



# Greening Our Community

News from Waste Management of North Valley



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## Hey Non-Profits, Want to Recycle Bikes?

The Neal Road Recycling & Waste Facility has drop off recycling locations for appliances, tires, car batteries, waste motor oil, electronic waste (i.e. TVs, computers), mattresses...and bicycles. Can you believe one of our most challenging recycling programs is for bikes? We are working with several non-profit organizations to collect and rebuild the best bikes which are then given away to needy kids throughout Butte County.



Unfortunately, we're over-run. Many bikes are sent for scrap metal recycling. We expect more bikes after the holidays. If your organization is interested in recycling discarded bicycles please contact Steve Rodowick, Butte County Recycling Coordinator, at (530) 879-2352. Organizations must provide evidence of liability insurance and ensure that the bikes are not re-sold. After all, our goal is to help the kids....and the environment.

## Schools, Need a Guest Speaker?



The County of Butte and the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility work closely with local waste haulers to promote recycling. Public outreach is part of our responsibility. Teachers, we can deliver up to a one-hour classroom visit at your school. Ages Kindergarten through 6th grade are best. For more information

contact Steve Rodowick, Butte County's Recycling Coordinator at (530) 879-2352.

## Green Waste Recycling Changes

Cleaning up the yard this Spring? Keep in mind Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility is no longer taking green waste at a reduced fee. The NRRWF has historically ground green and wood waste to create a fuel for biomass co-generation power plants to divert the material from the landfill. This past year's closure of half the biomass cogeneration power plants in Califor-



## Meet Your Fleet Manager

**Name:** Shane Swanson

**Title:**  
District Fleet  
Manager

**How long  
have you  
worked at  
WM? 11  
years**



**Message from Shane:** I have seen steady growth in the Chico area over recent years. I hope to grow our fleet at a pace that matches our community so we can provide the most reliable service possible.

Over the last few years we have added several Compressed Natural Gas trucks to our fleet. That helps our community and environment by reducing emissions.

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nia has resulted in a surplus of fuel, impacting the ability for the landfill to send that material to power plants. Unfortunately, the only alternative for the landfill is to bury it, which conflicts with Butte County’s goal of diverting the material. The glut of wood materials stems from dead or diseased forest crippled by six years of drought. The net effect is that wood harvested from forested lands is a higher priority waste stream for co-generation facilities



than woody materials generated from urban areas. Effective December 1, 2016, bulk loads of green waste are now charged \$42.11 per ton, the same rate as general garbage. Source separated loads of green waste that contain no litter or contaminants will be directed to the wood waste pile, ground into smaller sizes, and ultimately landfilled. Residential yard waste collection programs within Biggs, Chico, Gridley, Oroville and Paradise are not affected by the NRRWF’s change in operation. For customers who do not have a residential yard waste collection program, we ask that you consider disposing of your yard waste at one of many locations available to you. For a list of alternate facilities, operat-

ing hours, and prices, visit [www.recyclebutte.net](http://www.recyclebutte.net). Customers may find that these facilities are nearer to home and more cost effective than driving to NRRWF. A silver lining is that green waste can be processed into compost; a more beneficial use than filling up our landfill.

### Bulky Waste Pickup

Call customer service at (530) 893-4777 to schedule your bulky waste pickup. Butte County customers receive five (5) coupons/ stickers per year. Stickers were sent in February for bulky waste collection at no charge. A sticker must accompany each bulky waste item. You may schedule up to two collections per year, for a total of five (5) items per year. Coupons/stickers are not valid after the calendar year.



### Dispose of Mattresses and Box Springs for Free

Got a mattress or box spring you need to recycle? Residential customers can bring these items to the Neal Road Recycling & Waste Facility now for no charge. For more information go to [ByebyeMattress.com](http://ByebyeMattress.com).

**The team at Waste Management North Valley is proud to provide quality service to our customers throughout Butte County.**