



# “One Person’s Trash...”

Your guide to reducing, reusing and recycling

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## Recycle your Christmas tree

When it's time to “undeck” the halls, don't forget to recycle your Christmas tree. First, remove all of the ornaments, lights, garland, and tinsel, as well as the stand. Then you can recycle your bare, real Christmas tree through one of these programs:

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- Between January 3 and 17, you can drop off your Christmas tree for free recycling at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF), located at 4100 Throwita Way, Placerville. The MRF is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- If you have curbside service, Christmas trees will be picked up from the curb during your yard waste collection week. Please cut the tree into pieces and bundle the pieces with string or twine. Bundles should be no more than 3 feet long and 18 inches in diameter. Place the bundles next to your yard waste cart.
- Check with your Community Services District (CSD). Some of the CSD areas will provide tree chipping events after the holidays.

## A portfolio of community services

By Brent Dennis, General Manager, El Dorado Hills Community Services District

I have learned over the years that whether someone is a brand-new or lifelong resident of El Dorado Hills, it never hurts to explain the range of services we provide to the community. While our primary role is the provision of quality recreation programs and events within the parks and facilities the community has entrusted us to manage and maintain, the El Dorado Hills Community Services District (CSD) also has responsibility for the oversight of franchise agreements for telecommunications and trash collection.

Our relationship with El Dorado Disposal has been a significant and positive one across their service area of El Dorado Hills. With dependable waste collection and a commitment to quality customer service, El Dorado Disposal also has a very ambitious and purposeful recycling program. The Recycle Bank provides incentives for residents to increase their recycling in exchange for valuable promotional credits to many local vendors and services. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of Community Cleanup days, during which the CSD teams up with El Dorado Disposal to provide a day where residents can easily and legally dispose of a wide array of unwanted items. Green waste collection days during the autumn are another proactive service so that residents can collect and dispose of the bounty of fallen leaves and other landscape waste that seem to be generated before winter arrives. The overall tidiness and health of the greater community is noticeably improved through the cooperative efforts between residents and our community-minded partner, El Dorado Disposal.



## A big thank you!

The 2015 community cleanups were amazing, and residents were out in force! At the events, El Dorado Disposal collected a total of 255.05 tons of trash, 271.03 tons of yard waste, and 21.56 tons of recycling.

During the year, residents also dropped off 4,484 pounds of clothing and textiles in the USAgain containers located at the Material Recovery Facility and other recycling centers.

Thank you to everyone who participated in these events and programs!



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## Cameron Park Community Services District offers many ways to celebrate!

By Mary Cahill, General Manager of Cameron Park Community Services District

The Cameron Park Community Services District (CSD) offers a wonderful selection of special events, musical celebrations, programs, and so much more. We hope to see you at some of them!

In November, we launched a new

**Senior Lunch** program for residents age 60+. The lunches are held on Mondays and Fridays from noon to 12:30 at the Cameron Park Community Center. The meal is available for a suggested donation of \$3. This program is a partnership among the Senior Nutrition program of the El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency, the Food Bank of El Dorado County, and the Cameron Park CSD. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with this program, please contact the El Dorado Food Bank at (530) 621-9950.

On Saturday, January 23, the **Cameron Park Concert Series** continues with a performance by On Air. A classic rock band with a sizzling horn section, On Air is a family-friendly crowd pleaser. Doors

will open at 6 p.m. at the Cameron Park Community Center, and the concert will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance (2 for \$28) or \$17 at the door. Tickets are available at several Cameron Park locations, as well as online at [www.showclix.com](http://www.showclix.com). For more information, call (530) 677-2231.

On Saturday, February 6, from 11

a.m. to 4 p.m., purchase a perfect piece of jewelry for yourself or someone else at the **Reds, Whites & Jewels** show at the Cameron Park Community Center. Immerse yourself in an afternoon of wine/champagne tastings, appetizers, and jewelry. Admission to the event is FREE. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, call (530) 677-2231 or visit [www.cameronpark.org](http://www.cameronpark.org).

On Thursday, February 18, from 4 to 7 p.m., Cameron Park

CSD will team up with Marshall Medical Center to present this year's **Affair of the Heart** at the Cameron Park Community Center. This FREE public health event



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# Tire Amnesty Days

## FREE Disposal of Used Tires for El Dorado County Residents

Starting early in 2016, El Dorado County residents will be able to recycle used tires for free on the third Saturday of the month at El Dorado Disposal Service's Material Recovery Facility, located at 4100 Throwita Way, Placerville.

