

# Recycle Report

**SUMMER 2024** 

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### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

It is illegal to dispose of hazardous materials in compost, recycling, or garbage containers. Improperly disposing of hazardous and toxic waste can result in serious harm to the health of people, pets, wildlife, and our environment.



## PLEASE DON'T THROW IN THE TRASH!

## "HHW" ITEMS INCLUDE:

- 1. Flammables including paints, dry or wet, petroleum based products, and polishes
- 2. Corrosives including acids, bases, batteries, and drain clog remover
- 3. Toxics including poisons, pesticides, gardening chemicals, ammonia, and solvents
- **4.** Oxidizers including pool chemicals, hydrogen peroxide, iodine, and perchlorates
- 5. Other miscellaneous including propane, helium, small oxygen tanks, smoke detectors All plastic bags, packaging, utensils, and straws are garbage. Even if they have a "recycling symbol" on them they are not recyclable.

## WHERE TO DISPOSE OF "HHW":

## **Recology Butte Colusa Counties**

2720 S. 5th Avenue | Oroville, CA 95965 1st & 3rd Friday of each month from 9 AM to 2 PM

Butte County Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility 1101 Marauder Street| Chico, CA 95973 Fridays 1 PM - 4 PM Saturdays 9 AM -1 PM

## 2024 RECYCLING CALENDAR

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NOVEMBER

\*Service delayed by one day if your service is on or after the holiday that week \*El servicio se retrasa un día si su servicio es durante o después del feriado de esa semana



Recycling Weeks Marked in Blue Place your Refuse & Recycling Cart at the Curb by 6:00 a.m.



Yard Trimming Weeks
Marked in Green
Place your Refuse & Yard Trimmings
Cart at the Curb by 6:00 a.m.

## FREE MATTRESS DROP OFF

Residents can drop off up to 3 mattresses and/or box springs free of charge all year long at the Recology Transfer Station at 2720 South Fifth Avenue, in Oroville, Monday to Friday 8 AM to 4 PM and Saturday 8 AM to 4:30 PM.



### DO NOT RECYCLE OR COMPOST THESE ITEMS

These items are often mistakenly put in the recycling bin. Placing them in the compost or recycling container is a contamination violation.

- All plastic bags, packaging, utensils, and straws are garbage. Even if they have a "recycling symbol" on them they are not recyclable.
- Polystyrene packaging, cups, plates, block, or to-go containers are not allowed in the recycle or organic cart.
- 3. Clothes/textiles cannot be recycled in your recycling cart. They can be recycled/down-cycled by donating them to a non-profit.

Batteries are hazardous waste and can cause a fire in our trucks and/or the processing facility if disposed of incorrectly. You can dispose of batteries at most home improvement stores or visit the Hazardous Waste Facility at the Recology Transfer Station at 2720 South Fifth Avenue, in Oroville, Monday to Friday 8 AM to 4 PM and Saturday 8 AM to 4:30 PM.

For more information, please see our website, Recology.com.









## **RULES OF THUMB FOR RECYCLING RIGHT**

- Check the number inside those chasing arrows stamped on plastics. Just because it has the symbol doesn't mean the item is recyclable. Recology Butte Colusa accepts #1, #2, and #5 plastics. Those are rigid plastics, such as water bottles, jugs, or sour cream tubs.
- Practice "loose load" recycling. No plastic bags in the blue (or green) bin please. Plastic bags and other flimsy plastics are not recyclable and get tangled in sorting machines.
- Rinse glass, metal, and rigid plastic food and beverage containers before recycling. And please be sure they are dry before recycling them. Liquids and food residue can contaminate the paper and cardboard in the blue bin.
- Compostable plastics are not accepted in your organics bin. They
  need an industrial composting facility that subjects them to very
  high temperatures so they break down. Unfortunately, due to their
  material they can't be recycled either. These go in the trash bin.
- Watch out for plastic-lined cups, like the ones from most coffee shops, and waxed cardboard cartons. Because they are made from mixed materials, they are very difficult to recycle and must go to the landfill.

## **DON'T BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES! KEEP THEM LOOSE**

When putting recyclables in your blue bin, keep them loose. When recyclables are bagged, your blue bin is considered contaminated and will not be serviced.

## BREAK DOWN CARDBOARD BOXES

Check out how much space it saves when you flatten cardboard boxes in your recycling bin!

In recent years this has become a bigger issue because of the increase in online shopping, with more boxes delivered to residential addresses than ever before.

Flattening boxes allows the bin lid to close, keeping paper and other recyclables clean and dry!

## **BEFORE**



**AFTER** 



