

Two May Fair Firsts!



A vintage garbage truck was the stage where **DSS** employees and their families cheered on the crowd during the Dixon May Fair Parade. The truck took a first place award!

The **Dixon Sanitary Service** Drill Team delighted crowds with a lively performance during the annual Dixon May Fair Parade that was held on Saturday, May 12. The Drill Team was rewarded with a first place award and the vintage garbage truck also took a first place award. The truck hosted **DSS** employees and their cheering families while it ac-

companied the Drill Team. Children of employees proudly carried the banners during the parade.

"The May Fair Parade is one of our favorite events," said **Dixon Sanitary Service** Manager Ed Farewell. "We always enjoy the cheers of our friends and neighbors as we demonstrate our skills and display our enthusiasm in support of the Dixon community."

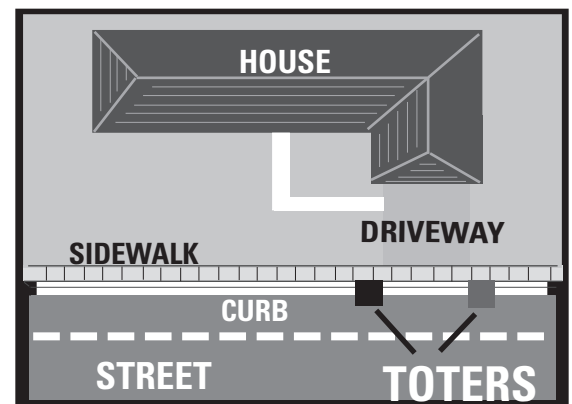


The Drill Team runs one of their intricate drills during the parade. They also took a first place award!

Don't Block Sidewalks

With Dixon's high winds empty Toters[®] are often blown over after emptying. It is important to move Toters[®] back to their storage locations as soon as possible. Please do not allow Toters[®] to block walkways. Remember to place your Toters[®] within two feet of the curb or pavement edge but not on the sidewalk. Place Toters[®] at least three feet apart and at least three feet away from cars, trees or other objects.

- Don't block the sidewalk.
- Don't park cars within 3 feet of Toters[®].
- Place Toters[®] 3 feet apart.
- Put Toters[®] out by 6:00 AM on pickup day.
- Remove Toters[®] from curb as soon as possible after pickup and place them out of view from the street.
- Call DSS at 678-4026 if you have questions.



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Trash Talk

HHW Options & Tips

Dixon residents now benefit from extra days to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste. The HHW Center in Vacaville is now open every Saturday from 9AM until 3PM. Formerly, it was only open every other Saturday. Here you may donate oil-based paints, solvents, thinners, pesticides, herbicides, aerosols, gas, auto fluids, fluorescent lighting tubes, spa and pool chemicals or other household toxins. Oil, water-based latex paint, antifreeze and auto batteries are now accepted at the HHW Center. Materials are only accepted from residential customers from Vacaville, Dixon, and unincorporated Solano County. No appointments are necessary.

Customers may bring up to two electronic devices per visit to Vacaville for recycling. Bring computer monitors, television sets, VCRs, computers, laptops, mouse/keyboards, printers, scanners, cell phones, radios, clocks, hair dryers, microwave ovens or FAX machines on any Saturday from 9 AM until

Street Sweeping

Dixon Sanitary Service no longer provides street sweeping in Dixon, but streets will continue to be swept every other week, the day after trash pickup. If citizens have questions or concerns about street sweeping, contact Martha Jensen at the City of Dixon at 678-7051, extension 105.

3 PM to the Recycling Center at 855 1/2 Davis Street in Vacaville.

There is no assistance available so be prepared to unload your own items.

Items not accepted include refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners or freezers.

Free Compost Residents

within the Dixon city limits may take up to three yards of free compost per day from the Hay Road Landfill. Compost will be available in limited supply until October 1, 2007. Just show your identification at the scale-house.

Commercial Recycling

DSS operates the Dixon Recycling Center and provides free pickup of cardboard and office paper from commercial customers in Dixon.

Keep Storm Drains Clean

Residents are asked to refrain from raking leaves into the street and to properly contain

Meet the Drill Team!



The Dixon Sanitary Service Drill Team enjoys practicing and performing for the Dixon May Fair Parade. The team runs intricate drills that are choreographed to feature the old-fashioned trash collection cans. The team is always a highlight of the parade as they demonstrate their talents to their friends and neighbors in Dixon. The Drill Team includes (back row) Ron DePorto, Driver; Roberto Herrera, Driver; Scott Pardini, Operations Manager and Joe Rojas, Driver Supervisor. Kneeling are Freddie Aquayo, Driver; Gabriel Jimenez, Driver; Paul Bandettini, Operations Supervisor; and Thom Hope,

leaves for recycling or debris for disposal. Only water should go in the storm drain system. For more information call 1-800-CLEANUP.

Keep it Contained

Please secure loose papers or other lightweight materials into bags before placing in the trash. The wind sometimes blows loose materials out of trash containers.

Keep Dixon Streets Clear

Please place your Toters® out by 6 AM and return them by 6 PM to keep streets clear. Toters® must be stored out of view from the street.

