



# “One Person’s Trash...”

Your guide to reducing, reusing and recycling

A Newsletter of  
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## Help us “curb” cancer!



**El Dorado Disposal Service is offering pink trash carts in support of breast cancer awareness.**



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Together we can kick cancer to the curb. El Dorado Disposal proudly promotes 35-gallon pink carts for residential trash service. The company is working to build awareness and increase funding to fight a disease that affects one in eight women in their lifetime, as well as to honor the many wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, and friends affected by breast cancer.

For every pink cart El Dorado Disposal has purchased, the manufacturer, Cascade Cart Solutions, donated \$5 to the American Cancer Society. Only 50 of the pink carts remain, so contact customer service at 530-626-4141 before they run out.

## An incentive for recyclers

Effective January 1, 2018, a new fee that encourages recycling has been initiated at the El Dorado Disposal Material Recovery Facility.

Each load at the facility is assessed a charge based on the volume of material. When you choose to recycle, you will save money in two ways. First, with a smaller load for disposal, your volume of garbage – and fee – is lower. Second, your garbage disposal rate will not be assessed with a 25% fee.

All customers can save money when recyclable material is brought to the facility.

- Know what you can recycle (see page 4 for a list).
- Separate recyclables from garbage before you arrive at the facility.
- Inform the gate attendant that you have brought separated recyclables.

If you choose not to recycle a 25% fee will be assessed on your rate.

This new Recycling Incentive Fee will help support El Dorado County’s efforts to increase recycling and comply with California state law.

If you would like more information about the Recycling Incentive Fee or have other questions about recycling, ask the gate attendant, visit [www.eldoradodisposal.com](http://www.eldoradodisposal.com), or call 530-626-4141.



## Tire Amnesty Days

Thanks to everyone who recycled tires through the Tire Amnesty events! El Dorado Disposal, the El Dorado County Environmental Management Department, and other local partners collected 12,419 tires for recycling from 2015 through 2017, our last Tire Amnesty Grant cycle. Our Tire Amnesty Grant has been approved for the coming year, so watch for more details about upcoming Tire Amnesty Days in the local news and at <https://edcgov.us/emd> or [www.eldoradodisposal.com](http://www.eldoradodisposal.com).



## Refuel Your Fun

Four million disposable 1-pound propane cylinders are sold every year in California alone. Consumers spend around \$4 per disposable cylinder, just to be able to use the 30¢ of propane gas inside. When the camping trip is over, some folks sneak them into their garbage bins (where they don’t belong) or deliver them to a Household Hazardous Waste facility. Some people buy adapters to refill them, which is extremely dangerous as they are not manufactured to be re-pressurized. Many others simply leave them behind at the parks where they used them. When they are left at parks, state and local governments, as well as private campgrounds, pay around \$2 to \$3.50 per cylinder for a special waste company to pick up and properly dispose of them.

There has to be a better alternative! Fortunately, Flame King and Manchester Tank offer a solution — a refillable 1-pound cylinder. Using refillables will save you money and hassle, as well as reduce pollution. If you’re a camper, BBQ cook, or tailgate party chef,

choose the refillable option. Refillables are currently available at all California U-Haul locations that dispense propane, as well as at many West Marine, Home Depot, Orchard Supply Hardware, Kamps Propane, REI, and other outdoor equipment, sporting goods, and hardware stores. For a list of locations, go to <https://refuelyourfun.org/>.

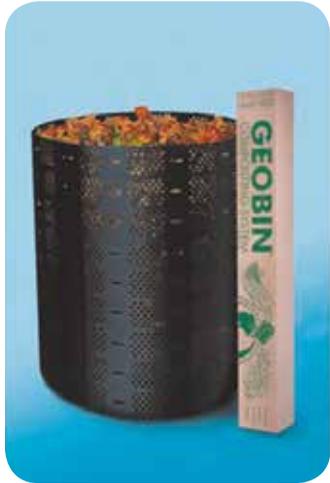


## Recycling on the go



Look for new recycling bins at refueling stations throughout El Dorado County. The El Dorado County Environmental Management Department is utilizing City-County Payment Program funds to purchase these recycling bins and locate them where you buy fuel and snacks for your outdoor fun. Look for these blue bins and remember to recycle!

# Turn green waste into garden gold



Composting turns grass clippings, leaves, dead garden plants, and fruit and vegetable scraps from the kitchen into something useful for your gardens. Compost helps create healthier soil by adding organic matter and improving soil structure. Healthy soil uses water more efficiently, allowing available water to flow toward your plants' roots, storing water in the soil longer, and reducing runoff and erosion.

This year, learn how to compost in your backyard. The El Dorado County Master Gardeners teach composting classes. If you need a compost bin, you can build or buy one or pick up a free GEObin (pictured) at a special event from the El Dorado County Environmental Management Department.

