

# Trash Talk

*"Don't Make a Mountain Out of a Landfill"*



WINTER 2020, January - March

## Keeping Shasta County Clean

Back during the warm days of August and September, the Shasta County Department of Resource Management held three household hazardous waste (HHW) collection events in Burney, Lakehead, and Shingletown. At each event, residents were able to rid their homes of 483 pounds of fluorescent lamps, 550 gallons of used oil, nearly four tons of televisions and computer monitors, another two tons of other types of electronics, and more.



All of these items have the potential to contaminate water systems or harm people and animals if left to deteriorate or disposed of improperly. We took great care to guarantee our community's safety by partnering with Clean Harbors, Inc., who transported the items out of Shasta County for recycling or proper disposal.

Besides helping to keep the county clean, the events allowed Resource Management staff the opportunity to meet residents and share information on recycling and waste reduction.

Thank you to the communities of Burney, Lakehead, and Shingletown and Burney Disposal, Inc. and Waste Management, Inc. Special thank you to Shasta County Sheriff's Burney Office, the Lakehead Lions Club, and the Shingletown Transfer Station.

For information on future collection events, including possible tire collections this year, visit [www.recycle.co.shasta.ca.us](http://www.recycle.co.shasta.ca.us).



### Holiday Schedule

**January 1 - New Year's Day**

Wednesday through Friday routes  
ONE day late.

### *How do I get rid of...?*

The holidays and batteries go hand in hand. But, what do you do in the new year when your double and triple A's, buttons, and 9 volts have died?

In California, discarded batteries are considered hazardous waste, so throwing them in the garbage is not an option.

What can you do with them?

Using our online *How do I get rid of...?* tool, find a list of retail stores where dead batteries can be dropped off for recycling. You will also find contact information for the City of Redding's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.

Try our

*"How do I get rid of...?"* tool at  
[www.recycle.co.shasta.ca.us](http://www.recycle.co.shasta.ca.us)

Select your community.

Type in the item you want to get rid of, recycle, reduce, etc.

## The Why, Where, and How of Disposing of Unused Meds

According to [www.rxsafeshasta.com](http://www.rxsafeshasta.com), Shasta County's site for information on where and how to dispose of unused or expired medications, "over 53% of those who misused prescription pain medications say they got them from a friend or family often getting them easily within the home." Due to the increasing rates of abuse of prescription narcotics, it is now more important than ever to properly dispose of unused medications.

Shasta County makes the disposal of unused medications easy with FREE 24-hour drop-off kiosks conveniently located at

**Redding Police Department - 855 Cypress Avenue, Redding**

**Anderson Police Department - 2220 North Street, Anderson**

**City of Shasta Lake Sheriff's Office - 4488 Red Bluff Street, Shasta Lake**

**Shasta County Sheriff's Burney Office - 20509 Shasta Street, Burney**

To use the kiosks, remove medications from containers and place them in a ziplock bag. Different medications can be mixed in the same bag. Liquids, powders, and ointments can be left in their original containers (as long as they are tightly capped) and then bagged. Remove any identifying information, such as names or addresses. Do not place sharps or illegal drugs in the kiosks.

For more information on medication abuse and safe medicine disposal, call Thinkagainshasta at (530) 229-8417.



## Open Burning Guidelines

Composting, mulching, or allowing leaves, pine needles, lawn clippings, etc. to decompose in place are great ways to dispose of organic waste. If you need to burn, follow these guidelines to make sure you adhere to local regulations.

- Obtain an **Open Burning Permit** from your local fire department and/or CalFire station and/or Shasta County Air Quality Management District, depending on where you live.
- Burn **only** on designated Burn Days. Call (530) 224-8777 or (800) 411-8728 after 9:15am to learn if that day is a Burn Day.
- Burn **only** vegetation (no garbage, cardboard, paper, or plastic) and make sure the vegetation is completely **dry** before you burn it.
- Burning hours are restricted to 10am - 5pm at elevations below 1,000 feet and 10am - Midnight at elevations above 1,000 feet.

For more information, please call (530) 225-5674 or visit [www.AQMD.co.shasta.ca.us](http://www.AQMD.co.shasta.ca.us).

## What is E-Waste?

Did you receive a new smartphone, laptop, or gaming system this holiday season? Once you powered it up and installed all of the updates, you probably looked over at last year's cracked or out-of-date device and thought, "what do I do with this?"

Electronics nearing the end of their useful lives are called "E-Waste" (electronic waste) and cannot be thrown in the trash. Beyond electronic devices, e-waste includes power and peripheral cables, chargers, printer cartridges, USB sticks, computer mice, earbuds, and a list of tech that keeps us connected every day.

While many items can be reused, sometimes one just needs to be discarded.

Wherever you are in the county, we can tell you where to easily drop-off your e-waste for recycling.

Visit our "**How do I get rid of...?**" tool at [www.recycle.co.shasta.ca.us](http://www.recycle.co.shasta.ca.us) for locations and other information.

## Businesses and the New Year!

In 2020, Resource Management staff will continue contacting businesses and multi-family dwellings to help you meet California's commercial recycling requirements. If you have any questions or need support, feel free to contact us at [recycle@co.shasta.ca.us](mailto:recycle@co.shasta.ca.us) or call (530) 225-5789. We look forward to working with you. Happy New Year!

Please direct newsletter comments to:

Shasta County Department of Resource Management  
1855 Placer Street, Suite 200, Redding, CA 96001  
[www.recycle.co.shasta.ca.us](http://www.recycle.co.shasta.ca.us)

(530) 225-5789 or (800) 528-2850



Please direct disposal service calls to:

Waste Management, Inc.  
8592 Commercial Way, Redding, CA 96002  
[www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

(530) 221-4784 or (530) 221-6526