

Trash Talk

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

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Bugs Bugging Your Pets?

It's that time of year. You know, the incessant buzzing in your ear, unwanted pests wreaking havoc on your garden, and Fido's or Fluffy's constant scratching. Your first instinct is to probably trek to your garage and grab some of that tried and true "Chemical X." You've used it before, and it's never caused any issues. Right? While that may be true for you, are you aware of the dangers created for pets when you default to "Chemical X?"

Rodenticides, insecticides, and fertilizers are just a few of the culprits that lead to the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center receiving tens of thousands of calls each year due to the accidental exposure of Fluffy and Fido to potentially deadly substances. While using products like "Chemical X" may eradicate your problem, you also risk possibly harming your beloved pets or surrounding wildlife. Just last year, you may recall that one of Redding's bald eagles, Knight, passed away after ingesting a poisoned rodent. The use of effective eco-friendly pest control methods or less-toxic products could have prevented Knight's death.

The website "Our Water, Our World" provides fact sheets for various alternative pest-specific solutions that can help keep your pets and wildlife safe. Visit www.ourwaterourworld.org/Fact-Sheets for information on everything from fleas to rats to weeds to roses.



Should you decide to hire a pest control professional, be sure to look for one that offers Integrated Pest Management (IPM). IPM focuses on long-term prevention through combinations of techniques, such as habitat modification and biological and physical controls. An IPM practitioner will only use pesticides when necessary and will select them based on effectiveness against a specific pest while minimizing risks to people, pets, wildlife, and beneficial insects.



Find us on Facebook

If you enjoy reading Trash Talk each quarter, find us on Facebook at [@recycleshasta](https://www.facebook.com/recycleshasta).

Social media allows us to reach you more than just four times a year. There you'll get the same quality information on waste reduction and recycling, but more often. It's also a great place to find out about our household hazardous waste collection events and more.



Recycling Requirements for Businesses

Are you a business owner? A property manager? School staff member? In December, Resource Management staff sent out information regarding California's commercial recycling requirements. These laws require businesses, apartments and mobile-home parks, and schools to recycle solid waste, including organic materials like yard waste and food scraps. We want to help you meet these requirements.

One way we can help is to visit your business, property, or school and perform a free waste assessment. By doing this, we can give you recommendations that will help you meet state requirements and, possibly, save you some money.

To schedule a visit, contact us at (530) 225-5789 or recycle@co.shasta.ca.us.

Also, you can help us get a better understanding of commercial recycling activities throughout the County by completing our online survey. Go to recycle.co.shasta.ca.us and answer a few questions so we can better serve the businesses, multi-family dwellings, and schools of Shasta County.

Box Spring and Mattress Recycling

Meet one of the 20 million box springs and mattresses that Americans dispose of every year. This one was illegally dumped just 4.7 miles away from the West Central Landfill, a facility that would have accepted this box spring for FREE recycling.

Shasta County residents can take their mattresses and box springs for FREE recycling to any of these participating locations:



Comfort Zone: Furniture and Mattress

3541 S Market St., Redding
(530) 221-3900

The Redding Transfer Station

2255 Abernathy Lane, Redding
(530) 224-6214

The West Central Landfill

14095 Clear Creek Road, Igo
(530) 396-2555



How Do I Get Rid Of...?

A common cause for calls to the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center is the ingestion of human over-the-counter and prescription pharmaceuticals by pets. Use our online "How do I get rid of...? tool" to find out where and how to safely dispose of unused and expired medications.



Try our "How do I get rid of...?" tool at recycle.co.shasta.ca.us.

Select your community.

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

Please direct newsletter comments to:

Shasta County Department of Resource Management
1855 Placer Street, Suite 200, Redding, CA 96001
recycle@co.shasta.ca.us
(530) 225-5789 or (800) 528-2850



Please direct disposal service calls to:

Burney Disposal Inc.
37484 Cornaz Drive B, Burney, CA 96013
burneydisposal.com
(530) 335-2723