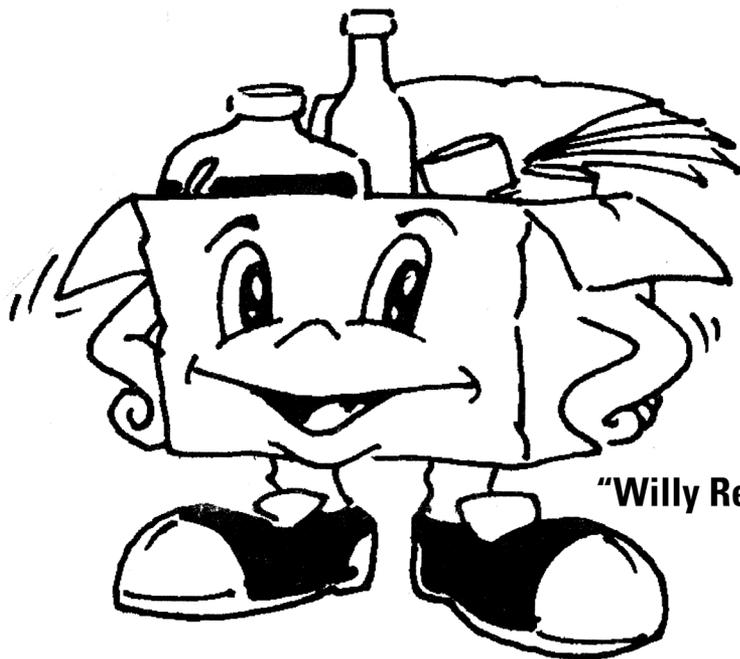


citizen's guide to

RECYCLING



in Stanislaus County



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STANISLAUS COUNTY

Department of Environmental Resources



3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Modesto

(209) 525-6700



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Phone Resources and Web Sites

GARBAGE COMPANY NUMBERS

Bertolotti Disposal	537-8000
Transfer Station	537-4147
231 Flamingo Dr., Ceres. Mon-Sat 8-4, closed Sunday.	
Curbside Recycling	537-4147
Westside Customers	1-800-221-1257
Gilton Solid Waste Office: 1722 Mono Dr., Modesto	527-3781
Transfer Station	527-3781
800 S. McClure, Modesto. Mon-Fri, 7:30-4:30, Sat. & Sun 7-4:30	
Modesto Disposal/Waste Management	1-800-283-1582
Turlock Scavenger Office: 1200 S. Walnut Rd., Turlock	668-7274
Turlock Recycling 1020 S. Walnut Rd., Turlock	668-6060
Turlock Transfer Station	668-6049
1010 S. Walnut Rd., Turlock. Mon-Fri 8-5, Sat 8-1, closed Sunday	

ADDITIONAL RECYCLING INFORMATION IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Stanislaus County, Dept. of Environmental Resources -	
www.co.stanislaus.ca.us	525-6700
California Integrated Waste Management Board -	
www.ciwmb.ca.gov	(916) 341-6300
California Integrated Waste Management Board -UsedOil -	
www.ciwmb.ca.gov/HHW	1-800-CLEANUP
California Redemption Centers - www.consrv.ca.gov	1-800-RECYCLE
Ceres Public Works - www.ci.ceres.ca.us	538-5789
Fink Road Landfill	837-4800
Hughson City Hall - www.hughson.org	883-4054
Modesto Disposal / Waste Management	1-800-283-1582
Newman City Hall - www.cityofnewman.com	862-3725
Newman Curbside Collection	862-3725
Oakdale City Hall - www.ci.oakdale.ca.us	847-3031
Patterson City Hall - www.ci.patterson.ca.us	892-8000
Riverbank City Hall - www.riverbank.org	869-7101
Stanislaus County Solid Waste Management -	
www.co.stanislaus.ca.us	525-6700
Turlock City Recycling Speaker - www.ci.turlock.ca.us	668-5590
Waterford City Hall - www.cityofwaterford.org	874-2328

FOR INFORMATION ON HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

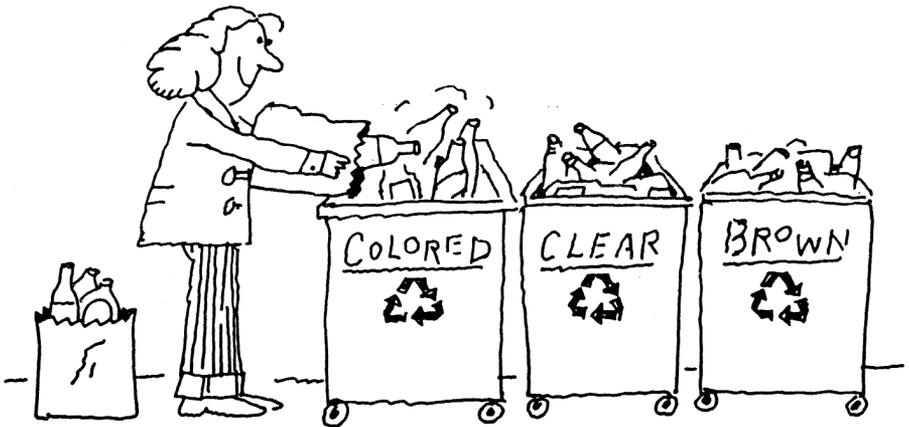
24 Hour Hotline	525-4123
Hazardous Materials	525-6700

FOR LOCAL INFORMATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Stanislaus County Office of Education - www.creec.org/region6B	525-6604
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Introduction

Under the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939), jurisdictions in California were required to divert at least 50 percent of their waste from landfills by the end of 2000. In 2003 the California Integrated Waste Management Board certified Stanislaus County's Waste diversion rate as 60 percent.

Without the cooperation and participation of the community, Stanislaus County could not have met the AB 939 mandate. Although attaining a diversion rate of 60 percent is impressive, much more can be done. Therefore, we will continue working with the community to expand our existing programs and to add new programs wherever possible.

In order to maintain and increase the County's diversion rate, residents need to continue to reduce, reuse and recycle at home, at work, at recreational facilities, and when they are remodeling. By using this Recycling Guide, you will find useful information and resources to help you learn how to prevent the creation of waste, reduce the amount of waste that you do create, and reuse or recycle products and materials that you have used.

If you have any questions or suggestions for improving the Recycling Guide, or if your business or organization would like to be included in future editions, please contact the Department of Environmental Resources, Solid Waste Division at (209) 525-6700.

Citizens Three R's of Waste Management

Let's talk about **REDUCE** first. Another term for reduce is source reduction. Essentially this means we stop creating garbage before it happens. Just how do we do this? Source reduction often involves making changes in the way we do things. For example, buying the largest package of a product saves packaging and reduces waste. Taking our own shopping bags along when we go shopping is another way to reduce waste. Another example is using a mulching mower. With a mulching mower you leave the clippings on the lawn. You save bags, time, and money!

Next is **REUSE**. We reuse when we take a useful item and use it again in the same or different ways. For instance, if our kids outgrow good clothing and we sell it at a garage sale, give it to their cousins, or donate them to charity, we are reusing those items. We also reuse when we buy products that can be used more than once rather than the single use alternative. For example, use a lunch box with plastic containers and thermos, rather than brown bags, baggies and boxed or canned drinks. Buy cloth diapers rather than disposable or subscribe to a diaper service. Use cloth towels and napkins rather than paper ones.

