

Eco-Tip of the week for 2-19-17

Bulky Item Options

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What should you do with a discard you cannot fit in your curbside cart?

First consider reuse. Leaving it at the curb with a “free” sign sometimes works, but Craigslist, Freecycle, or Offerup are more reliable. Charging requires you to interact with people, while free listings enable you to reply just to the person of your choice, and tell them where and when to pick up.

Transfer stations for disposal and recycling are in Ventura and Oxnard, and landfills are in Simi Valley and near Santa Paula, although the latter accepts discards from only nearby residents.

Another way to discard bulky items is to call your refuse collector for special curbside collection. In some areas of the county, residents are allowed free collection of a limited number of items per year, while in other areas, the cost is about \$20 per item collected at curbside.

Many communities host bin/box-based drop-off events. Also, free drop-off at the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center is available at least once per year for the three east county cities (and surrounding unincorporated area).