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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Free for Merced County residents

Merced – The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event on Saturday, April 13, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Highway 59 Landfill HHW Facility, 7040 N. Highway 59, Merced.

HHW is any household product that contains ingredients that are corrosive, reactive, flammable, and/or toxic. Some examples of HHW are ammonia-based cleaners, fluorescent tubes, car batteries, paint, and used motor oil. Items commonly found in homes that cannot be brought to the landfill at any other time except HHW collection days include wet chlorine tablets, full or partially full aerosol containers, and lithium-ion batteries that have started to bulge or become hot. This kind of battery is found inside rechargeable devices such as cordless tools, mobile phones, laptops, cameras, and children's shoes, and should be brought to the landfill for disposal in the item it is powering.

The Regional Waste Authority partners with Clean Harbors to conduct quarterly HHW collection in Merced County. Before bringing items to the landfill, customers should call Clean Harbors at 916-396-1505 to identify the amount and type of HHW that will be dropped off. 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 of Merced County to dispose of their HHW waste at this collection event, but quantity limitations apply. Disposal fees do apply for businesses considered Conditionally-Exempt Small Quantity Generators by the U.S. EPA.

For more information on types of HHW or what quantities will be accepted at the landfill, please visit www.mcrwma.org/31/Household-Hazardous-Waste or call the Regional Waste Authority at (209) 723-4481 x 7.

The Merced County Association of Governments is the organization responsible for administering the Merced County Regional Waste Authority. The Regional Waste Authority operates two regional landfills, one in Merced on North Highway 59 and the Billy Wright landfill in Los Banos. For more information, visit www.mcagov.org or the Regional Waste Authority page on Facebook.

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Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) 2019 Collection Events

Location: Highway 59 Landfill's HHW Facility , 7040 N. Hwy 59, Merced 95348
Saturdays: **JANUARY 19 | APRIL 13 | JULY 20 | October 19**
Event Time: **8 A.M. - 12 P.M.**

*The RWA hosts and funds these events.
Clean Harbors is the HHW services contractor.*



CONTACT: Clean Harbors
916-396-1505
roa.renea@cleanharbors.com

Let us know which materials
you're bringing to the event.

Household Hazardous Waste will be accepted from both residents and Conditionally Exempt Small-Quantity Generators (CESQG's). See below for more information.

| | RESIDENTS | CESQG's |
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| Cost | \$0 <i>(Limitations apply. Please see below.)</i> | Fees vary by material types and quantity (\$0 mobilization fee). Please e-mail: duque.carlos@cleanharbors.com |
| Limitations | Liquids: 15 gal. <i>(in containers ≤5 gal)</i> Solids: 125 lbs | Liquids: 27 gal. <i>(in containers ≤5gal.)</i> Solids: 220 lbs. |



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www.MCRWMA.org/31/household-hazardous-waste

Examples of Household Hazardous Waste

GARAGE

Antifreeze • Motor oil • Oil filters
Brake fluid • Grease • Batteries
Fluorescent lamps and tubes
Mercury-containing items
Paint • Solvents • Wood preservatives
Paint Remover • Photographic Chemicals

HOUSE

Ammonia-based cleaners • Batteries
Aerosol cans • Drain cleaners
Fluorescent lamps/tubes • CFLs (twisty-lights)
Deodorizers • Oven cleaners • Spot removers
Bait/poison for rodents • Moth balls

GARDEN/OUTDOORS

Insect spray • Pesticides • Fertilizers
Weed killers • Herbicides • Pool chemicals
Bait/poison for rodents

NOT ACCEPTED at HHW Collection Events:

Medical waste • Radioactive material • Large, compressed gas cylinders
Agricultural waste • Explosives • Munitions • Waste from large-quantity generators