The third R is **RECYCLE**. Recycling uses old materials to manufacture new products. Recycling has had a lot of publicity and is probably the best known of the 3 R's. We can participate in recycling through setting materials out at curbside if we have a program; bringing materials to a recycling center for cash or drop off; or donating the materials to groups that collect them.



Curbside Recycling Programs

in Stanislaus County

- Ceres** Place the following recyclables co-mingled into blue recycling cart: California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and containers numbered 1-7 (please remove lids), aluminum and tin cans, paper, newspaper, magazines, telephone books, cardboard, chipboard (cereal boxes) and brown paper bags. Place used oil in a clean plastic container with a screw-on lid and bagged oil filters next to recycling. Recycling is collected every other week.
- Hughson** Place the following recyclables co-mingled into blue recycling cart: California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers, glass bottles and jars, plastic soda bottles and milk jugs (please remove lids), tin and aluminum cans, newspaper, magazines, and cardboard. Place used oil in a clean plastic container with a screw-on lid and place next to recycling. Recycling is picked up every other week.
- Modesto** Place the following recyclables co-mingled in secure blue plastic bags in your trash cart: California Redemption Value (CRV) containers, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles with a neck numbers 1-7 (please remove lids), aluminum and tin cans, white paper, newspaper, magazines, cardboard, chipboard, and brown paper bags. Waste oil is collected by appointment. To schedule a used oil pick up, please call your garbage company.
- Newman** Place the following recyclables co-mingled into black recycling cart: California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and containers numbered 1-7 (please remove lids), aluminum and tin cans, paper, newspaper, magazines, cardboard, chipboard (cereal boxes) and brown paper bags. Place the black recycling bin in alley if available, or curbside. Place used oil in a clean plastic container with a screw-on lid next to recycling. Recycling is collected every other week.

Curbside Recycling Programs

in Stanislaus County

- Oakdale** Place the following recyclables co-mingled into recycling cart: California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and containers numbered 1-7 (please remove lids), aluminum and tin cans, white paper, newspaper, magazines, telephone books, cardboard, chipboard (cereal boxes), brown paper bags, used clothing, metal hangers, aluminum foil and pans. Place used oil in a clean container with a screw on lid and place next to recycling. Recycling is collected every other week.
- Patterson** Place the following recyclables co-mingled into blue recycling cart: California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and containers numbered 1-7 (please remove lids), aluminum and tin cans, paper, newspaper, magazines, telephone books, cardboard, chipboard (cereal boxes) and brown paper bags. Recycling is collected every week.
- Riverbank** Place all yardwaste, paper and cardboard in greenwaste cart. All other recyclables should go into the garbage can or taken to a recycling center. The greenwaste cart is picked up curbside every week.
- Turlock** Place the following recyclables co-mingled into blue recycling cart: California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and containers numbered 1-7 (please remove lids), aluminum and tin cans, white paper, newspaper, magazines, cardboard chipboard, brown paper bags, metal hangers, aluminum foil and pans, and plastic grocery bags. Place used oil in a clean plastic container with a screw-on lid and place next to recycling. Recycling is picked up every week.

Curbside Recycling Programs

in Stanislaus County

Waterford

Place the following items into separate buckets: California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers, glass bottles and jars, plastic soda bottles and milk jugs (please remove lids), aluminum and tin cans, newspaper, magazines, and cardboard. Place used oil in a clean plastic container with a screw-on lid next to recycling. Recycling is collected every week.

County

Recycling is available to County residents who reside in proximity to incorporated cities. Please call your garbage company to see if a recycling program is available in your area. Your garbage company will provide you with recycling buckets upon request.

Place the following items in recycling buckets and place at the curb on your garbage collection day: California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers, glass bottles and jars, plastic soda bottles and milk jugs (please remove lids), tin and aluminum cans, and newspaper. Place used oil in a clean plastic container with a screw-on lid and place next to recycling.

**For Specific Details,
Call Your Garbage Company**

Bertolotti Disposal537-4147
Gilton Solid Waste527-3781
Modesto Disposal/Waste Mgmt	..1-800-283-1582
Turlock Scavenger668-7274

***SEE INSIDE FRONT COVER FOR THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS
FOR THE ABOVE CITIES AND THE COUNTY**

Recycling Centers -Beverage Containers

California Redemption Value (CRV) BUYBACK CENTERS FOR BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

Aluminum, glass or plastic

CALL 1-800-RECYCLE

Or go to www.bottlesandcans.com

CRV is 5¢ on containers less than 24 ounces,

10¢ on containers 24 ounces or more.

Large quantities of CRV containers are reimbursed by weight.

Ceres/Hughson/Keyes

Ceres Recycling, 3940 Moffett Road 541-0711
TOMRA Pacific (call for locations & hours)

www.replanetusa.com 1-877-REPLANET

Avila Recycling/Sequoia Market, 2000 Central Avenue 537-2761

Avila Recycling/Keyes Supermarket, 5471 7th St. 667-0800

Modesto

20/20 Recycling (Call for locations and hours) 1-800-883-2274

Central Valley Recycling, 524 South 9th Street 544-1578

A&S Metals, 1616 Angelo Way 537-4766

Modesto Junk, 1421 9th Street 522-1435

Nexcycle (call for locations & hours)

www.nexcyclecalifornia.com 1-800-969-2020

TOMRA Pacific (call for locations & hours)

www.replanetusa.com 1-877-REPLANET

La Perla Tapatia, 2031 Crows Landing Rd. 669-2932

Oakdale

Oakdale Recycling, 1477 S. Yosemite Avenue 847-8401

20/20 Recycling (Call for locations and hours) 1-800-883-2274

TOMRA Pacific (call for locations and hours)

www.replanetusa.com 1-877-REPLANET

Nexcycle (call for locations and hours)

www.nexcyclecalifornia.com 1-800-969-2020

J L Recycling, 1005 East F St. 459-0814

Recycling Centers -Beverage Containers

Riverbank

- 20/20 Recycling (Call for locations and hours) 1-800-883-2274
TOMRA Pacific (call for locations and hours)
www.replanet.com 1-877-REPLANET
Nexcycle (call for locations and hours)
www.nexcyclecalifornia.com 1-800-969-2020

Turlock

- Turlock Recycling, 1020 South Walnut Street 668-6060
20/20 Recycling (Call for locations and hours) 1-800-883-2274
Central Valley Recycling, 420 C Street 632-4847
Nexcycle (call for locations and hours)
www.nexcyclecalifornia.com 1-800-969-2020
La Perla Tapatia, 954 W. Main St 669-2500

Waterford

- 20/20 Recycling (Call for locations and hours) 1-800-883-2274
TOMRA Pacific (call for locations and hours)
www.replanetusa.com 1-877-REPLANET
American Metals and Recycling Center, 220 G St 541-1879

Newman/Patterson/Westley/Crows Landing

- Nexcycle (call for locations & hours)
www.nexcyclecalifornia.com 1-800-969-2020
Mid Valley Recycling, 107 S. 2nd St., Patterson 559-706-7351
Las Palmas Market, 108 D St., Westley 837-4670
Las Palmas Market, 21813 Hwy. 33, Crows Landing 837-4670

Recycling Centers

Please call for hours of operation

Glass - Buy back or drop-off

Oakdale Recycling, 1477 South Yosemite Avenue, Oakdale	847-8401
Central Valley Recycling, 424 South 9th Street, Modesto	544-1578
Ceres Recycling, 3940 Moffett Road, Ceres	541-0711
Turlock Recycling, 1020 South Walnut Avenue, Turlock	668-6060
Patterson Drop-Off – City Corporation Yard 420 South 4th & B Street, Patterson	892-8000
Central Valley Recycling, 420 'C' Street, Turlock	632-4847

Plastics - Buy back or drop-off

Oakdale Recycling, 1477 South Yosemite Avenue, Oakdale	847-8401
Patterson Drop-Off (soda bottles, water bottles and milk jugs only) 420 South 4th & B Street, Patterson	892-8000
Turlock Recycling, 1020 South Walnut Avenue, Turlock	668-6060
Ceres Recycling, 3940 Moffett Road, Ceres	541-0711
Central Valley Recycling, 424 South 9th Street, Modesto	544-1578
Central Valley Recycling, 420 'C' Street, Turlock	632-4847

PolyMill, 2200 Crows Landing Rd., Ste. E. 415-531-1971,
510-798-5889 or email mbpoly@msn.com for pricing.
Recycles polyethylene and other scrap plastics (no PET or PVC).
Accepting plastic buckets, drums, pallets, dairy & soda crates,
irrigation tube, stretch wrap, hose and pipe.

