

Butte County Recycling Newsletter - "News you can reuse"



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Fall/Winter 2016 Edition

News you can Reuse - Holiday Edition

Items of Interest:

Christmas Tree Recycling begins December 26th with drop off locations available throughout the County. Please remove all ornaments and tinsel. No flocked trees can be accepted for recycling. Drop off locations are:

City of Chico Compost Facility, Cohasset Rd. just below the Airport
Recology Butte Colusa Counties, 2720 S. 5th Ave, Oroville
Paradise Vegetative Waste Yard, 920 American Way
Mountain View Trees, 1986 Mountain View Drive, Paradise
Biggs Fire Station, B Street, Biggs

Curbside pickup is available to those residents who subscribe to greenwaste service. Cut your tree into 3' lengths and place in greenwaste container. Remove all tinsel and ornaments.

Boy Scout Troop 2 will pick up your tree for a donation. You can also request for a pickup online at: www.troop2chico.com . Also, they will accept trees at the following locations in Chico on January 7th. Leave a message to request a pickup.at: (530) 514-9885



- Oakway Park
- Hooker Oak Park
- Butte Bible Fellowship Parking lot

Happy Holidays!

Got Tires? - Amnesty by Appointment is Coming Once Again

Butte County will conduct another two-day **Tire Amnesty** in January. Instead of a one-day event where we accept everyone's tires at once, we will make appointments for residents to drop off their tires over a two-day period. The first set of appointments, for up to 140 customers, are scheduled from 9 am to 2 pm on Friday January 20th and Saturday January 21st. This process is more convenient for customers than trying to participate in a single-day event.

Up to nine tires can be scheduled to be brought to the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility, for no charge, when an appointment is made in advance. State transportation regulations prohibit hauling more than nine waste tires without a special permit.

Tires can be on or off the rim, but tires over 36" in diameter are not eligible for the free drop-off.

Appointments will be taken starting January 10th from 8:00 to 4:00 by calling (530) 879-2352.

Funding is made available through a grant from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)



Recycling Oil Filters

Just as you wouldn't pour oil down the drain, you shouldn't place used oil filters in the trash. Used oil filters are completely recyclable and there are several locations around Butte County that will accept them for recycling at no charge.

Three ounces of residual oil in a used filter can contaminate over 23,000 gallons of water if disposed improperly. Proper disposal is vitally important.

Depending on size, used filters contain over a pound of steel that can be easily recycled.



Most Certified Oil Collection Centers will also accept filters. These locations include Auto Zone, O'Reilly's,

One Pound Propane Canisters - A Hassle to Recycle But Help is on the Way



The Problem: Tens of millions of disposable one pound propane cylinders are manufactured and sold each and every year. Consumers spend around \$4.00+ per cylinder, just to be able to use about \$0.30 worth of propane in the cylinder. When finished with them, how do you get rid of them? Some folks sneak them into their garbage bins, since they cannot go into regular recycling, or you call your



Pep Boys and most Jiffy Lube's. You can also take them to any Household Hazardous Waste Facility in the County or the Neal Road Recycling & Waste Facility. For a complete list of locations that will accept your used oil filters go to www.RecycleButte.net and click on the Used Oil tab.

Oil Filter Facts:

Each year the U.S. generates 425 million used automotive oil filters containing:

- 160,000 tons of iron
- 33 million gallons of oil

Recycling that amount of iron would be enough to build both spans of the original San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge.

Thirty three million gallons of oil in these filters is equivalent to three Exxon Valdez spills.



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USED OIL

and Filters!

local Hazardous Waste hauler. Most people leave them behind at the parks where they used them or accumulate a pile of them in their garage. Some people buy adapters to refill them, which is not only illegal, but also dangerous, as they are not manufactured to be refilled.

The one pound disposable cylinders left behind at parks or shipped to HHW waste sites, still need to be disposed of. Those parks and municipalities pay around \$2.00 each for specialized companies to come and get rid of them. That means not only did you spend all that money to buy a disposable item on the front end, but your tax dollars are being spent to dispose of them on the back end as well! There has to be a better way, and Flame King is offering a solution for you.

The Solution: The better alternative is the Flame King one pound Refillable Cylinder + Refill kit. If you buy two or three refillable cylinders you'll save money and reduce pollution. If you're a camper, BBQ cook or tailgate party chef who likes to reduce your impact, choose the refillable option.



This refillable propane tank is available at most U-Haul dealers and REI stores and on-line at many locations.

The Neal Road Recycling & Waste Facility Year in Review. What actually got Recycled.

2016 is down to its last calendar page. Let's recap what has come in for disposal and what was recovered to live another day. Here's a look at the recycling scoreboard.

Through the end of November we have recycled:



- Over 250 tons of electronic waste
- 1131 tons of scrap metal
- 131 tons of waste tires
- over 25 tons of cardboard
- over 400 tons off used mattresses
- 6612 tons of concrete
- Over 8,700 gallons of waste oil
- and over 6,200 used oil filters



We don't capture everything that comes through the gate. When mixed loads come in, it is hard to separate the good stuff from the trash. When loading your vehicle for a trip to the landfill, be mindful of how you want to unload your material to maximize what gets recycled. This is the only landfill we'll ever have in Butte County so we want to make it last as long as possible.

Would you like to have a recycling/solid waste presentation for your club, organization or school? Contact us at the number below for details or to schedule a presentation.

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For questions related to any reuse or recycling matter, call the number above or log on to:

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