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**Community Update:
Tri-CED Buy Back Center**

“Your patience and courteousness is greatly appreciated,” that’s the message to the many people lining up daily at Tri-CED Community Recycling’s Buy Back Center in Union City. Due the recent closure of surrounding recycling centers, the redemption center at Western Avenue and Pacific Street is one of the few remaining places in the area that still pays for aluminum cans, plastic beverage bottles, glass bottles, and containers that are labeled with the CRV (California Redemption Value) symbol.

The Tri-CED Buy Back Center is open Tuesday thru Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:30pm. Lately, the center has been averaging more than 300 customers a day. Before the shutdown of other nearby recyclers, Tri-CED was serving about 150 visitors a day. Since 2013, more than half of the state’s nearly 2,600 recycling centers have closed, due in part to a sharp decrease in commodity prices for plastic, glass and aluminum and processing subsidies from the state of California that have failed to keep up with the raising costs of doing business.

Tri-CED’s redemption center is not immune to the economic challenges facing the recycling industry, but according to CalRecycle it’s one of only 16 buyback centers still operating in Alameda County, including the following:

**Tri-CED Buy Back
Recycling Center**
33377 Western Ave.
Union City, CA
(510) 471-3850

Fry’s Metals
1845 West Winton Avenue
Hayward, CA
(510) 276-4344

Aaron Metals Company
25101 Clawiter Road
Hayward, CA
(510) 732-1200

American Recycling
15292 Liberty Street
San Leandro, CA
(408) 515-9661

Alco Iron and Metal
2366 Davis Street
San Leandro
(510) 562-1107



Tips for redeeming cans and bottles at Tri-CED

Tri-CED appreciates your patience and understanding while visiting its Union City center and offers the following suggestions:

1. Expect to wait one hour in line
2. While in line, please do not block the driveways of neighboring businesses
3. Make sure your containers are whole and free of contaminants such as dirt, excessive liquid or other foreign substances.
4. Sort containers by material type
5. Sort glass by color
6. If you are being paid by weight, make sure the load contains only eligible CRV beverage containers.

In addition to operating the buyback center, Tri-CED Community Recycling is also Union City's longtime franchise recycling hauler and provides dependable and convenient weekly curbside collection of CRV and non-CRV cans, bottles, plastics, as well as paper and cardboard.

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