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Memorial Day - May 27th
All routes ONE day late.

The Transfer Station and West
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Contact Information

City of Redding
Solid Waste Utility
2255 Abernathy Lane
P.O. Box 496071
Redding, CA 96049-6071

Office Hours: M - F, 8 am to 5 pm

Transfer Station:
M - Sat, 8 am to 4:30 pm

Customer Service 224-6201

Transfer Station Scale House.. 224-6214

Household Hazardous Waste. 224-6209

West Central Landfill.....396-2555

14095 Clear Creek Rd., Igo

Hours: M - F, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Sat, 8 am to 4 pm

Global Recycling Day - March 18

The goal for Global Recycling Day (GRD) is to help achieve greater recognition of the benefits of recycling worldwide and to focus attention on the steps needed to safeguard the future of our planet.

The theme for this year is “Recycling into the Future” and will focus on youth and innovation as the drivers for change. GRD hopes to get more young people engaged with the power of recycling and the concept of the “Seventh Resource”.



Recyclables should be thought of as resources, along with the six natural resources: water, air, coal, oil, natural gas and minerals. Recyclables make up the seventh resource.

So what problem is GRD trying to solve? Climate change is at the top of the list and poses the single greatest challenge.

Recycling reduces the use of virgin materials and keeps these resources out of the landfill, which reduces greenhouse gas - the primary driver of global warming.

What can you do to recycle more and use less? Here are a few ideas:

1. Help friends and family do a better job of recycling. Learn what items can and can't be recycled. Pizza boxes and plastic clam shell containers are two common items that should be disposed of as trash.
2. Use fewer things made out of plastic whenever possible. Think of reusing produce bags, not using an additional plastic bag for items that are already bagged or have non-edible exteriors.
3. Repair and reuse old things. Can an item be repaired or repurposed rather than buying something new?
4. Only put clean, dry items in your recycling container. Items that are dirty or contain a lot of food residue are not recyclable.

Don't forget to recycle other items. Household batteries, electronics, mattresses and fluorescent lights are all items that should be recycled and not placed in the trash. At the City of Redding residents can bring all of these materials to the Transfer Station for recycling at no charge.

To learn more about GRD and what you can do to do your part, please go to: www.globalrecyclingday.com.

Blue Cart Collection

Many of you may have seen others going through the contents of recycling carts that have been set out for collection. One way to reduce this practice is to place the cart at the curb on your collection day. Our residential routes begin at 5:30 in the morning and we realize this may present an inconvenience, but it could have the benefit of reducing late night scavenging in your neighborhood.

We also recommend only placing your cart at the curb for collection when it is over half full. For many residents, this may mean that you only need to place the cart out once or twice a month. If you are breaking down cardboard boxes and recycling correctly, you will not have problems with odor by not placing out for collection each week.

Carpet Recycling

Did you know that carpet and carpet pad can be recycled? It can be made into traffic signs, insulation, and new carpet.

Millions of pounds of carpet are buried in California landfills every year where it stays for centuries without breaking down. In Redding, over 467 tons of carpet and carpet pad were sent to the West Central Landfill in 2018.

The West Central Landfill will begin accepting carpet and carpet pad for recycling at a reduced fee in March. The minimum fee for carpet will be \$10 or \$20 per ton.

Information on how the carpet and pad need to be prepared in order for it to be recycled can be found on our website by going to Drop-Off Locations, then West Central Landfill.

Refillable One-Pound Propane Cylinders

If you have ever used a small camp stove, you've used a one-pound, single-use propane cylinder. How do you dispose of them once they're empty? It's illegal and unsafe to dispose of cylinders in the trash. They need to be brought to a household hazardous waste facility for proper recycling.

Now there's a better option that will save money and the environment - refillables! When you purchase a disposable cylinder, 80% of the cost is for the cylinder itself. Shasta County Resource Management has received a grant to promote the sale and use of refillables. The City of Redding is partnering with Shasta County to promote the sale of refillables, including coupons for a free cylinder and free refills. More details will be available later this Spring on both the City and County websites.



Mandatory Commercial Recycling

Just a reminder that if your business generates 4 or more cubic yards of waste per week State law requires you to recycle. This law also applies to all multi-family complexes of 5 or more units.

Recycling can save you money and keep valuable resources out of the landfill. The City of Redding can provide you with containers for recycling at no charge. Please visit our Business Customer page under Solid Waste on the City of Redding website for recycling information specific to commercial customers. You can also call our office at 224-6201 for more information on how we can help you meet the State mandate.

Mattress Recycling Trivia

How many mattresses do you think Solid Waste recycled in 2018?

- A. 3670
- B. 5021
- C. 9884
- D. 13,692

Did you know that 80% of a used mattress' components can be recycled? The foam padding is cleaned and sterilized before being made into turned carpet underlayment or animal bed padding, the cotton is used in oil filters and other similar products, the springs are recycled as metal scrap and used to make new appliances and building materials, and wood is shredded to make landscaping mulch or burned as an alternative fuel source.

Residents can bring up to four mattresses a day to either the Transfer Station or West Central landfill at no charge.

We recycle a lot of mattresses – the correct answer is D!