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# Butte County

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## Recycling E-Newsletter



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Your on-line Recycling Guide

### The Summer 2013 Butte County Recycling E-Newsletter is here.

- ♻️ The long anticipated **Tire Amnesty** event will be coming this fall. See below for details.
- ♻️ More approved **medical sharps disposal locations** have been placed in Paradise. Disposal kiosks are now at the Paradise Police Station, the new COVE recycling facility at Skyway and Wagstaff, and at Cobblestone Pharmacy. Log on to [www.RecycleButte.net](http://www.RecycleButte.net) and go to the HHW page for a complete list of County locations.
- ♻️ July's **Agricultural plastic recycling** event at Neal Road Recycling & Waste Facility recovered over 15 tons of plastic produced by farms and ranches throughout the County. This included chemical and fertilizer containers as well as irrigation tubing and plastic sheeting. The next Ag plastic recycling event is tentatively scheduled for next February.
- ♻️ **Backyard Composting Guides** are available upon request. Email us at [recycle@buttecounty.net](mailto: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.
- ♻️ **Recycling Reminder:** All tenants residing in apartments have the right to recycling services. If your apartment complex is lacking access to recycling, notify your property manager of the requirement and request they arrange for recycling services with their trash hauler.

*Steve Rodowick*

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*Keep Butte County  
Butte-i-ful*



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**We're  
Recycling in  
the Foothills:**

***Bear-proof containers  
now appearing at  
Concow's Crain Park***



## **Product Stewardship: California's new carpet recycling program.**

AB 2398 is a Carpet Stewardship law, signed by the governor of California, on September 30, 2010. The purpose of the law is to increase the diversion and recycling of carpet in the state of California.

The law generates funding to meet the goals of AB 2398 through an initial assessment of 5-cents per square yard of carpet sold in California. Unlike other proposed stewardship legislation, that are intended to fund the entire burden of end-of-life management, this law will only partially fund the costs of carpet recycling. Since carpet by its nature is heavy and costly to transport, the funds will go to offsetting the transportation costs to the recycling mills.



The program is rolling out in steps with rural locations not yet fully sited. Locally, the closest carpet recycling location is at the Tehama County Landfill at 19995 Plymire Rd in Red Bluff. This pilot project in Red Bluff will help determine how best to handle carpet for rural counties.

For more information, log on to: <http://www.carpetrecovery.org/AB2398.php#outreach>

## **Special Feature: What do you do with old\_\_\_\_\_? New ideas for old stuff. This edition: CDs & DVDs**

Fortunately, that internet service provider (You know the one) that use to mail everybody CDs on a monthly basis with a 1,000 free hours of internet access is no longer conducting that practice. But everybody who owns, or has ever owned a digital device has dozens, if not hundreds of these shiny little flat digital data donuts that seem to populate most areas around your home or office. What can you do with such an unwanted but cool looking item? Here are some ideas:



**Bike Reflector**



**Digital Scarecrow**



**Cool Lamp**



**Traffic Reflector**



**Art (Linked)**

For CDs, DVDs, video games, and EBooks that are still in good condition and that still have the original case, Amazon will give credit and free shipping for those items. The amount of credit depends on the quality and market demand for the particular item.

## **County news: Tire Amnesty is coming in September.**

With help from a grant from CalRecycle, Butte County will now be able to hold two Tire Amnesty events over the next two years. The first event will be held at the Highway 70 Industrial Park, 4801 Feather River Blvd. in Oroville on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge for residential quantities. Residents can legally haul up to 9 tires at a time; or 20 tires at a time with a waiver from the County Environmental Health Department.

The amnesty is for tires that are 36" in diameter or smaller. Commercial dealers or any business that deals in waste tires are not eligible for this event.

The tires will be recycled into material for alternative uses such as a rubberized asphalt or all-weather playing surfaces. Or they may be used for cogeneration for power production. Whatever the use, it is important to get these tires collected so as to not be a breeding ground in the spring for mosquitos which spread West Nile virus.



*Future playground surface*

Use of the Highway 70 Facility is being donated by Steve Seidenglanz, owner of the Highway 70 Industrial Park. The tires will be loaded into trailers by the Chico State Rugby Club. Support will also be provided by Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District staff.

The second event will be held in 2014 at a site to be determined.

For more information call 879-2352.

## **Recycling Profile – Fair Street Recycling (Work Training Center)**

Work Training Center has been involved in the area with recycling since 1979. Fair Street Recycling is one of the largest nonprofit buy-back centers in northern California, employing adults with developmental disabilities in helping the environment and reducing waste. Last year they processed approximately 290 tons of aluminum, 820 tons of glass, 190 tons of plastic and 360 tons of newspaper, cardboard, office paper and magazines for a total of 1,660 tons of recycling.

In addition to those common materials, Fair Street Recycling also accepts electronic waste including most all computer equipment, TVs, microwaves, copiers, fax machines and more. For farmers, they also accept plastic irrigation tubing and plastic sheeting at their Oroville facility.

### **Their locations are:**

**Chico:** 2300 Fair Street, 343-8641  
Hours: M-F 8:00-4:00,  
Sat, 8:00-3:30

**Oroville:** 1245 OroDam Blvd., 533-5311  
Hours: Tues-Sat, 8:30-3:30

**Magalia:** 14559 Skyway, 873-6000  
Hours: Tues-Sat, 8:30-3:30



*Helping the Men in Blue be green*



*A helpful and courteous staff*



*They recycle almost everything*

Proceeds from the sale of the recyclable materials help maintain and expand programs for the disabled. Donations are also accepted.

For more information on Fair Street Recycling or the Work Training Center, log on to: [www.wtcinc.org](http://www.wtcinc.org).

## Recycling Road Show

Would your club, classroom or organization like a presentation about current trends in recycling and waste management? Our staff will speak at your school or function about local recycling and waste issues and be happy to answer questions about local and national waste trends. Call 879-2352.

### Coming in the Fall/Winter 2013 Issue:

- **Changes coming soon to Recycling/Trash services in the County**
- **The Trade Fair – A great social event to trade stuff you don't want for stuff you do**
- **Leaves, Pine Needles and Brush. Oh My!**
- **What do you do with old\_\_\_\_\_? (Stay tuned)**

Questions, comments, suggestions? Email us at [recycle@buttecounty.net](mailto:recycle@buttecounty.net). We will try to respond as soon as possible.



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