

# Trash Talk

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## Dixon's Roadeo Champ!

For over twenty years, the affiliated companies of **Norcal Waste Systems, Inc.** have held a Roadeo where their best drivers test their extraordinary driving skills. This year Gabriel Jimenez from **Dixon Sanitary Service** competed in the event. Gabriel



Drivers demonstrated their skills as they maneuvered through tight turns and twists at the Roadeo that was held in Vacaville.

is a recycling driver who only had five years on the job and had never tested his skills in the Roadeo challenge. His fellow drivers thought Gabriel was wasting his time by going up against veteran drivers who had competed in the event for many years. At the end of the day, Gabriel seemed the most surprised when he was awarded first-place in the Roadeo.



Gabriel Jimenez, of **Dixon Sanitary Service**, had the best ride through the Roadeo's obstacle course to earn a first place award.

"I felt good when I finished," said Gabriel. "I knew that I would get a high score, but I was shocked they announced that I had won!"

John Rowe, General Manager of Auburn Placer Disposal, has coordinated the competition for 20 years. He explains that the event is designed to promote safety and to let drivers demonstrate their skills to family and friends.

"It is great fun for the kids to watch their moms and dads compete," said John. "These competitions are so close and like all sporting events it all boils down to skill and luck."

Gabriel relates all the backing and tight turns to the skills all drivers use everyday. "The only difference," said Gabriel, "is that we often have to perform these skills in the dark when it is raining and there are lots of moving cars all around."

The best part of his first place win was showing off his medal to his fellow drivers who at first kidded him.

"I just tell them," said Gabriel, "to meet me next year if they think they can do better."

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## Important Recycling and Disposal Tips

Only leaves, grass clippings, weeds, fruit or vegetable scraps, bread products and tree or shrub prunings may be placed inside the 96-gallon green toters. Cut-up Christmas trees may be placed inside the toter if tinsel, ornaments and stands are removed. Flocked trees must go in the trash toter and must not be placed in the yardwaste toter.

Remember that no plastic bags, non-yardwaste materials, food scraps, animal feces, lumber, rocks or any form of hazardous waste may be mixed with the yardwaste.

Bundles of tree and shrub prunings can always be put out with yardwaste. Place bundles on top of or beside your green toter. Bundles must be no larger than 2 feet by 3 feet. Tie bundles with twine. Never use wire to tie bundles.

Place your toters within two feet of the curb or pavement edge but not on the sidewalk. Place the two toters at least three feet apart and at least

three feet away from cars, trees or other objects.

Toters may be placed within your driveway, but they must still be within two feet of the curb or pavement edge.

Do not allow toters to block the driveway.

### Holiday Electronics

Residential customers may bring up to two electronic devices per visit to Vacaville for recycling. Bring 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 3 PM to the **VSS** Recycling Facility at 855 1/2 Davis Street in Vacaville. Refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners or freezers are not accepted

### Careful!

Toter lids can close unexpectedly during high winds or when



*Water flowing into storm drains goes directly to our waterways. Pollution in the storm drains is a threat to the health of our streams and water sources. Leaves are another threat to our storm system. Please keep gutters clean and place leaves in the yardwaste toter. Only water should flow to our storm drains. For more information call 1-800-CLEANUP.*

toters are on an incline. Please be careful with open toters.

It is important to secure loose papers or other lightweight materials into bags before placing in the trash. The wind sometimes blows loose materials out of trash cans causing a mess. Keep garbage and yardwaste containers covered. Tight fitting lids will keep materials from blowing out of the trash cans or yardwaste bins. Hot ashes from the fireplace or barbeque should never be placed in any of your toters.

Closed lids prevent rain from filling the toters that adds greatly to the weight of the materials and risks injury to drivers.

*There are a limited supply of free recycling containers available. Call Martha Jensen at the Department of Public Works (707) 678-7051, ext. 105.*

## 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.*

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