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Curbside Recycling Q&A

Customers frequently ask about curbside recycling. Here are the answers to the questions that we hear most often about how this service might work in Dixon.

1. What is the difference between 18-gallon Split-Stream Service vs. 96-gallon Singlestream Service?

18-gallon Split-Stream will slightly reduce the cost of purchasing new containers due to the lower cost of 18-gallon bins vs. 96-gallon Toters®. The lower cost of 18-gallon bins, however, becomes offset by the higher revenue return for the greater amount of recycling material that the 96-gallon Toters® yield. The larger Toters® are easier to use and result in greater customer participation. 96-gallon Toters® are convenient because all items to be recycled are placed in a larger, single container and easily wheeled to the street for collection. The larger Toter® is very convenient during holidays and other family and friend gatherings. Efficiency can also be gained by the use of Toters® because the customer does not have to place the Toter® out for collection every week.

If the small bins are used, customers must sort materials and place them properly into the correct bin. The bins are harder to set out and materials are exposed to wind and rain.

During a pilot program in the City of Vacaville 97% of respondents preferred the Toters® over the 18-gallon bin, and 63% preferred a 96-gallon Toter® over a 64-gallon Toter®. After Vacaville switched from using two small bins to one large Toter®, the amount of recyclables collected increased 35% over the same period in the prior year, while garbage volume decreased 9.6%. The number of setouts decreased 9% due to the increased capacity of the Toters®. The reduced setouts, along with the use of automated trucks, is now contributing to the efficiency of the program in Vacaville.

2. What are the issues with bi-weekly collection of yardwaste and recyclables?

This method of collection would have trash and yardwaste collected on one week and then trash and recyclables collected the following week. This alternating service would allow for a significant cost savings only if 50% of the employee can be justifiably used during the opposite weeks. (We do not have justification to absorb 50% of an employee in any other area of operation at this time.)

Unfortunately, there is too much yardwaste generated during peak times to allow for this method of service. Most customers wouldn't like holding on to yardwaste for two weeks. Frequently some customers would begin combining yardwaste with their trash. As a result, diversion levels would decrease.

Participation levels are frequently lower with bi-weekly programs due to the frustration by the customers of having to remember which week to place the container out for collection and not wanting to store the material for more than a week. As a result, lower diversion rates result.

3. With curbside recycling I will no longer need a 96-gallon trash container. What about variable toter size?

There is no doubt that some customers will be able to get by with a smaller Toter® if curbside recycling is implemented. For that reason we can offer a smaller Toter® at a lower rate than the full-size Toter®, but this decrease in cost may be very insignificant for many reasons. We assume most customers will subscribe for the cheapest service. This would result in replacing up to 99% of the existing trash Toters® at an additional cost of approximately \$227,000. Because there is not a decrease in the operational cost of servicing variable size Toters®, the entire rate structure must be adjusted to still cover total operating expenses. As a result, those customers now



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using a smaller Toter® will be paying a rate only slightly less than before, and those that keep the 96-gallon Toter® will be paying more.

Our parent company, Norcal Waste Systems, Inc., has also experienced other drawbacks to variable size Toter® service in other jurisdictions such as Marysville and Yuba City. Many customers in these communities subscribed for a smaller Toter® than what was actually needed. These customers placed trash in their recycling Toters®, which caused contamination problems that resulted in less diversion. A “flip the lid” program was then implemented to address the problem. Additional staff had to be added to police customers’ recycling Toters® by citing customers for contamination. In some cases this led to removal of the customer’s recycling Toter® and requiring the customer to pay for a higher level of service. This program resulted in higher expenses.

4. What material can be put in the recycling container?

- Glass bottles and jars
- Junk mail and chipboard
- Tin and aluminum cans
- Newspaper and magazines
- Corrugated cardboard
- #1 - #7 Narrow-neck plastic bottles and jugs

5. What about used motor oil and filters?

Used motor oil and filters can be added to curbside collection without significant cost increase.

6. Should we first implement a pilot program?

A pilot program may help the transition into a program, but curbside recycling is now standard

in most communities, so a pilot program may not be necessary. A pilot program requires an additional truck and employee. The entire Dixon service area is about the size of many pilot areas that have already been tested. Dixon is also the last community in Solano County to implement a curbside program, so there is an abundance of information available about how this service works.

7. Why should commercial rates be included in residential curbside collection?

The State mandates that each community meet the AB 939 goals of 50% diversion, and the commercial businesses are also part of the community.

Commercial businesses are currently receiving cardboard and office paper recycling on a volunteer basis at no additional cost.

8. Will multi-family apartments be included?

Multi-family apartments could be included without a significant cost increase.

9. How would a Lifeline rate work?

Example: A Senior 62 years of age or over would be allowed to subscribe for a Lifeline rate (1 trash Toter® and 1 recycling Toter®. No yardwaste Toter®). This will cause the standard rate for other customers to increase depending on the discount allowed, level of service, and number of qualifying applicants.

10. If curbside recycling is implemented, will the Buy-Back Center remain open?

Yes, if curbside recycling is implemented, the Dixon Recycling Buy-Back Center will remain open.

If you have other questions about curbside recycling options, please contact the City of Dixon at 678-7051 extension 105 or Dixon Sanitary Service at 648-4026.



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