This free disposal program is for residents only (ID required). Residents may deliver up to 9 tires per trip. Tires must be 24" or less in diameter and must be removed from rims. No larger tires, no tires on rims, and no tires from businesses will be accepted.

If you wish to transport 10 to 20 tires, you must receive PRIOR written authorization from the El Dorado County Environmental Management Department by calling (530) 621-5300.

This program is funded by a grant from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). Tire Amnesty Days will continue monthly until the grant funds are expended.

For more information, visit [www.edcgov.us](http://www.edcgov.us) or call (530) 626-4141.



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### Cameron Park ...

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focuses on heart health. Featured this year are guest speakers, health screenings, healthy food samplings, wine tastings, vendors, and more! Register at [www.affairoftheheart.eventbrite.com](http://www.affairoftheheart.eventbrite.com) or call (530) 626-2811.

On Saturday, February 27, at 5 p.m., the Cameron Park Fire Department will host their annual **Crab Feed** fund-raiser at the Cameron Park Community Center. Attendees will also enjoy great music, a silent auction, and a raffle! Tickets are \$45 each. For more information, call Station 89 at (530) 677-6190 or visit [www.cameronpark.org](http://www.cameronpark.org).

On Saturday, March 26, the Easter Bunny will arrive on the fire engine at 10 a.m. to kick off the 32nd annual **Easter Egg Hunt**, which will begin promptly at 10:20 a.m. in Rasmussen Park on Mira Loma Drive in Cameron Park. Egg hunts are separated by age groups: 0-3, 4-5, 6-7, and 8-10. After the Easter Egg Hunts, join

us for pictures with the Easter Bunnies, as well as face painting and a bounce house for a nominal fee. Admission is FREE and there is fun for all! Vendor spaces are available; please contact the CSD office at (530) 677-2231 for more information.

On Saturday, April 16, don't miss the Cameron Park **Community Cleanup Day**, held in partnership with El Dorado Disposal Services. If you have junk in your garage and waste in your yard, clean it up and bring it down for proper disposal at this FREE event for Cameron Park residents. This event will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Camerado Springs Middle School parking lot. Snowline Hospice will also be on site to accept tax-deductible donations of gently used items. The Cameron Park Fire Explorers will be volunteering and assisting at this event. No commercial or hazardous waste will be accepted. **This is a free service for all Cameron Park residents.** Please be prepared to show ID. For more information and a list of prohibited items, call (530) 677-2231 or visit us online at [www.cameronpark.org](http://www.cameronpark.org).

## Simple tips for recycling at home



You can do your part to help save landfill space, preserve natural resources, and conserve energy by recycling at home. Make recycling part of your lifestyle. Inside your home, create recycling stations. You might place a recycling bin in the kitchen or bathroom or place a basket for paper next to the desk where you sort mail or the chair where you read newspapers and magazines. You don't need to buy special bins. Simply repurpose an old trash can, box, or basket. Then, place your recycling cart in a convenient location so that it's easy to empty your containers when they get full. Wheel the cart to the curb on recycling day. It's that easy!

But wait, you say, which items do – and don't – go into the cart? Here's the list. Clip and save this list and post it on the fridge or near your recycling cart. Remember—place only LOOSE items into the cart, with the exception of plastic bags and shredded paper.

### Acceptable Items – DO Place These into Your Recycling Cart:

- ✓ All California Redemption Value drink containers
- ✓ Clean paper and mail
- ✓ Corrugated cardboard (break down and flatten)
- ✓ Cereal boxes (without the liner), shoe boxes, tissue boxes, etc.
- ✓ Brown paper bags
- ✓ Newspaper and magazines
- ✓ Shredded paper *in tied clear plastic bags* (only shredded strips – NO “confetti” shreds)
- ✓ Paperback books
- ✓ Catalogs and phone books
- ✓ Milk cartons
- ✓ Juice boxes
- ✓ Soy milk cartons
- ✓ Frozen food boxes
- ✓ Plastic bottles, jars, and jugs (NO caps)
- ✓ Plastic dairy tubs, such as yogurt, margarine, etc. (NO lids)
- ✓ All colors of glass jars, bottles, and jugs (NO lids)
- ✓ Aluminum foil and foil baking pans
- ✓ Aluminum cans
- ✓ Steel or tin cans
- ✓ Scrap metal (limit 2 ft. x 2 ft. and 35 pounds; NO wood, plastic, or rubber attachments)
- ✓ Plastic grocery and shopping bags, *bundled together in one tied plastic bag*



### Unacceptable Items – DO NOT Place These into Your Recycling Cart:

- ✗ Food scraps
- ✗ Food-soiled paper or boxes
- ✗ Plastic trays (bakery, meat, etc.)
- ✗ Prescription medication bottles
- ✗ Paper towels, plates, and napkins – soiled
- ✗ Disposable diapers and rags
- ✗ Ceramics and dishes
- ✗ Light bulbs
- ✗ Mirrors and window glass
- ✗ Lids and caps
- ✗ Greasy or sharp scrap metal
- ✗ Needles and syringes
- ✗ Containers that held toxic products (antifreeze, oil, syringes, etc.)



