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**CHANGES IN HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE HOURS OF OPERATION**

**MERCED** – The Merced County Environmental Health Division announced today that the County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility will be changing hours and days of operation at the Hwy 59 landfill. The new days and hours for the household hazardous waste facility will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. These new hours of operation will begin on November 2, 2009.

The household site will continue to accept a wide variety of household hazardous waste, which includes: car batteries, CRTs, latex paints, used oil and oil filters, antifreeze, medically prescribed hypodermic needles, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, paints and thinners, pool chemicals and much more. We do not accept items such as: munitions, explosives, radioactive materials, medical waste, or compressed gas cylinders.

It is important for residents to remember that they cannot transport more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of HHW at any time. Containers must be in good condition and not leaking.

The HHW drop off facility is provided free of charge for single family households in Merced County. The Highway 59 landfill is located at 6049 N. Highway 59, Merced. For more information or if you have questions, please call (209) 381-1100.

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