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The Cycle Recycle

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Bobbie and Tom Preston with the bike collection
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Again this year, Bobbie and Tom Preston will be doing the "Cycle Recycle", collecting repairable bikes for refurbishing by the inmates at Marsh Creek Detention Facility. The repaired bikes will be given at Christmas to under-privileged children throughout the county, through such community organizations as Cambridge Community Center and the Volunteer Center. Over the past 8 years, over 1450 bikes have been delivered to the Detention Facility for repair. Most needed are tricycles and junior bikes. Not only do the kids get the gift of a bike, the inmates learn the marketable skill of bicycle repair. The Prestons started doing the CYCLE RECYCLE over 12 years ago when they realized how many repairable bikes were curbside on "Big Garbage Day, waiting to take up space in landfill. Initially the bikes were donated to the Oakland Police Officers Outreach program; now they are donated locally to kids in need.

New and/or used, repairable bikes may be delivered to the side driveway of the Preston's home from now through the month of November only: 1307 Larch Avenue, Moraga. (No need to contact the Prestons before leaving a bike, unless you need more information). For more information call 376-8474.