Yard waste is not allowed in garbage containers. Excess yard waste should go into your yard waste cart or be dropped off at the Transfer Station.



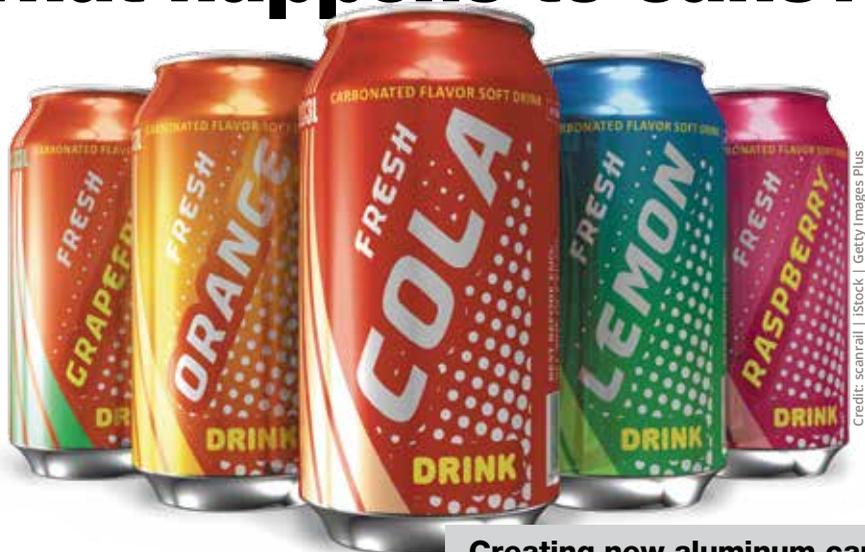
## Celebrating safety and our drivers



Last spring, employees of El Dorado Disposal headed to the Red Hawk Casino for a rodeo. But this wasn't just any rodeo — it was a Truck Safety Rodeo. Truck Safety Rodeos promote professional development among drivers and recognize good driving records. They also offer some fun competition as drivers compete in challenges designed to simulate tricky, everyday situations. The winners receive prizes but also earn bragging rights.



# What happens to cans?



**Creating new aluminum cans from old ones uses 95% less energy than making them from ore.**

Make a resolution this year to recycle all of your beverage cans. By putting your beverage cans into the recycling cart, you give them new life. Aluminum can be recycled repeatedly without any loss of its original properties. So the soda can you drop into the recycling cart today may become a new can, an electrical cable, or even a bicycle tomorrow.

Over 75% of the 800 million metric tons of aluminum manufactured since production began in the 1800s is still in circulation. About 32% of it is contained in aluminum siding, gutters, and other construction materials, about 28% can be found in machinery, and another 28% is used in transportation products, such as airplanes, automobiles, boats, ships, and trains. The Ford F-150 light truck now has an all-aluminum body and many luxury cars use aluminum in both the frame and body thanks to its strength and environmental advantages.

While aluminum ends up in all of these products, let's trace back the path of an aluminum beverage can. Ultimately, cans are recycled and returned to store shelves as new cans in as few as 60 days, which means you could purchase separate cans made from the same recycled aluminum six times per year!

First, aluminum beverage cans are collected curbside from homes, as well as from recycling bins in workplaces, schools, and public spaces. They are also collected at recycling drop-off centers and scrap metal yards.

After collection, cans are separated from other recyclables at a material recovery facility (MRF). As material moves along the conveyor belt at the MRF, aluminum cans are pushed away by a reverse magnet called an eddy current, which sends the cans into a holding bin. The cans are then crushed, baled, and shipped to a processor.

At the processing center, bales are broken down and the crushed cans are shredded into pieces about the size of a walnut. The shreds, which move along another conveyor belt, are screened to remove any non-aluminum materials and then passed through hot air to remove paint.

The aluminum shreds are fed into a furnace where they are converted into molten metal and poured into a mold. Once cooled, this new ingot of aluminum weighs 36,000 pounds. It takes 1.5 million cans to produce each ingot!

The ingot of aluminum is heated just enough so it can be rolled into a coil. The finished coil is approximately 9 miles in length! Coiled aluminum is then shipped to can manufacturers who use this coil to make new cans and lids.

Finally, those cans are filled and returned to store shelves, where the process begins again.

To learn more about local recycling programs, visit [www.eldoradodisposal.com](http://www.eldoradodisposal.com).