***Call for types of plastics accepted.
Remove lids from containers.**

Paper – Buy back or drop-off

Includes white paper, computer paper, cardboard, magazines & newspaper. Please call to find out which materials are being accepted.

Bonzi Recycling, 2070 Morgan Road, Modesto	537-4410
Oakdale Recycling, 1477 South Yosemite Avenue, Oakdale	847-8401
Turlock Recycling, 1020 South Walnut Avenue, Turlock	668-6060
Patterson Drop-Off (newspaper and cardboard) 420 South 4 th & B Street, Patterson	892-8000

Recycling Centers

A&S Metals (cardboard only) 1616 Angelo Way, Modesto . . .537-4766

Please call for hours of operation

Ferrous Metals— Buy back or drop-off

Steel and Iron

A&S Metals, 1616 Angelo Way, Modesto537-4766

Modesto Junk, 1421 Ninth Street, Modesto522-1435

Jim Newall's Iron and Metal, 228 Empire Ave, Modesto402-8420

TIN:

Turlock Recycling, 1020 South Walnut Avenue, Turlock668-6060

Oakdale Recycling, 1477 South Yosemite Avenue, Oakdale847-8401

The Tin Yard, 623 Kansas Avenue, Modesto524-6456

Non-Ferrous Metals— Buy back or drop-off

Does not contain iron: Brass, Copper, Aluminum, Stainless Steel

A&S Metals, 1616 Angelo Way, Modesto537-4766

Ceres Recycling, 3940 Moffett Road, Ceres541-0711

Turlock Recycling, 1020 South Walnut Avenue, Turlock668-6060

Modesto Junk, 1421 Ninth Street, Modesto522-1435

Central Valley Recycling, 524 Ninth Street, Modesto544-1578

Oakdale Recycling, 1477 South Yosemite Avenue, Oakdale847-8401

Central Valley Recycling, 420 C Street, Turlock632-4847

Jim Newall's Iron and Metal, 228 Empire Ave, Modesto402-8420



Recycling Household Hazardous Waste

What is it?

Household Hazardous Waste is a name given to a host of chemical and other common household products, which should not go into your garbage can or down the drain. Household Hazardous Waste includes paints, pesticides, nail polish remover, cleaning products, batteries and other automotive products. Not sure if it's hazardous waste, call 525-6700 to check or go to www.co.stanislaus.ca.us/er/projhhw.htm.

How do I get rid of all this hazardous stuff when I am through with it?

Use it up if you can, then throw the empty, dry container in with your regular garbage. Give it away if you can't use it. Still stumped? Call the Household Hazardous Waste hotline, 525-4123, to find out the current dates, hours and locations of free Household Hazardous Waste drop-off events in Hughson, Newman, Turlock, Oakdale, Riverbank, Patterson and Waterford.

IN ADDITION: The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located at 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto accepts hazardous waste for FREE. Hours of operation are Friday and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, closed major holidays.

****Use the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility —it's FREE! ****

Stanislaus County also operates a **FREE Reuse Facility**. Useable household products collected at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility are given away for free. Free products include paints, cleaners, garden products, pool chemicals and much more. The Reuse Facility is open on the third Friday of each month from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. It's best to arrive early before all the useable products are gone. The Reuse Facility is located at 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto. For additional information, please call 525-6700.

Recycling Electronics

Universal Waste & E-Waste

What is Universal Waste?

Universal Wastes are common household items that have reached the end of their useful lives and are generated by people every day. These products pose a lower risk to people and the environment but are still considered hazardous waste.

Universal Waste cannot be discarded with household trash as they contain hazardous substances like lead and mercury. Instead, these items should be taken to a facility that can properly dispose or recycle them. Examples of Universal Waste includes batteries, fluorescent tubes, thermostats, and non-empty aerosol cans.

PLEASE! DO NOT THROW BATTERIES, FLOURESCENT TUBES, THERMOSTATS OR NON-EMPTY AEROSAL CANS IN THE GARBAGE WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD TRASH!

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located at 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto accepts Universal Waste for FREE!!

The following items are considered Universal Waste and are required to be disposed of properly or recycled:

Examples of Universal Waste:

- Common household batteries: AA, AAA, C cells, D cells, and button batteries. These batteries contain toxic heavy metals such as cadmium, as well as corrosive chemicals.
- Fluorescent lamps and tubes. Broken lamps can release mercury into our air and water.
- Thermostats, thermometers, greeting cards that play music, and shoes with lighted soles contain mercury.
- Pilot light sensors, electric switches, barometers, blood pressure devices, stoves, ovens, water heaters, space heaters, clothes dryers, and furnaces can contain mercury or mercury switches.
- Aerosol cans: Flammable propellants such as butane can remain in aerosol cans if not completely empty. If a can is marked “toxic” or “flammable” it should not go into the garbage can unless it is completely empty.

Universal Waste & E-Waste (cont'd)

What is E-Waste?

Electronic waste or E-Waste includes computers, entertainment electronics, mobile phones and other items that have been discarded by their original users. How to manage E-Waste is a growing concern for good reason:

- In the next three years, individuals and organizations worldwide will replace more than 400 million computers
- The average cell phone in the U.S. is replaced after just 18 months.
- More than 75 percent of all computers ever sold remain stockpiled in our closets, garages, office storage rooms and warehouses.

Improper disposal of E-Waste is a concern largely due to the toxicity of some of the substances that can include lead, mercury, cadmium and a number of other chemicals. Unless properly recycled, these chemicals could make their way into our soil, water and air.

PLEASE! DO NOT BREAK GLASS SCREENS OR DISPOSE OF TV'S, COMPUTER MONITORS, LAPTOPS, AND LCD'S IN THE GARBAGE WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD TRASH!

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located at 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto accepts E-Waste for FREE!!

The following items are considered E-Waste and are required to be disposed of properly or recycled:

- Computer monitors, TV's, cell phones, pagers, printers, computer bodies (CPU's and processors), DVD players, VCR's, cordless and regular phones, radios, and microwave ovens contain lead, cadmium, chromium, and copper.



How to Properly Recycle and Dispose of Universal Waste and E-Waste

- The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located at 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto accepts Universal Waste and E-Waste for **FREE!** Hours of operation are Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, closed major holidays.
- Still stumped? Call the Household Hazardous Waste hotline, 525-4123, to find out the current dates, hours and locations of free drop-off events in Hughson, Newman, Turlock, Oakdale, Riverbank, Patterson and Waterford.

