



Quarterly Newsletter

October - December 2016

Why Do You Recycle?

Importance of Keeping Recycling Free of Contaminants.

Why do you recycle? Are you trying to save natural resources? Lower greenhouse gas emissions? Create jobs? Save landfill space? These are the most common reasons people give for recycling. They are all fine responses. But regardless of your reason for recycling, one fact remains: Recyclables are simply a raw material.

Recyclables are put into competition with other sources of raw materials, usually virgin ores or fibers, to be bought by manufacturers to transform them into products. In order for recyclables to be competitive with virgin resources it is vital to keep contaminants out to ensure a quality of materials that can meet the standards of those industries that need them as raw materials.

Regardless of why you recycle, how you recycle is even more important. Follow the instructions provided on our website, newsletters, and/or by phone. It is also important to make sure your whole family and/or staff know which can is for Recycling vs. Trash. We can all do better at this. If we do, recycling will continue to thrive on the Upper Ridge. Common items that get misplaced into the recycling bin and should go into the Trash include: Garden hoses, Styrofoam / foam products, clothes, mirrors, stickers, chip bags, candy wrappers, soiled paper, and plastic bags.



Neal Road No Longer Accepting Vegetative Waste For Recycling



Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility (NRRWF) will no longer accept green waste and wood waste for a reduced fee. On August 23, 2016 the Butte County Board of Supervisors authorized NRRWF staff to eliminate the green waste disposal fees which are presently \$5.00 per minimum load and \$12 per ton for bulk loads. Effective December 1, 2016, bulk loads of green waste will be charged \$42.11 per ton, the same rate as general garbage.

Residential yard waste collection programs within Biggs, Chico, Gridley, Oroville, Paradise and Magalia are not affected by the change in operation. For customers who do not have a residential yard waste collection program, we ask that you consider disposing of your yard waste at one of many locations available to you and/or composting your yard waste. It's more beneficial than filling up our landfill. For a list of alternate facilities, operating hours, and prices, visit www.recyclebutte.net.

Community Update

Paradise and the Upper Ridge continue to have the highest recycling rate in Butte County with over 60% diversion. Together we have diverted million's of lbs of waste from the landfill. In addition, Paradise has more diversion and recycling available with our Recycling Center, HHW Facility and Reuse Center, together we are making large strides toward protecting our community for future generations.

HHW = Household Hazardous Waste
Facility Open 9 to 1.

RC= Reuse Center Open 9 to 1.

Thanksgiving= Closed; no pickup,
pickup delayed one day.

October 2016

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						HHW
2	3	4	HHW	6	7	RC
9	10	11	12	13	14	HHW
16	17	18	HHW	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	HHW
30	31					

November 2016

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	HHW	3	4	RC
6	7	8	9	10	11	HHW
13	14	15	HHW	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	Closed Thanksgiving	25 Thurs pickup	HHW Fri pickup
27	28	29	HHW	31		

December 2016

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	RC
4	5	6	7	8	9	HHW
11	12	13	HHW	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	Closed
Christmas	26	27	HHW	29	30	31

January 2017

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	HHW
8	9	10	HHW	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	HHW
22	23	24	HHW	26	27	RC
29	30	31				

Free Tire Drop Off

Saturday October 22,
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. NRWS
Recycling Center, 920
American Way. Limit
9 tires. Tires with
ridges and up to 36"
are accepted.

Free Vegetative

Waste Drop Off

Nov. 1st through 5th
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Town of
Paradise Vegetative
Waste Yard 925
American Way. All
loads must be covered

Watching Out for

Overloading

Often overloading occurs when people don't separate out recycling from the trash. Making sure to source separate and recycle properly avoids overloading fees and promotes our communities sustainable efforts. If you have some extra bags or need more recycling space, please call into the office so that we can assist your needs and avoid extra fees.

What is considered overloaded? Anything with a lid popped up more than 6" would qualify. Again, if you have a special occasion and or forgot to put your cart out the week before, do not overfill your cart or put out a bunch of extra bags, please call in and let us know about the situation so we can be prepared and you can avoid causing your bins to be ineligible for service and/or potential fees.



Another important tip is not to over load your yard waste cart, this includes large stumps. Material over 3 " diameter is not allowed in the yard waste cart. Stumps can interrupt service and can potentially cause extensive equipment damage.



Example of overloading where most of the material should be going into the recycling bin.



Example of extreme overloading, our trucks cannot service carts overloaded in this manner.