**Each year, El Dorado Disposal employees and their families purchase bikes to build and then donate to children in need during the holiday season. The bikes are built by families at the Annual Bike Build event at the Material Recovery Facility in Diamond Springs.**



## Keep your recycling clean!

Many of California's recyclables are shipped to China where they are used in manufacturing. Earlier this year, China announced its National Sword campaign to crack down on dirty loads of recycling that find their way into the country. Often as recyclers, we forget that we are supplying a manufacturer with a raw material. That raw material needs to be clean and uncontaminated. Help keep recycling clean by following the instructions on page 4. Remember — only recyclables (no trash, no green waste, and no hazardous waste) go into recycling carts and bins!

# Remodeling or planning a major clean-out?



Make the job easier by having a debris box or roll-off on site. You can call when the container needs to be emptied or set up a regular pickup schedule. Our Customer Service staff will help you determine what size container you need for the job you have planned. Our Dispatch team will get the container delivered and picked up in a quick and efficient manner.

Debris boxes are available in 6- and 10-cubic yard sizes. Roll-offs are available in 20-, 30-, and 40-cubic yard capacities. Whatever size you need, these containers offer convenience and cost-effective disposal, keep debris contained, and save you time by eliminating trips to the landfill.

- Acceptable items include:
- Cardboard

- Shrink wrap
- General office waste
- Wood
- Metal
- Carpet
- Furniture
- Construction debris
- Paint cans (completely dry with lids removed)
- Landscaping debris (minimal amount of dirt)
- General appliances (no appliances with Freon)
- Concrete (20 yd. containers only and no more than 1/2 full)
- Bricks (20 yd. containers only and no more than 1/2 full)
- Dirt (20 yd. containers only and no more than 1/2 full)
- Roofing materials (20 yd. containers only and no more than 1/2 full)
- Tree trunks (20 or 30 yd. containers only and cut in 3' by 3' pieces)

These items are NOT acceptable in a debris box or roll-off bin: whole tires, hazardous waste, drums or barrels, batteries, chemicals, oils or gasoline, paint cans (containing liquid and/or with lids attached), refrigerators (with Freon), A/C units (with Freon), and tree stumps.

Please call Customer Service at 530-626-4141 or 916-985-1162 for more information.

# COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

## Items that SHOULD be recycled:

- Glass Bottles
- Cardboard
- Aluminum Cans
- Food Cans
- Beverage Cans
- Mail
- Newspaper
- Magazines

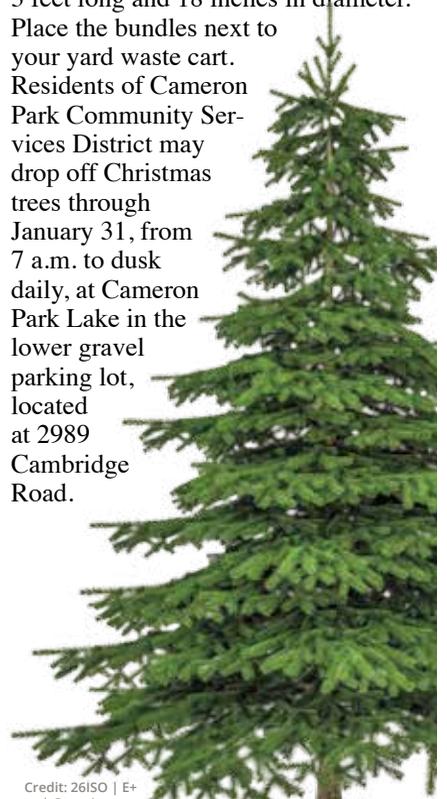
## Items that SHOULD NOT be recycled:

- Mirrors
- Windows
- Food Waste
- Bubble Wrap
- Photographic Film
- Pet Waste
- Leather
- Yard Waste
- Auto Glass
- Construction Debris

## 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 which occur every year:

- Between January 2 and 15, 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.
- Residents of Cameron Park Community Services District may drop off Christmas trees through January 31, from 7 a.m. to dusk daily, at Cameron Park Lake in the lower gravel parking lot, located at 2989 Cambridge Road.



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REUSE  
RECYCLE**



TREAT THE EARTH RESPONSIBLY.

# Western El Dorado Recovery Facility

## Transfer Station and Material Recovery Facility (MRF)

4100 Throwita Way, Placerville

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

Closes at 2 p.m. on: Easter, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve

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 on rims)
- Yard waste

## Materials Accepted at the MRF for Free:

- Buy-back for cans and bottles
- Cardboard, office paper, newspaper, and magazines
- Glass food and beverage bottles and jars
- Steel, tin, and aluminum cans
- Plastic food and beverage bottles, jugs, and containers
- Rigid plastic containers, such as laundry jugs, 5-gallon buckets, plastic storage containers, and laundry baskets, as well as rigid plastic resin patio chairs
- Consumer electronics (e-waste), such as televisions, computers, monitors, stereos, VCRs, cell phones, etc.
- Automotive batteries
- Mattresses and box springs (Fee applies if severely damaged, wet, twisted, or soiled)