Other Options for Recycling and Reuse

Computers:

- Goodwill Industries of the San Joaquin, is a state-certified collector of electronics. Goodwill donation sites accepts the following E-Waste: computers, monitors, computer processors, TV's, DVD players, VCR's, cell phones, LCD's, fax machines, printers, and stereo's. For large quantity donations, please call for an appointment.
2500 McHenry Ave., Modesto. 522-1576
601 N. Golden State Blvd., Turlock 669-6535
- Check with these manufacturers on their reuse, recycling and donation policy's and programs:
Dell – www.dell.com
IBM – www.ibm.com
Hewlett Packard – www.hp.com
Gateway – www.gateway.com
Epson – www.epson.com/recycle
Apple iPod – return to Apple's retail store for recycling and receive a 10% discount on purchase of new iPod, www.apple.com

If a computer is less than 5 years old, someone else can put it to good use. For privacy reasons, be sure to erase as much information as you can from the computer's hard drive before donating. There are free program downloads that will assist you. To download disc cleaning software go to www.techsoup.org or www.shareware.com.

Other Options for Recycling and Reuse (cont'd)

Cell Phones:

- Check with your local schools to see if they are collecting cell phones as a fundraiser.
- Best Buy offers postage paid envelopes to allow customers who buy cell phones to mail their old phones to a recycler free of charge. In addition, \$1 will be donated to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America for each phone collected through the program.
- When purchasing a new cell phone turn your old phone into the store for recycling. Most stores also recycle the cell phone batteries too!
- To recycle cell phones go to: www.call2recycle.org or call 1-877-2-RECYCLE to find a participating retailer for drop off.

Household Batteries:

- Radio Shack stores in Stanislaus County collect household batteries at their locations. Please call for hours of operation.
- Staples The Office Superstore also collects household batteries at their stores within the County. Please call for hours of operation and for a listing of other materials accepted.
- Several Longs Drugs stores within the County collect household batteries for recycling. Please call ahead to assure program participation.

Rechargeable Batteries:

- Kragen Auto Parts and Rite Aid Corporation have partnered with the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corp. and are collecting spent rechargeable batteries at their retail locations.
- Radio Shack stores in Stanislaus County collect rechargeable batteries at their locations. Please call for hours of operation.
- Staples The Office Superstore also collect rechargeable batteries at their stores within the County. Please call for hours of operation and for a listing of other materials accepted.
- To recycle rechargeable batteries go to: www.call2recycle.org or call 1-877-2-RECYCLE to find a participating retailer for drop off.

Other Options for Recycling and Reuse (cont'd)

Fluorescent Tubes:

List of fluorescent tube recyclers: www.lamprecycle.org.

Local and national recyclers: <http://california.earth911.org>

Locations Accepting Electronic Products for a Fee:

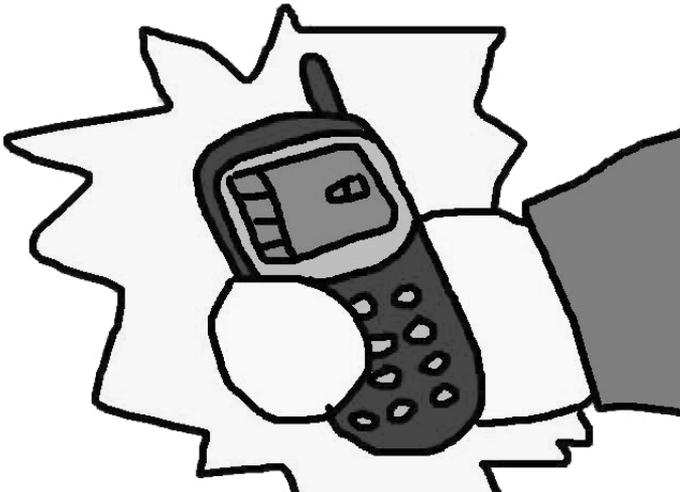
Bertolotti Transfer Station, 231 Flamingo Dr., Modesto.....537-6911

Gilton Resource Recovery/Transfer Station527-3781

800 S. McClure Rd., Modesto

Fink Road Sanitary Landfill 4000 Fink Rd., Crows Landing....837-4800

Turlock Transfer Station 1020 Walnut St., Turlock668-6049



More Recycling and Reuse Resources for Universal Waste and E-Waste

- For a comprehensive list of local recyclers go to <http://california.earth911.org>
- Additional local recycling programs can be found on the web at www.nrc-recycle.org.
- For a database of companies that collect, reuse and recycle Universal Waste and E-Waste see www.ciwmb.ca.gov/electronics/collection.
- Additional donation locations: www.techsoup.org.
- Electronic recycling and reuse information: www.electronicrecycling.org.
- For additional information on responsible reuse, recycling and environmental friendly choices regarding E-Waste go to www.ebay.com/rethink. This site provides information; tools and easy solutions to find new uses for idle computers and electronics and responsibly recycle unwanted products. The site also provides tools to erase and migrate data from computers and cell phones before donating.

Cell Phone Recycling That Makes A Difference!

The Stanislaus County Area Agency on Aging has launched “In Touch Cell Phone Program”. The agency collects previously owned cell phones and chargers and gives them to senior citizens and permanently disabled persons who spend time away from their home phones and may need to contact emergency personnel. Any cell phone that is capable of retaining a charge can be used to contact 911, without being connected to service. The phones can only contact emergency personnel and cannot receive any other calls.

Cell phones and their chargers can be donated at the Area Agency on Aging, 121 Downey Avenue, Suite 102, Modesto, CA 95354, or at area Save Mart stores. Senior citizens can pick up a cell phone at the Agency between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call the Senior Information and Assistance telephone number, (800) 510-2020 for additional information.

Recycling Automotive Products

Used Oil

What is it?

Used oil is oil that has been used by the consumer and is now ready for recycling or disposal. An example is used crankcase oil from your car.

Why is used oil a problem?

Incorrectly disposing of used oil by pouring it down the drain, dumping on the ground or putting it in the trash, can lead to contamination of our drinking water. A single quart of motor oil, if disposed of improperly can contaminate up to 2,000,000 gallons of fresh water.

How do I safely dispose of used oil?

First, call your garbage company to see if curbside used oil pick up is available in your area. If so:

- Place used oil in a container with a screw top lid
- Label container stating “used oil”
- Oil cannot be recycled if mixed or contaminated with any other substances such as antifreeze, water or any form of debris. Contaminated oil should be disposed of at the Household Hazardous Waste facility located at 1716 Morgan Rd. in Modesto
- Place used oil container near recycling cart or container on day of service.

Residents of Stanislaus County can also take used oil and filters to the Stanislaus County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility **FREE** of charge. The center also accepts other household chemicals from residents such as paints, oven cleaners, batteries, and pesticides for **FREE**.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is located at 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto. Open Fridays & Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm., closed major holidays. For more information, call 525-4123 or visit website: <http://www.co.stanislaus.ca.us/er/projhhw.htm>.

