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THE VALUE IN REPAIRING SMALL APPLIANCES AND OTHER ITEMS

In the not too distant past, appliances and other items were repaired when they broke. Unfortunately, it has now become common place to “throw away” appliances needing repair and buy a new appliance. Tossed in the dustbin of history are the television repairman, the cobbler, and others, whose services no longer have a need in this throw-away culture. Plenty of still-usable items come in every day to the landfill, destined to be buried forever or sent off to recycling facilities that strip the useful components to make into more products. Everything from lawnmowers and bicycles, not to mention all the electronic devices, sit in piles waiting to be shipped off someplace else so that they can be processed into new items.

This does not have to be the norm, and should not be either. For example, at the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill, bicycles in good condition are sent to the Tehama County Probation Department to be repaired and given a new home with a local resident or their child. Textiles, such as clothing and shoes in good condition, are being sent to thrift stores to help local non-profits provide clothing to those in need. Plenty of these items should never have gotten to the landfill in the first place, but a lack of knowledge on what can be repaired or not having these options available to residents is resulting in perfectly

good items ending up here. What options are available to local residents to repair their broken appliances, shoes, clothing, or electronics?

Several options are available if you know where to look. Below are a few local businesses that repair computers, small appliances, and lawn mowers. Please call the business first to find out if they can repair your broken items or refer you to another business.

- Golden Rule – Repairs lawn mowers, weed eaters, and chainsaws
796 Antelope Blvd. Red Bluff, (530) 526-8121
- Dunn’s Little Bit of Everything – Repairs vacuums, sewing machines, and computers
347 Walnut St. Red Bluff, (530) 529-5480
- XTreme PC Solutions – Repairs computers
345 Hickory St. Red Bluff, (530) 528-1688
- Sierra Sound – Repairs stereos, small electronics, and gaming systems
226 S. Main St. Red Bluff, (530) 527-3735

Don’t see a repair business here that meets your needs? Do some research yourself and share what you find. It may not seem like repairing one vacuum will have much of an effect in the overall consumption of natural resources and lifespan of our Landfill, but every bit makes a difference. While repairing instead of replacing items may bring in less revenue for the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill through reduced buried waste and tipping fees, the repairing of items provides benefits such as extending the life of our landfill and conserving resources. Diverting material from the landfill enables Tehama County to operate our landfill longer.

For more information on reuse and recycling programs in Tehama County, please visit www.tehamacountylandfill.com or call the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency at (530) 528-1103.