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TWO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

One event in Los Banos, one event outside of Merced

Merced – The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority (Authority) is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event in conjunction with the City of Los Banos Spring Cleanup this Saturday, September 23, from 7 AM – 2 PM. HHW collection will be located at 403 F Street, Los Banos. Please note, the trash cleanup is for City of Los Banos residents only, but the Household Hazardous Waste event is open to all Merced County residents and Conditionally-Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQGs).

A second Household Hazardous Waste will be held on Saturday, October 21, from 8 AM – 12 PM for Merced County residents and Conditionally-Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG). This event will be held at the Highway 59 Landfill HHW Facility, 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, 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 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.

For more information, please visit www.mercedrecycles.com/hhw.html or call Regional Waste Authority at (209) 723-4481 ext. 24.

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.mcagov.org or by calling (209) 723-4481, ext. 224.