Recycling Automotive Products (Cont'd)

You may also recycle used oil by taking it to a Certified Collection Center near you. Locations accepting used oil in Stanislaus County:

A&B Truck Parts
959 S 9th St
Modesto, CA 95351
(209) 527-6971

AutoZone #5225
1500 E. Hatch Rd
Modesto, CA 95351
(209) 537-5481

Econo Lube N Tune
1641 N. Carpenter Road
Modesto, CA 95351
(530) 682-3513

Jiffy Lube #2539
1701 Yosemite Blvd
Modesto, CA 95354
(209) 575-1701

Kragen Auto Parts #1361
3544 McHenry Ave
Modesto, CA 95356
(209) 527-1480

Pep Boys #634
1340 McHenry Ave
Modesto, CA 95350
(209) 529-3310

Pro-10 Minute Oil Change
1135 Tully Rd
Modesto, CA 95350
(209) 527-7691

AutoZone #5700
1474 E "F" St
Oakdale, CA 95361
(209) 848-2470

AutoZone #3323
400 S 2nd St.
Patterson, CA 95363
(209) 892-4500

Kragen Auto Parts #4096
2542 Patterson Road Ste. A
Riverbank, CA 95367
(209) 869-0650

AutoZone #5701
1272 Geer Rd
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 669-8322

Kragen Auto Parts #4183
2200 W. Monte Vista
Turlock, CA 95382
(209) 634-1358

Curt's Auto & RV Repair
195 S Pasadena
Waterford, CA 95386
(209) 874-1835

All Tune and Lube
141 E Orangeburg Ave
Modesto, CA 95350
(209) 522-9677

AutoZone #5698
401-C Paradise Rd
Modesto, CA 95351
(559) 530-9231

Europa Motors
1616 Oakdale Rd Ste 4 & 5
Modesto, CA 95355
(209) 551-0277

Kragen Auto Parts #0225
816 Old Oakdale Rd
Modesto, CA 95355
(209) 527-3660

Kragen Auto Parts #1381
1623 N Carpenter Rd
Modesto, CA 95351
(209) 544-8092

Pick-N-Pull/Modesto #2
113 Beard Ave
Modesto, CA 95354
(209) 579-2277

Q-Lube (Quaker State - Jiffy Lube)
3927 McHenry Ave
Modesto, CA 95356
(209) 578-5823

Jiffy Lube #1479
146 N 6th Ave
Oakdale, CA 95361
(209) 847-1163

Fred Frias Union Services
226 N 2nd St.
Patterson, CA 95363
(209) 892-8992

10 Minute Lube 'N' Oil
1620 Countryside Ln
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 669-2704

Kragen Auto Parts #0323
693 N Goldenstate Blvd
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 632-2458

Smith Chevrolet Cadillac Inc.
1601 Auto Mall Drive
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 632-3946

AutoZone #2868
1901 Prescott Rd
Modesto, CA 95350
(209) 530-0294

AutoZone #5699
1032 Oakdale Rd
Modesto, CA 95355
(209) 523-3152

Firestone Store #3579
3230 Dale Rd
Modesto, CA 95356
(209) 522-9311

Kragen Auto Parts #1312
1354 E Hatch Rd
Modesto, CA 95351
(209) 537-4512

Kragen Auto Parts #4106
1234 McHenry Ave
Modesto, CA 95350
(209) 529-8913

Speedee Oil Change & Tune-Up
1343 Coffee Road
Modesto, CA 95355
(209) 521-1929

Kragen Auto Parts #1055
1190 E F St
Oakdale, CA 95361
(209) 848-0310

Patterson Auto Care
401 N 1st St.
Patterson, CA 95363
(209) 892-8473

10 Minute Lube N' Oil
437 N Golden State Blvd
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 632-0188

Kragen Auto Parts #1189
1601 Lander Ave
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 664-0195

Speedee Oil Change & Tune Up
2707 W. Monte Vista Avenue
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 664-1996

Recycling Automotive Products (Cont'd)

For updates on the collection centers near you call (800) CLEANUP or go to www.ciwmb.ca.gov/UsedOil

To report illegal dumping call, 1-800-69TOXIC

Used Oil Filters, Car Batteries, Anti-Freeze, Brake Fluid, Transmission Fluid

Used oil filters, anti-freeze, car batteries, brake fluid and transmission fluid can be disposed of for **FREE** at the Stanislaus County Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto.

Used Oil Filters: Drain oil filter for a few hours and then place in a ziplock bag to prevent leaking.

Car Batteries: Please transport car batteries in a strong cardboard box. Do not transport in bags or garbage cans. Line box with an open garbage bag to prevent leaks in case of accidental spillage. Please check for leaking battery acid. If the battery is leaking, place it in a five-gallon or greater plastic bucket for disposal.

Anti-Freeze: Secure in a container that has a screw top lid and label container. DO NOT mix with other automotive fluids.

Brake Fluid: Please do not mix brake fluid with anything else unless it is absolutely unavoidable and let the staff know if the brake fluid is mixed when you arrive.

Transmission Fluid: As with used oil and anti-freeze, secure fluid in a container that has a screw top lid and label container. DO NOT mix with other automotive fluids.

Recycling Automotive Products (Cont'd)

How to Dispose and Recycle Used Tires

The best way to dispose of and recycle used tires is to leave them at the tire dealer when purchasing new tires. This will eliminate having to dispose of them yourself.

If you do have used tires to dispose of, the following companies divert tires from the landfill for recycling and will accept them for a fee. Please call for costs, hours and any other specifics.

Fink Road Landfill, 4000 Fink Rd., Crows Landing	.837-4800
Bertolotti Disposal, 231 Flamingo Dr., Modesto	.537-8000
Gilton Transfer Station, 800 S. McClure Rd., Modesto	.527-3781
Turlock Scavenger, 1020 Walnut St., Turlock	.668-6049
Golden Byproducts, Inc., 13000 Newport Rd., Ballico	.668-4855

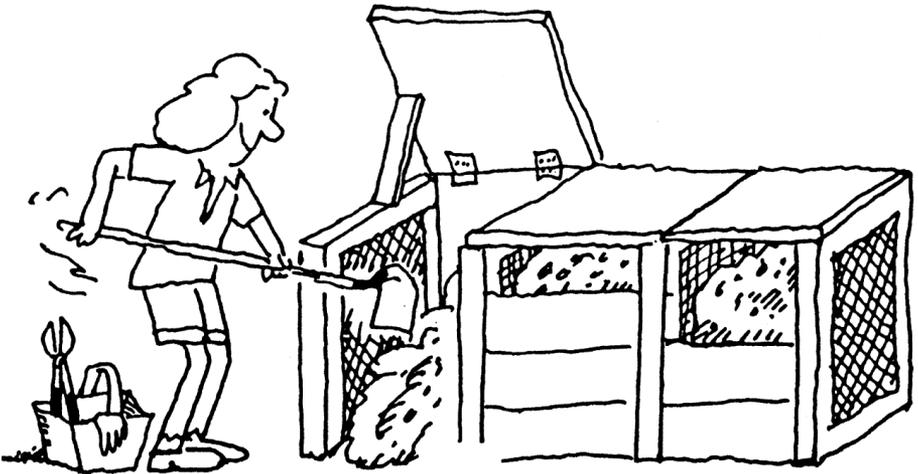
CAUTION: Please note that up to 9 tires can be transported by individuals without a Waste Hauler Permit. State law requires every person who transports 10 or more tires to hold a valid Waste Tire Hauler Registration. The law also requires compliance with the provisions of the Waste Tire Hauler Manifest System. In certain cases, the state does allow exemptions. See additional information and requirements on the California Integrated Waste Management Board website at www.ciwmb.ca.gov/tires/Haulers. The state does levy heavy fines to those who do not comply with the requirements.

Recycling Greenwaste - Home Coposting

Composting is a natural decomposition process that turns organic matter, like yard trimmings, grass and leaves, into rich garden humus. Compost can be used in potting soil, worked into your garden, or used as a top dressing on lawns or flowerbeds. Compost helps retain water in the soil, improves soil texture, and adds small amounts of nutrients to the soil. Composting is easy, and the benefits are free.