If you sometimes have more recycling than will fit into your cart, just put items in a plastic bag and mark the bag “RECYCLE” with a permanent marker. Place the bag next to your recycling cart. If you often have more recycling than will fit into your cart, call Customer Service at (530) 626-4141 to request a FREE additional recycling cart.

El Dorado Disposal also provides curbside pickup for used motor oil, but you must call to request this service. Contact Customer Service at (530) 626-4141 or [OLPEIDoradoDisposal@WasteConnections.com](mailto:OLPEIDoradoDisposal@WasteConnections.com) to request motor oil recycling containers. After you receive the containers, fill them and then contact Customer Service again to schedule a pickup appointment.

You can also request a curbside pickup appointment for computers, televisions, and other electronics. You will need to use your service vouchers to receive this service. When you call to make the appointment, you will be instructed how and when to set out your electronic waste.

If you have any questions about recycling, call El Dorado Disposal Customer Service at (530) 626-4141 or visit [www.ElDoradoDisposal.com](http://www.ElDoradoDisposal.com).

## Did you know?

Cameron Park Lake was recently chosen as one of the Favorite Kids' Activity locations in the 9th Annual Style Magazine Readers' Choice Awards.

# Commercial and multi-family organics recycling on the horizon

## Are you ready?

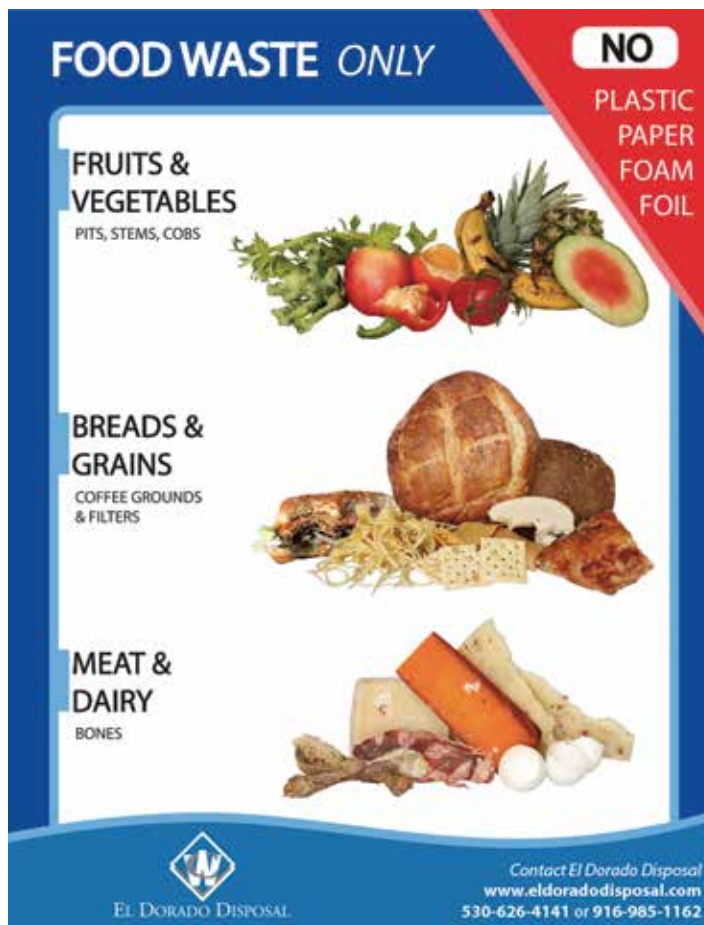
Assembly Bill 1826 (AB 1826) expands on the success of California's commercial recycling law but targets a specific component of commercial waste—organics, such as food scraps, food-soiled paper, green waste, and landscape and pruning waste. Organics constitute about one-third of the waste disposed in California landfills each year. Recycling organics keeps material out of landfills, creates California jobs, results in useful products, and reduces our production of greenhouse gases.