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

4100 Throwita Way, Placerville

Open to Residents: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only

## Materials Accepted From Residents at No Charge:

- Medical sharps (such as needles and lancets) in an approved sharps container or a sealed plastic bottle or jug
- Unwanted over-the-counter and prescription medications (no "controlled substances" — Contact your pharmacist to ask whether an old prescription is considered a controlled substance.)
- Household chemicals, such as polishes, oven and drain cleaners, lighter fluid, mercury-containing items, cooking oil, etc.
- Personal care products, such as cosmetics, nail polish, and polish remover
- Garden and landscape products, such as fungicides, insecticides, and pool chemicals
- Garage or workshop chemicals, including paint, paint thinners, wood preservatives, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, used motor oil and filters, etc.
- Rechargeable and alkaline batteries
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes (limit of 15)
- Propane tanks (limit of 4)

Limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds per visit

## Hazardous Waste Disposal for Businesses:

Businesses generating less than 220 pounds or 27 gallons of hazardous waste per month may dispose of hazardous waste at this facility by appointment and for a fee. Appointments are available only on Fridays and Saturdays, from 8 to 9 a.m. Businesses must obtain a Hazardous Waste Generator Permit. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 530-295-2898.

# What can I recycle?

Whether you are recycling at home or at work, El Dorado Disposal accepts the same material in the mixed recycling cart or bin.

Please empty recyclables from bags or boxes so that recyclables are loose in the cart or bin. This makes unloading and sorting recyclables at the Material Recovery Facility much easier. Only two items should ever be bagged: plastic bags and shredded paper.

## YES — Recycle This:

- All California Redemption Value beverage containers
- Clean paper and mail
- Corrugated cardboard
- Cereal boxes (without the liner)
- Shoe boxes
- Brown paper bags
- Newspaper and magazines
- Shredded paper in tied clear plastic bags (strips only — NO confetti shreds)
- Paperback books
- Catalogs and phone books
- Milk and soy milk cartons
- Juice boxes
- Frozen food boxes
- Paper egg cartons
- Plastic bottles, jars, and jugs (NO caps)
- Plastic dairy tubs, such as yogurt and margarine tubs (NO lids)
- Plastic bags — bundled in one bag that is tied shut
- Clear and colored glass jars, bottles, and jugs (NO lids)
- Aluminum foil and foil baking pans
- Aluminum cans
- Steel or tin cans
- Scrap metal (size limit of 2' by 2' and no more than 35 pounds; without wood, plastic, or rubber attachments)



## NO — Do NOT Recycle That:

- Food scraps
- Food-soiled paper or boxes
- Plastic trays (bakery, meat, etc.)
- Prescription vials
- Paper towels, plates, or napkins
- Disposable diapers or rags
- Ceramics or dishes
- Light bulbs
- Mirrors or window glass
- Lids or caps
- Greasy or sharp scrap metal
- Needles or syringes
- Toxic containers (antifreeze, oil, syringes, etc.)
- Styrofoam, foam packaging, and packing peanuts

## Extra Recycling

There is no charge for the collection of extra recyclables that do not fit in your recycle cart. Please put recycling in bags and clearly mark "Recycle" on the bag. Additional cardboard boxes may be placed next to your cart but must be broken down and no larger than 3' by 3' by 18". If you often have more recyclables than will fit in your cart, please call Customer Service at 530-626-4141 to order an additional recycle cart.

## We want your suggestions, questions and comments!

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# Off-Site Recycling and Redemption Centers

## Residential Only

### Placerville

580 Truck Street

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

#### Materials Accepted:

- Buy-back for CRV beverage containers (aluminum, plastic, and glass)
- 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)
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes (up to 4 feet long, 4 tube limit per month) 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 CRV beverage containers (aluminum, plastic, and glass)
- Cardboard bin for all cardboard, newspaper, and magazines
- E-Waste accepted for free (Limit of 4 TVs)
- Drop-off box for household batteries only (No car, motorcycle, or other large batteries accepted)
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes (up to 4 feet long, 4 tube limit per month) accepted for free

**NOTE:** No green waste recycling available at this facility. All Cameron Park residents may drop off green waste at the El Dorado Hills facility. Please take proof of residency.

### El Dorado Hills

4421 Latrobe Road

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

#### Materials Accepted:

- Buy-back for CRV beverage containers (aluminum, plastic, and glass)
- Green waste bin (2-cubic yard maximum per day)
- 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)
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes (up to 4 feet long, 4 tube limit per month) accepted for free

\*Closed for a half hour during attendant's lunch break, which may vary, but is usually between 12 and 1 p.m.

Visit the CalRecycle website,  
**calrecycle.ca.gov,**  
for current California Redemption  
Value (CRV) pricing.