To compost, three ingredients are needed. Other “extras” can be added to increase the soil nutrients in the finished compost. Using the right ingredients produces the best results. However, the process is flexible, so experiment to find out what works best for you.

- Green (wet) material is the first essential ingredient. Greens provide fuel (including nitrogen) to help bacteria work. Grass clippings, weeds, and green trimmings are all part of the greens group.
- Brown (dry) material is the second essential ingredient. Leaves, chopped brush and woody trimmings, sawdust and straw are all important members of the brown group.



Water is the final ingredient. Your compost should be kept moist but not soggy, to produce a good compost.

Recycling Greenwaste - Home Composting (Cont'd)

Optional extras include many things from around the house: wood ashes from your fireplace, animal manures, vegetable trimmings from your kitchen, coffee grounds, and eggshells (don't use cat or dog droppings as these are not suitable for composting). Add as many or as few as these as you please.

Within a few days of forming the pile, the composting process will cause the pile to heat up internally (you can feel the heat if you dig into the pile.) Such heat kills organisms that can cause plant diseases.

You can either turn the pile weekly or wait until the pile starts to cool off inside before turning it. If you want to add kitchen wastes or other optional material, mix it in as you turn the pile. Kitchen wastes can be stored in a covered pail between turnings. By frequently turning the pile, your compost can be ready in several weeks. If you do not mind waiting longer, the pile can be left undisturbed except for adding water to keep the pile moist. Within several months, the pile will be ready to use.

For complete information please see Stanislaus County's home composting booklet on line at
www.co.stanislaus.ca.us/ER/pdf/Compost%20Guide.pdf

Reducing Junk Mail

Everyday, people receive unsolicited mail known as "junk mail." Your address is entered on a mailing list each time you make a donation, enter a contest, send in a subscription or warranty card, or buy something on credit or with a check.

Here's what you can do to reduce unwanted mail:

- Contact the sender of the mail and request they stop.
- Contact your existing creditors and request that they not distribute your name to other organizations.

Reducing Junk Mail

- If the junk mail envelope is stamped “address correction requested” or “return postage guaranteed,” it can be returned unopened by writing “refused, return to sender” on the envelope.
- Use the pre-addressed and pre-paid envelopes provided in the unsolicited mail and enclose a note to the advertiser informing them that you are not interested in receiving their mail and mail it to them.
- **Credit Offers.** Direct mail and credit companies generate mail based on demographics including zip code, income band and credit payment patterns. To stop credit offers, one call does it all for agencies Equifax, Trans Union, Experian and Innovis. Dial 1-888-5 OPT OUT (1-888-567-8688)
- **Catalogs.** Call the company’s 800 number and have the label handy.
- **AOL (America On-Line).** To stop receiving all those free discs call 1-800-605-4297 to get off the list. Tell them your first name is “current” and your last name is “resident.”
- **Local business & supermarket fliers.** Each loose-leaf bundle of fliers you receive each week in your mailbox, by postal regulations, must be delivered at the same time as an address card. Locate this address card. Call directory assistance to get the number of the sender and call to get off the list.
- **Too much junk to deal with individually.** Start by sending a postcard, letter or an on-line request to Direct Marketing Association’s Mail Preference Service, PO Box 643, Carmel NY 15012-0643. (212) 768-7277, www.dmaconsumers.org. Include your first, middle and last name, address, city, state, and zip code with the request to be added to the “do-not-mail” file. Your name remains on file for up to five years after which time you may register again. According to Direct Marketing Association, you will typically see the amount of junk mail you receive decline in approximately three months after registering and the amount you receive reduced 75%.

This site also provides assistance to the consumer in removing their names from telemarketing and e-mail lists.

In order to properly register, a \$1.00 registration fee payable by credit card (on-line registration) or money order (mail registration) is required.

Recycling Appliances

If your appliance, such as refrigerator, stove, or dryer, is in good working order, consider donating to charity or selling it at a garage sale. If your appliance is broken, you can recycle it. Appliances can be taken directly to the metal recyclers in Modesto.

A&S Metals, 1616 Angelo Way, Modesto. 537-4766
The Tin Yard, 623 Kansas Avenue, Modesto 527-6456

****Contact your garbage company to find out if there is a bulky item collection program that accepts appliances in your area****

Transfer Stations also take appliances for a fee:

Bertolotti Disposal, 231 Flamingo Drive, Modesto 537-8000
Gilton Resource Recovery, 800 S. McClure Ave., Modesto . . 527-3781
Turlock Scavenger, 1020 S. Walnut Avenue, Turlock 668-6049

Recycling Construction Waste

Please call for hours of operation

Concrete, Lumber, Sheetrock, Asphalt and Brush

Modesto Sand and Gravel, 6139 Hammett Road, Modesto . . 545-1325
Gilton Transfer Station, 800 S. McClure Road, Modesto 527-3781
Fink Road Landfill, 4000 Find Road, Crows Landing 837-4800
K & D Enterprises, 4107 Morgan Road, Ceres. 538-8492
Grover Environmental Products, 6131 Hammet Rd., 545-8874
UNKE, Inc., 9200 Claribel Rd., Oakdale 538-8492

Recycling Plastic Bags

Many retail outlets including grocery stores bag our purchases in plastic bags. What to do with them? There are a few curbside recycling programs that will accept them in the recycling cart. Check with your garbage company to see if yours does. Also, a couple of times throughout the school year, County elementary schools collect the plastic bags as a fundraising event. If storing the plastic bags while waiting for a fundraiser is becoming a problem, you can take the bags to one of the following retail outlets within the County to be reused and recycled.

Recycling Plastic Bags (Cont'd)

Currently, area Raley's Supermarkets, Save Mart Supermarkets, Wal-Mart and Albertson's Supermarket in Turlock, accept used plastic bags. Each of the retailer's request that the bags be "receipt free" and free of debris. Please contact one of the participating retailers above if you have any further questions or concerns.

Reusing those Packing Peanuts

There are a number of local businesses that will accept the foam plastic packing peanuts that protect our items during shipping. They certainly can be a mess to dispose of, so why not bag them up and take them to a nearby business to be reused?

Please call ahead for hours of operation.

- Aim Mail Center 571-1077
601 Oakdale Rd., Modesto
- Foam Fabricators 523-7002
301 9th St., Ste. B, Modesto
- Postal Connection. 577-0914
1700 McHenry Ave., Modesto
- Postal Annex. 545-2301
3900 Pelendale Ave., Modesto
- Roseburg Mail Center. 575-1112
819 W. Roseburg Ave., Modesto
- The UPS Store 522-1515
1801 H St., Modesto
- The UPS Store 521-8414
3848 McHenry Ave., Modesto
- The UPS Store 537-9040
2908 Whitmore Ave., Ste. H, Ceres
- The UPS Store 847-1247
1449 East F St., Oakdale

Special Recycling Programs

Bulky Waste Collection. Bulky Waste consists of those household items too large to fit inside a trash cart such as furniture, mattresses, appliances, and patio furniture. Many cities within Stanislaus County offer annual clean up day events where these items can be disposed of **FREE** of charge. Call your City to see if a clean up day is scheduled. In addition, some cities have curbside bulky item pick up. Call your garbage company to see if this service is available to you and if there are additional costs. The Oakdale Drop-Off is available to ALL County residents! See page 29 for all the information.