AB 1826 phases in recycling requirements for organics. First, by April 1, 2016, businesses that create 8 or more cubic yards of organics per week, such as large supermarkets, convention centers, venues, and food processors, will be required to recycle this material. Second, on January 1, 2017, businesses that create 4 or more cubic yards of organics per week, such as large restaurants, will also be required to begin recycling this material. Finally, by January 1, 2019, all businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of any type of solid waste per week will be required to recycle organics. Multi-family properties are subject to these mandates but are exempt from the requirement to recycle food waste and food-soiled paper.

To comply with the law, businesses will have the option of recycling organic waste on-site, self-hauling organics to a recycling facility, contracting for separated collection and recycling, or subscribing to a mixed waste processing service that captures and recycles organic waste.

Exemptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis for business and multi-family properties that meet certain criteria, such as a lack of space for additional bins, an existing program that results in recycling a significant portion of organic waste, or a very small amount of organic waste generation (under one-half of a cubic yard per week). In some cases, short-term exemptions may be granted for extraordinary or unforeseen events.

Organics can be recycled by composting or by conversion to renewable energy through a process known as anaerobic digestion. Compost has many landscape and agricultural uses. Anaerobic digestion, which breaks down organics using bacteria in an enclosed, oxygen-free space, creates two useful products—biogas and solid residue. Biogas can be used to power electric generators or as a vehicle fuel. Solid residue can be used as a soil amendment in certain types of agriculture.



To learn more about the commercial organics recycling law, visit [www.CalRecycle.CA.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics](http://www.CalRecycle.CA.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics).

El Dorado Disposal is helping local businesses and multi-family properties comply with this new law. If you have questions about how this law affects your business or multi-family property or if you need assistance setting up your program, please contact El Dorado Disposal at (530) 626-4141, (916) 985-1162, or [recyclediva@wcnx.org](mailto:recyclediva@wcnx.org).

# Capture more of your paper for recycling

On average, each American recycles 321 pounds of paper and cardboard per year. However, recent studies have found that about 15% of the material in the trash each week is also recyclable paper and cardboard.

Are you ready to boost your paper recycling? Here are seven things you can do to be a smart consumer and keep paper out of landfills:

- Keep a recycling bin next to your trash can and in spots where paper is heavily used, like your desk or family room. Clearly mark each bin to keep the trash out!



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- Know what paper you can recycle. You can recycle all of these items in your curbside recycling cart and at drop-off recycling centers: newspaper, office and printer paper, mail and envelopes, cardboard, paperboard boxes, kraft paper bags, cardstock, file folders, phone book pages, and tubes from empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls.
- Use both sides of paper before recycling it. Print drafts on the back of used printer paper or keep a stack for use as notepaper.
- Reuse file folders and envelopes by covering old information with sticky labels.
- Sort your email and documents into electronic folders instead of printing them. If you aren't sure how to do this, find step-by-step instructions online by searching for "organize email" or "organize computer files."
- Check labels on paper products and look for the words "recycled content," which tell you the paper was made using recovered paper. Many stores carry recycled-content printer paper, notebooks, loose-leaf paper, note cards, Post-its, greeting cards, and more. Making recycled paper uses 64% less energy and 58% less water than making the same type of paper from virgin natural resources.
- Strive to purchase post-consumer recycled-content paper. "Post consumer" means that the recycled paper used to make the product came from a program like ours. Buying this paper helps complete the recycling circle and helps create demand for paper from local recycling programs.

## We have an app for you!

Thanks to the widgets in El Dorado Disposal's Waste Wizard application, you can use your smartphone, tablet, or computer to access all sorts of information:

- Enter your address and get an individualized electronic collection calendar.
- Sign up for electronic or telephone reminders alerting you to your collection days.
- Sign up for emergency notifications regarding service interruptions or weather delays.
- Search for a specific item and receive disposal instructions, as well as different disposal options, such as

curbside removal or self-hauling to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF).

- Watch for an online bulky item pickup request feature coming soon!

These features make it easier for you to find information about your services. The Waste Wizard also helps El Dorado Disposal Service understand what kinds of information and services residents need.

To get the app for your smartphone or device, search for "El Dorado Disposal" in your app store. To use the Waste Wizard features online, visit [www.ElDoradoDisposal.com](http://www.ElDoradoDisposal.com).



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## El Dorado Disposal Service 24-Hour Payment Line

With your Visa or MasterCard, you can make payments using our automated 24-hour toll-free number. Simply call (855) 569-2719. You will be prompted to provide your account number.



