyard Composting Guides are available upon request. Email us at recycle@buttecounty.net or pick up a copy at the County Public Works office at 7 County Center Drive in Oroville or at the Neal Road Recycling & Waste Facility.

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Butte-i-ful**



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Reuse Ideas: What do you do with an old Film Camera?

The digital age has certainly affected the photography industry more than most. Film cameras have all but disappeared from store shelves and film is becoming increasingly more difficult to find, especially the higher grades of film. Between camera phones, digital SLR's and lower cost point-and-shoot cameras, most old film

cameras have been relegated to the back of the closet shelf. These perfectly good high precision instruments seem to no longer have a use; or *do they?*

Like with anything new, there are those who embrace the old ways of doing things. Often it is to teach the basics of an art or technology before moving on to something more advanced. Other times it's because the newer technology has compromised certain aspects of the art form. Donating good, working cameras to a local school is a great way to keep the art ongoing for the next generation of photographers.

Two local High Schools and Chico State will accept good, working film cameras. Specifically, 35mm name brand single-lens reflex cameras with interchangeable lenses. It would be good to include the original manuals, cases and all the lenses if you can. Other ideas for use of old film cameras include:

- Inquire with local camera clubs. They may have similar donation programs.
- See if any local charity thrift store is interested. Collectors may pay a high price to the charity.
- Offer the equipment on e-Bay, Craigslist or other online sales companies.

A donation of a good film camera may spawn a lifetime of art appreciation for a young photographer. Schools often lack the resources to purchase enough cameras for each student to use. Local contacts that will accept working cameras are:

Paradise High School:
Contact: ncrane@pusdk12.org

Chico State Department of Art & Art History
Contact: tpatton@csuchico.edu

Oroville High School
Contact : kmolchen@ouhsd.org



Special Waste: Leaves, Pine Needles and Brush, Oh My!

Autumn is that time of year when the produce that resides in our trees for most of the year gives way to age and gravity and makes its way to earth. Yeah, when talking about leaves, pine needles and the other nuggets of organic matter that carpet our community in the fall.

When you walk through a thick natural forest, have you ever wondered that with many centuries of annual dropping of leaves, the ground cover of this material is only a few inches thick? When left on the ground, the foliage that came from the trees is a wonderfully self-managing material. It decomposes, amends the soil and retains soil moisture. It is the most efficient means of managing greenwaste.



However, not all of us can, or want to, manage our personal forests in this highly efficient way. Another resourceful way to manage greenwaste is backyard composting. This can be as simple as piling your leaves in the corner of the yard, water it down and turn it over. It's amazing how fast a large pile becomes a small pile. The composted materials then can be placed around ornamental plants to add nutrients and aid in moisture retention.

The most common way to manage greenwaste is to subscribe to a greenwaste service from your local trash/recycling hauler. This is good for those in an urban neighborhood with not a lot of space for high volume composting. Depending on your location and hauler, the charges for this service vary from being included in your base trash rate to about \$6.00 per month. Most of the greenwaste picked by the haulers is composted into a fine soil amendment which is available for purchase.

County News: Tire Amnesty takes in over 85 tons of tires.

With the help from many partners, Butte County and the City of Oroville held a successful Tire Amnesty Day on September 28th at the Highway 70 Industrial Park in Oroville. The use of the site was donated by Steve Seidenglanz of the Hwy 70 Facility with help also from the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District which provided traffic control. Tires were loaded by the young women and men from the Chico Rugby Foundation.

Over 350 vehicles came through during the day dropping off over 7,000 tires. These tires are no longer fostering rodents and mosquitos along County roadsides and are no longer the visual blight they once were. The tires will either be recycled into alternative products or burned for cogeneration.



Tires, tires, & more tires

There will be another Tire Amnesty Event in the fall of 2014. Date and location have yet to be determined.

Did you miss the event? Tires can be brought to the Neal Road Recycling & Waste Facility 360 days a year for a small fee. \$2.00 for passenger tires off the rim and \$4.00 for tires with rims.

Please remember you can only haul up to 9 tires without special authorization.

For more information call 879-2352.

***Support our local
Rugby Club. They
support recycling***



Recycling Profile – The Trade Fair... Trading stuff you don't want for stuff you do.

Think of it as a gigantic yard sale in somebody's back yard where everybody brings their unwanted possessions and trades for items that they want. Bartering, haggling, negotiating and finally deal making. No money is ever exchanged but all parties feel wealthier as a result of the transaction.

Welcome to the Trade Fair. It's actually more of a social gathering than an exercise in commerce. However it is a great way to recycle that "thing" that has been in the garage for the last 12 years. Trade items can be of any sort: Tools, art, vintage clothing, baseball gloves, books, food, knickknacks, large penguins, music, electronics or just about anything you may find at your typical yard sale; maybe even an old film camera.



The more odd or whimsical the better. Every trade item is a conversation piece and the story about that item is all part of the trade experience.

People can lay out their items on a table or a tailgate or just walk around peddling their wares.

At times there are items that make return trips to a Trade Fair and the original owners trades for it back.

Everybody has a load of unwanted stuff that somebody else will undoubtedly think is treasure; and visa-versa.

Next time you have a gathering of friends and family, make it a Trade Fair. It's likely the most enjoyable form of reuse/recycling you'll experience.

***"I'll give you 2
goblets and a post-
hole digger for the
penguin."***



"Deal!"

Landfill Field Trips

Would your classroom or organization like a presentation about current trends in recycling and waste management? We give tours of the Neal Road Facility during regular business hours for any interested party. Just call 879-2352 to schedule a tour.

Coming in the Spring 2014 Issue:

- **The new mattress recycling legislation**
- **What can you do with old... (Stay tuned)**
- **Recycle a beverage container – Buy a fish: The Paradise Lake Recycling Project – Part 2**
- **The landfill of the future. Will they even exist?**

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