****Contact your garbage company to find out if there is a bulky item collection program in your area****

Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection Events. The cities of Turlock, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Riverbank, Hughson and Waterford have one or two hazardous waste mobile collection events annually. These events are **FREE** and open to the residents of that city. For more information, please call the 24-hour hotline, 525-4123 or visit the web site at <http://www.co.stanislaus.ca.us/er/projhhw.htm>

Telephone Book Recycling. Telephone book recycling begins when the new telephone books are distributed. Residents can recycle the old telephone books in a number of ways. Out of date directories can be placed in the recycling carts for pick up, dropped off for **FREE** at any of the transfer stations, taken directly to a local recycling center or to any number of temporary drop-off locations which will be advertised in the newspaper.

Christmas Tree Recycling. Typically after Christmas, cut trees are collected throughout the County and ground for use as erosion control, co-generation fuel or as a bulking agent for compost. Watch your local newspaper beginning the day after Christmas for drop-off locations for your Christmas tree. Some Cities and garbage haulers have seasonal collection programs. Call your city or garbage hauler for details.

Special Recycling Programs (Cont'd)

For ALL County Residents!

Drop-Off Bulky Items & Hard-To-Handle Waste*

In OAKDALE!

***ACCEPTABLE** items for disposal include:

- Mattresses, Furniture, Appliances, TV's, Computers.

NON ACCEPTABLE items include:

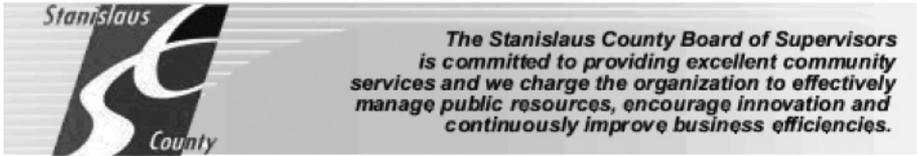
- Household Garbage, Hazardous Materials (paint, solvents, oils, batteries), Tires and any Liquid Waste

- 551 S. Center Street, Oakdale (Near the Community sharing Food Bank off S. Sierra St.)
- Friday, 10 am – 5 pm
- Saturday, 9 am – 4 pm
- Show proof of regular garbage service – most recent bill
- Show proof of residency – drivers license, I.D. card
- Fee: \$10.00 / per load - NO CASH
Only personal check, cashiers check, money order
- For more information call 525-6700
Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources



Reuse and Recycling Resources

“Worth A Look”



The Stanislaus County Solid Waste web site has a lot of information about reducing, reusing and recycling! Also included on the site is information about special events, resources for schools, educators and students.

Hey Kids!

Check out this site for fun games, activities and special clubs!!

Check us out at:

<http://www.co.stanislaus.ca.us/ER/solid%20waste%20management.htm>



The Stanislaus Resource Recovery Facility (SRRF), also known as the Waste-to-Energy (WTE) facility which began operation in 1989, is an 800-ton per day solid waste disposal, resource recovery and electric generating facility located adjacent to the Fink Road Landfill.

Since beginning operation in early 1989, SRRF has processed over 4.9 million tons of garbage and generated over 2.4 billion-kilowatt hours of electricity.

For an interactive tour of the facility and to see how the process works, please visit the web site at www.stancountywte.com.

Reuse and Recycling Resources

“Worth A Look” - (Cont’d)

Habitat for Humanity, Stanislaus

ReStore

Your Discount **Remodeling Supply Store**

Help support the building of affordable housing within our community by donating your new or gently used building materials, furniture or appliances to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore. All donations are tax deductible.

Habitat For Humanity – ReStore has everything you could need to help with any remodeling in and around your home. New and used doors, windows, tiles, lights, flooring, cabinets, large appliances, furniture, tools, hardware and so much more! All at 50-75% off retail!

ReStore is located at 630 Kearney Avenue, Modesto. Hours: Monday & Saturday 8am – 3pm . Tuesday – Friday 8am – 6pm. 575-4585 ext. 112.

Remember, REUSE is the best form of RECYCLING!



California Materials Exchange

CalMAX is a free service designed to help businesses find markets for nonhazardous materials they have traditionally discarded. CalMAX helps businesses, industries, and institutions save resources and money. Business, schools, and nonprofits can utilize CalMAX to search for available and wanted materials. To search listings or to sign up to receive e-mail listings go to www.ciwmb.ca.gov/CalMAX.

Reuse and Recycling Resources

“Worth A Look” - (Cont’d)



KidMAX for California Schools

Purpose: To provide a free source of used materials to California’s schools during these times of limited resources.

What is KidMAX: **KidMAX** is the catchphrase for promoting CalMAX in California’s schools.

Background: CalMAX is advertised as “the Waste-Not Want Ads for California Business, Industry, and Institutions.” Schools have always been eligible to utilize CalMAX as a source of supplies, materials, furniture, etc. Many businesses that donate materials utilizing CalMAX have an interest in “worthy cause” organizations such as schools. Items listed in CalMAX that are targeted for schools are **KidMAX** items and can be identified by bold headings and checkmarks in front of the listings. All items offered to the schools through CalMax / **KidMAX** are offered for **free!** Check it out at <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/CalMAX/Kidmax.htm>.

Want? Want not? Waste? NOT!



“One person’s trash is another person’s treasure”. www.freecycle.org utilizes the enormous networking capacity of the Internet to link givers and takers. The freecycle network is a place to connect people who have stuff to get rid of with people who could use it. The freecycle network provides a mechanism to unite community members, share resources and protect the environment – and all items posted to the freecycle network are completely free.

Reuse and Recycling Resources

“Worth A Look” - (Cont’d)

How does the freecycle network operate?

It's very simple. People merely subscribe to the network by going to www.freecycle.org Participants become part of an e-mail group within the city/region selected, and then they can send and receive offers or list items wanted through their e-mail. Whether it's furniture, appliances, clothing, electronics, household and baby items, just about ANYTHING can be Freecycled! Volunteer administrators keep an eye on the network's activity. Everything posted must be free, legal and appropriate for all ages.

Joining freecycle

Logon to www.freecycle.org and join an existing group, or start one, in your community. Help your family and your neighbors to live more simply by de-cluttering and sharing your abundance, and also by seeing what free options are out there before you open your wallet and buy more stuff.

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Greener Choices

Consumer Reports Greener Choices web site is a free guide that offers reliable and practical advice on how to be a more environmentally friendly consumer. This site includes information on large scale environmental issues concerning energy, climate change, agriculture, waste and dangerous substances and connects these larger issues to the products people buy. To view, go to www.greenerchoices.org.

Garbage Company Information

Bertolotti Disposal and Transfer Station

231 Flamingo Drive, Ceres

Main Office: 209-537-8000

Curbside Recycling: 209-537-4147

Westside Customers: 1-800-221-1257

Transfer Station: 209-537-4147

Transfer Station Hours: Mon-Sat 8:00am-4:00pm, closed Sunday



Gilton Solid Waste Management and Transfer Station

Office: 1722 Mono Drive, Modesto

Main Office: 209-527-3781

Transfer Station:

800 South McClure Road, Modesto

209-527-3781

Transfer Station Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:30pm,

Sat & Sun 7:00am-4:30pm



Modesto Disposal / Waste Management

Main Office: 1-800-283-1582

Turlock Scavenger

1200 South Walnut Road, Turlock

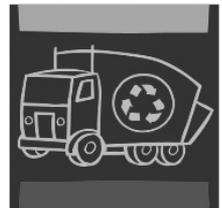
Office: 209-668-7274



Turlock Recycling

1020 South Walnut Road, Turlock

209-668-6060



Turlock Transfer Station

1010 South Walnut Road, Turlock

209-668-6049

Transfer Station Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:00pm, closed Sunday

Recycling Market Development Zone RMDZ

What is the Stanislaus County RMDZ? The Stanislaus County Recycling Market Development Zone, (RMDZ) program is a partnership of local government and the California Integrated Waste Management Board, created to provide incentives to businesses that use materials from the waste stream for their manufacturing. To participate, the business must be located in Stanislaus County.