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# Partners in service

For several years now, Sierra Disposal has collected and bagged food for the Divide Christmas Basket around the holidays. At El Dorado Disposal, we liked this tradition so much that we've adopted it. We were able to get notices out to the residents of Cool, Georgetown, Coloma, Lotus, Swansboro, and Garden Valley, as well as folks up country, letting them know that we would collect food items on our routes during mid-December. All residents had to do was set out food that they wished to donate. El Dorado Disposal Supervisors Dennis Webster and Alex Holt went up and collected the food from the drivers on route and delivered it to the Divide Christmas Basket for distribution.

This program was wildly successful, with many of the residents participating to help those in need this season. What a wonderful way to partner with our neighbors and give back to the community in our newest service area! We will



certainly do this again next year and hope to expand the program to include the entire county. Stay tuned!



# Freshen up smelly carts

Trash and recycling bins see their share of gunk and grime. It's no wonder they might start to greet you with a putrid smell each time you open the lid. Rather than living with that smell in your garage all winter, do some cleaning of your carts, trash cans, or bins. Here's how you can stop the smell short:

1. Place your cart in an area that can get wet. This should be an absorbent surface, such as your yard, so that any rinse water will soak into the ground instead of running off.
2. If you just want to give the carts a quick clean, squirt a bit of dish soap inside. For more serious odors, pour two to three cups of white vinegar into each cart.
3. Attach an automatic shut-off spray nozzle to your hose. For best results, you want to use a small amount of water at high pressure. Spray the inside walls and then the bottom of the cart.
4. Let the soapy water or vinegar and water solution soak in the bottom of the cart for an hour.
5. Tip the cart over and dump out the solution onto the ground. Rinse the cart one more time with a small amount of water and then turn it upside-down to drain for a few minutes.
6. Turn the cart right-side up. Leave the can in the sun with the lid open to dry. The sun will not only finish drying out



the cart but will also kill off those last few germs and smells.

If you want a more deodorizing clean, use baking soda! Put a generous amount in the bottom of your empty cart and let it sit overnight. The next morning, rinse out the cart over your lawn so water won't run off and follow the steps above to allow it to dry.

# El Dorado Disposal Recycling Centers

## Transfer Station and Material Recovery Facility (MRF)

4100 Throwita Way, Placerville

**Open:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 7 days a week

**Closed:** Christmas Day and New Year's Day

### Materials Accepted at the Transfer Station for a Fee:

- Commercial and household waste
- Construction and demolition waste
- White goods, such as refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, stoves, air conditioning units, microwaves, etc.
- Tires (mounted or unmounted)
- Yard waste

### Materials Accepted at the MRF for Free:

- Buy back for cans and bottles
- Cardboard, office paper, newspaper, and magazines
- Rigid plastic containers, such as 5-gallon buckets, plastic storage containers, resin patio chairs, and laundry baskets
- Consumer electronics (e-waste), such as televisions, computers, monitors, stereos, VCRs, cell phones, etc.
- Household and automotive batteries
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes (up to 4' long, 15-tube limit)

## Off-Site Recycling and Redemption Centers

### Placerville

580 Truck Street

**Open:** 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday\*

### Materials Accepted:

- Buy-back for cans and bottles
- Cardboard bin for all cardboard, newspaper, and magazines
- E-Waste accepted for free
- Drop-off box for household batteries only (No car, motorcycle, or other large batteries accepted)
- 15 fluorescent light bulbs and tubes (up to 4' long, 15 tube limit) accepted for free

### Cameron Park

3510 Palmer Drive – behind CVS

**Open:** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday\*

### Materials Accepted:

- Buy-back for cans and bottles
- Cardboard bin for all cardboard, newspaper, and magazines
- E-Waste accepted for free
- Drop-off box for household batteries only (No car, motorcycle, or other large batteries accepted)
- 15 fluorescent light bulbs and tubes (up to 4' long, 15 tube limit) accepted for free

### El Dorado Hills

4421 Latrobe Road

**Open:** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday\*

### Materials Accepted:

- Buy-back for cans and bottles
- Green waste bin
- Cardboard bin for all cardboard, newspaper, and magazines
- E-Waste accepted for free
- Drop-off box for household batteries only (No car, motorcycle, or other large batteries accepted)
- 15 fluorescent light bulbs and tubes (up to 4' long, 15 tube limit) accepted for free

Visit the CalRecycle website, [www.calrecycle.ca.gov](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov), for current California Redemption Value (CRV) pricing.

\*Closed during attendant's lunch break, which may vary, but is generally 12:30 to 1 p.m.

**We want your suggestions, questions and comments!**

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