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## **Simplified Recycling List for Merced County Programs**

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The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board recently approved an updated recycling list to reflect marketable recyclables in today's economy. The updated list affects residents within the Cities of Los Banos and Merced; and the unincorporated areas of Beachwood/Franklin, Delhi, Hilmar, Le Grand, McSwain, Planada, and Winton. It also affects residents who utilize the four, countywide recycling drop-off locations in Gustine (750 East Ave), Livingston (2238 Walnut Dr), Los Banos (Billy Wright Landfill, 17173 S. Billy Wright Rd) and Merced (HWY 59 Landfill, 6040 N. State Hwy 59).

The most noticeable change is for the recycling of plastics: only plastic bottles and jugs are acceptable; for example, empty detergent bottles, milk jugs, liquid soap bottles, and soda and/or water bottles.

The following materials belong in the RECYCLING container and are accepted at the countywide drop off locations:

- Empty, glass bottles and jars;
- Metal cans (aluminum cans and food cans) and clean, aluminum foil;
- Clean, dry paper and paper products (but not face tissue, napkins or paper towels);
- Flattened cardboard;
- Plastics bottles and jugs.

As a reminder, the following items belong in the GARBAGE container or need to be properly handled through another program:

- Electronics (recyclable through other programs; please visit [www.mercedrecycles.com](http://www.mercedrecycles.com) for a list of collection centers);
- Face tissue, paper towels/napkins;
- Plastics NOT in the form of a bottle or jug;
- Styrofoam;
- Mixed-material items, [such as paper milk cartons (paper with an interior plastic lining) and chip bags (a mixture of plastic and aluminum)];
- Plastic bags (which can be taken to grocery and large retail locations).
- Household Hazardous Waste such as batteries and fluorescent tubes (Contact Merced County Division of Environmental Health at 209-381-1100).

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Recycling containers contaminated with materials not listed under the new recycling list (such as the examples previously listed) will be left at the curb.

Go to [www.mercedrecycles.com](http://www.mercedrecycles.com) for more information or call (209) 723-3153 ext. 315.



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## **About Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority (MCRMWA)**

MCRWMA is an association of city and county governments, with members who meet to solve regional problems in solid waste and air quality. More information can be found at

[www.mcagov.org](http://www.mcagov.org), or by calling (209) 723-3153.