Who Qualifies for Zone Incentives?

- Firms establishing a new business within Stanislaus County
- Existing businesses relocating to facilities within Stanislaus County
- Existing businesses already within Stanislaus County intending to expand

Services and Incentives Offered

- Low interest loans
- Sales tax credits
- Permit streamlining
- Product marketing
- Market research
- Technical assistance

For additional information call (209) 525-6700

“Stanislaus County RMDZ makes loans to businesses that use postconsumer wastes to manufacture new products.”



Garbage Glossary

AB 939

AB 939 was passed in 1989 in California. This law requires cities and counties to reduce the amount of waste that they produce. Waste must be recycled, composted or not produced at all.

Co-mingled Recycling

This term is used when an assortment of recyclable items, such as: paper; cans; and bottles; can be placed together in a bin, container, or blue bag for collection. However, used oil must never be placed in recycling containers with other recyclables. See the sections titled “Curbside Recycling Programs” and “Used Oil” for additional information.

Compost

Organic materials, such as yard waste or food scraps, are broken down by bacteria and chemical processes to produce compost. Compost is used to help soil retain moisture and fertility.

CRV

California Redemption Value (CRV) has been established for designated beverage containers such as water bottles, soda cans, etc.

E-Waste

E-Waste includes computers, entertainment electronics, mobile phones and other items that have been discarded by their original users. E-Waste is of concern largely due to the toxicity of some of the substances if processed improperly. Up to thirty-eight separate chemical elements are incorporated into some E-Waste items. California was the first state to enact legislation regarding E-Waste management.

Home Compost

Home compost is made from yard waste and food scraps in your own back yard.

Garbage Glossary

HHW

Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) are potentially dangerous materials (dangerous either to people or the environment if improperly used or disposed) used in our everyday lives which should not be disposed of in your regular garbage or poured down the drain.

Landfill

A landfill is a site for the disposal of waste materials by burial and is the oldest form of waste treatment. Historically, landfills have been one of the most common methods of organized waste management.

NIMBY

NIMBY stands for “not in my backyard.” People often recognize that landfills and other waste disposal services are important but they do not wish to have them located too close to where they live.

Plastic Codes

Numbers on the bottom of plastic containers (1-7) that indicate what types of plastics are used. These codes make it possible to sort plastic for recycling.

Recycle

We recycle when we collect materials that can be used to manufacture a new product. The recycling “loop” does not close until these materials are made into new products.

Reduce

Reducing is also called source reduction. We reduce by not making waste in the first place. To reduce is more valuable than recycling because it saves resources and energy!

Reuse

Reuse is using the same item again in its original form and/or a different form. For example, clothes purchased at a thrift store or garage sales are reused. Old diapers used as rags are reused. Like “reduce,” reuse helps to save resources.

Garbage Glossary

Source Separated Recycling

This term is used when recyclables need to be separated by type and placed in individual bins, containers, boxes, etc.

Transfer Station

A transfer station is a place where garbage is dumped and then loaded into very large trucks thus reducing transportation costs. These large trucks take the garbage to a landfill or Waste-to-Energy facility.

Universal Waste

Universal Wastes are hazardous wastes that are generated by a wide variety of people. Examples include batteries, fluorescent lamps, cathode ray tubes, instruments containing mercury, and non-empty aerosol cans. Until recently some Universal Wastes could be disposed in the trash under some circumstances. However, now all Universal Wastes are banned from the trash.

Waste-to-Energy

A waste-to-energy facility burns garbage as fuel providing electricity.

White Goods

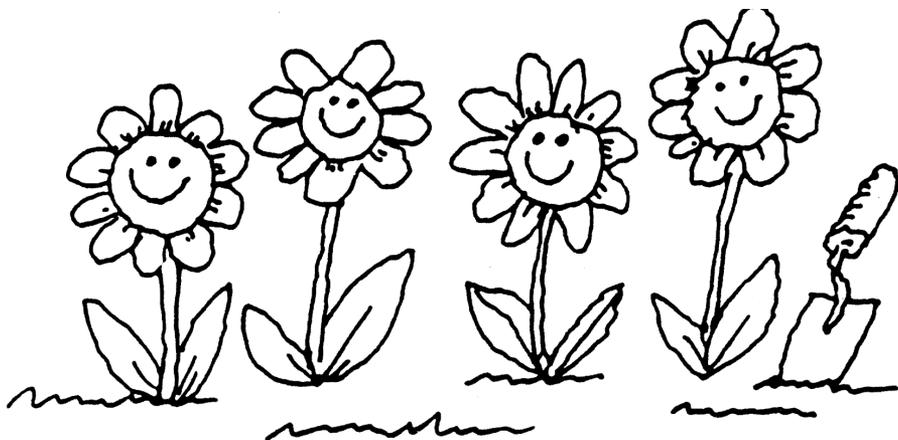
White goods are large appliances such as stoves, refrigerators or dryers. White goods are recycled as scrap metal.

Fun Facts

- It takes 80-100 years for an aluminum can to decompose in our landfills.
- Glass takes over 1,000,000 years to decompose in our landfills.
- It can take up to 700 years for plastic to decompose in our landfills.
- Recycling one aluminum beverage container can save enough energy to run a 100-watt bulb for 20 hours, a computer for 3 hours or a TV for 2 hours.
- Americans go through 4 million plastic bottles every hour.
- The average American generates 600 times their adult weight in garbage during their lifetime.
- Covanta Waste to Energy plant processes 800 tons of garbage per day generating 22.5 megawatts of energy.
- Waste to Energy facilities burn garbage to make energy; reducing the need for fossil fuels saving thousands of barrels of oil; they conserve precious landfill space and recover and recycle hundreds of tons of metals from the waste stream.
- Every minute of every day over 120,000 aluminum cans are recycled in the U.S.
- If the Pilgrims had six-packs, we'd still have the plastic rings from them today.
- The plastic from 5 soda bottles can completely insulate a ski Jacket.
- What we throw away lasts and lasts: A wool cap lasts 1 year; a disposable diaper lasts 10-20 years; a tin can lasts 100 years and a tire will last more than 500 years.

Fun Facts (Cont'd)

- During the time it takes for you to read this sentence, 50,000 12-ounce aluminum cans are made.
- A typical family consumes 183 gallons of juice, 104 gallons of milk, and 26 gallons of bottled water a year. That's a lot of containers...make sure they're recycled!
- The "chasing arrows" symbol used on products to indicate their recyclability is called a "mobius". 
- In 1972, 53 million pounds of aluminum cans were recycled. Today, we EXCEED the amount WEEKLY...keep up the good work!
- Plastic container recycling programs captured 60 percent of the total amount of containers sold in California in 2004. That would fill THREE 50,000 seat sports stadiums to the rim!
- Aluminum beverage containers can be recycled over and over and over again. They go from recycling bin back onto the shelf at the grocery store in as little as 60 days filled with your favorite beverage.



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