



## For Immediate Release

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### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Oil Filter Exchange Program** *HHW Event in Merced, Weekend Oil Filter Exchange Events Countywide*

**Merced, Calif.**, – The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority (Authority) is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event at the Highway 59 Landfill on Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, for residents and Conditionally-Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG). The HHW facility is located at the Highway 59 Landfill, 7040 N. Highway 59, Merced.

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is any leftover household product that contains ingredients that are “corrosive, reactive, ignitable, flammable and/or toxic.” Examples of HHW include: Ammonia-based cleaners, non-empty aerosol cans (empty cans may be placed into a curbside recycling can), fluorescent tubes, automotive and household batteries, paint, pool chemicals, solvents, and used motor oil (in containers no larger than 5 gallons in size).

Before bringing items out to the facility, please call Clean Harbors at 916-296-7478 to identify the amount and type of HHW that will be dropped off at the facility. Please note that under State of California transportation regulations, there are quantity limitations on how much HHW can be transported. There is no cost for residents within Merced County, but quantity limitations apply. Fees apply for CESQGs.

In addition, the Authority is pleased to once again offer free oil filter exchange events throughout Merced County. On any Saturday or Sunday in July, residents can take a used oil filter to any AutoZone or O’Reilly Auto Parts Store within Merced County and receive a new filter for free. The oil filter exchange program is grant-funded by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery and is held to promote the recycling of used oil filters and motor oil. For more information about either event, please visit [www.mcrwma.org](http://www.mcrwma.org) or call the RWA at (209) 723-4481 ext. 224.

The Merced County Regional Waste Authority is comprised of city and county governments, with members who meet to discuss and solve regional issues concerning solid waste. Members include one elected representative from each of the six cities and one elected official from each of the county’s five districts. More information can be found at [www.mcrwma.org](http://www.mcrwma.org) or by calling (209) 723-4481.

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