

What goes in here?

Not always sure about what goes into each of the residential, curbside containers?

This publication can guide you on what to put into your curbside containers and which materials to keep out, such as Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), and is provided by the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority.



For questions on billing or day of service, please contact your local solid waste services provider (a map of your local service providers is available on www.mercedrecycles.com/residents.html).

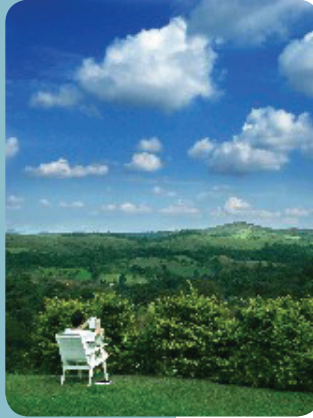
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MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

For questions or concerns, please contact either your local trash/recycling services provider or the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority at (209) 723-3153 ext. 315 or www.mercedrecycles.com.

When you choose...

...to divert your waste from the landfill by recycling and composting, you leave behind cleaner air and a healthier environment.



Also, when manufacturers use your recycled materials to make new products, they're choosing to use less energy by not importing resources or using virgin materials.

For example, turning your recycled aluminum cans into new cans saves

95% of the energy that is used to extract aluminum out of bauxite ore/the use of other natural resources during transportation.

For more information, please contact the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority*.

* The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority is a joint powers agreement between member jurisdictions (Cities of Atwater, Dos Palos, Livingston, Los Banos, Merced; and County of Merced).

If you would like to have recycling in your area, please contact your local city council or board of supervisors to inquire about services.

Which materials go into your Curbside Containers



Also:

- "Did you know?" Info.
- Household Hazardous Waste Info.

Note: Colors of curbside containers may vary. Please refer to the labels located on the lids.

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RECYCLE:



Paper

Any color, dry and free of any oils or food (metallic paper **not** accepted)

- Flatten cardboard
- Place shredded paper into a paper bag
- **No** face tissue, napkins, paper towels or plates

Plastic bottles & jugs

Emptied, lids and caps okay; **No Styrofoam**

- Beverage bottles/jugs
- Shampoo, conditioner and soap bottles

Metal cans & foil

- Aluminum cans and food cans (emptied)
- Clean aluminum foil

Glass Bottles & Jars

Any color, emptied/rinsed

- **No** cups, dishes or glass from mirrors/windows



Do NOT place waste, compost materials, or hazardous waste into the recycling container.

Did you know?

The items placed in your recycling container are sorted and recycled into new products.

Paper may become tissue. Plastic bottles may become carpet, fleece jackets or stuffing for sleeping bags. Aluminum may become a new soda can or baseball bat. Glass may become new containers, home décor or fiberglass.

COMPOST:

Brush

Flower and plant cuttings

Lawn clippings

Leaves

Prunings (please cut length to 4 feet or less and diameter to 4 inches or less)



Do NOT place oleander (contains toxins), palm fronds (fibrous), diseased plants or plastic bags into the green waste container.

Did you know?

The material in your green waste container is composted at the two regional landfills: Highway 59 Landfill in Merced and Billy Wright Landfill in Los Banos.

Compost may reduce erosion, increase water and nutrient retention, and offer weed control.

Compost material is available for purchase onsite at the Highway 59 Landfill (7040 N. HWY 59, Merced) or call the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority at 209-723-4481.

NOTE: Do NOT place Household Hazardous Waste materials (batteries, electronic devices, fluorescent lights, used motor oil, etc.) or medical waste into any of the containers.

Please see the insert containing Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) information.

WASTE:

Animal waste, bagged

Broken ceramic or dishes

Clothing and shoes
(donate or offer for sale if in good condition)

Cooking oil and grease
(placed in tightly sealed containers)

Diapers

Dirty, saturated paper

Food waste

Items of mixed materials, including chip bags and juice cartons

Plastics not in the form of a bottle or jug

Styrofoam



Do NOT place Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) inside the waste, compost, or recycling containers. Please see the HHW insert.

Did you know?

Waste will sit inside landfills because landfills lack the air needed for decomposition. Recycle or compost what you can before throwing items into the trash, which will sit in our local landfills. Garbologists, who study waste, are able to dig up intact items that have been preserved in landfills for decades.

- Colors of containers may vary, depending on household location. Please refer to the labels on the containers.
- Not all households in Merced County have compost and/or recycling containers. Please read the shaded portion on the back.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Household Hazardous Waste, or "HHW," is any leftover household product that contains corrosive, toxic, ignitable (flammable) or reactive ingredients. **Any product that contains one or more of these ingredients should NEVER be put into any of the curbside containers, down any drain, or on the ground.**

Examples of Household Hazardous Waste and other items that need to be disposed of properly:

Non-empty aerosol cans (recycle if empty)

Batteries

Brake fluid, coolant (antifreeze) and transmission fluid

Electronic waste (E-waste):

cell phones, calculators, computer monitors, computer towers and accessories, handheld electronics and games, printers, fax machines, telephones, televisions, and other electronics

Fertilizers

Medically-prescribed hypodermic needles or "Sharps"

Used motor oil and filters

Paint

Pesticides and fungicides

Plastic microwaves (metal ones can be recycled)

Universal waste (U-waste):

compact-fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), fluorescent tubes, mercury-container thermometers and other items that contain mercury

Please turn to the next side for places that accept HHW, E-waste and U-waste.

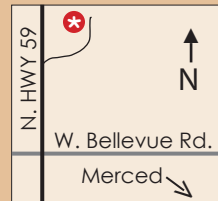
In case of emergency, please call Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222 or dial 9-1-1.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Where to take residential Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), electronic waste (E-waste), and universal waste (U-Waste) for FREE:

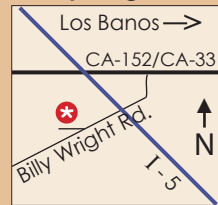
Merced County, Division of Environmental Health's Drop off Areas:

1. **Merced County HHW Facility** accepts E-waste and U-waste. (Other HHW is accepted during scheduled collection events.)



7040 N. State HWY 59,
Merced / 209-723-4481
Mon. - Fri.: 7 AM - 3:30 PM,
Sat.: 8 AM - 12 PM

2. **Billy Wright Landfill** accepts only: CFLs, E-waste fluorescent tubes, car/truck batteries, household batteries, and used motor oil/filters.



17173 S. Billy Wright Rd,
Los Banos / 209-826-1163
Mon. - Fri.: 8 AM - 3:30 PM,
Sat.: 8 AM - 12 PM

Not accepted:

Compressed gas cylinders, explosives, munitions, agricultural waste, medical waste, or radioactive materials.

For more information, please contact Merced County, Division of Environmental Health at 209-723-4753, 209-381-1100 or visit: www.mercedrecycles.com

Examples of items accepted at the Highway 59 Landfill (209-723-4481) and the Billy Wright Landfill (209-826-1163) - prices vary

Concrete

Large appliances

Mattresses/box springs

Tires

For information on landfill rates, hours and items accepted, please visit the County of Merced's website at www.co.merced.ca.us or MCAG's www.mercedrecycles.com/landfill.html