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#### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority is reminding residents to take care when disposing of charcoal and other fire-related byproducts to avoid fires and protect the safety of waste haulers, landfill operators and the public.

Coals can remain undetected and hot enough to start a fire for several days and can cause fires in home trash cans, trash trucks and at landfills. By soaking coals in water before disposing you can reduce the risk of fire and help keep our community and its residents safe.

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