

ELECTRONICS “E-WASTE” RECYCLING

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As of February 9, 2006, electronics, or “E-waste,” cannot be thrown away with the regular solid waste or recycling because of toxic metals found within them, such as cadmium, lead and mercury. The Merced County Association of Governments (MCAAG) offers the following list of places within Merced County that will accept E-waste for **free**:

1. **All Green Electronics Recycling**, 1-800-780-0347; www.allgreenrecycling.com – Accepts all electronics except for large, household appliances and/or TV’s and computer screens that are larger than 40 inches.

Address: 1853 Bellevue Rd, Atwater
(drop-off located at the 4G Verizon Wireless Store)
Hours: Mon. – Sun. 11 AM – 5 PM

2. **Best Buy®**, 209-383-3623; bestbuyinc.com – All Best Buy® stores accept electronics for recycling. Customers can bring in up to two (2) units of consumer electronics per day, per household, for free, including televisions and monitors up to 32”, computer CPUs and notebooks, computer mice, keyboards and speakers, small electronics, DVD and VCR players, phones and remotes.

Best Buy also accepts the following in a collection kiosk between the sliding doors: cell phones, CDs, DVDs, inkjet cartridges, PDA/smart phones, and rechargeable batteries.

Address: 1764 W. Olive Ave, Merced
Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 10 AM – 10 PM
Fri. and Sat. 10 AM – 10 PM
Sun. 10 AM – 7 PM

3. **Billy Wright Landfill**, 209-826-1136; www.mercedrecycles.com – Accepts the following from Merced County residents: electronics, up to three (3) car/truck batteries per resident, CFL bulbs and fluorescent tubes, used motor oil and used oil filters.

Also accepted at the landfill for free are commingled recyclables [cardboard, mixed paper (of any color and thickness), glass bottles and jars, metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs, and plastic bags (bundled inside another plastic bag)].

Address: 17173 S. Billy Wright Rd, Los Banos
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8 AM – 3:30 PM
Sat. 8 AM – 12 PM
(Closed during Sunday and holidays)

4. **Casey Moving Systems**, 209-357-3384; www.caseymoving.com – Accepts the following: camcorders, cell phones, CRT monitors, CRT televisions, desktop computers, digital cameras, game systems, GPS systems, keyboards and mice, LCD monitors, LCD televisions, MP3 Players, printers and faxes, scanners, smart phones and PDAs.

Address: 300 Commerce Ave, Atwater
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9 AM – 4 PM

5. **Goodwill Industries International®**, 209-384-2586; www.goodwill-sjv.org – All Goodwill® stores accept computer monitors and other computer equipment.

Address: 32 W. Olive Ave, Merced
Hours: Please call for hours.

6. **Merced County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility**, 209-381-1100 or 209-723-4753; www.co.merced.ca.us or www.mercedrecycles.com/hhw.html – accepts all electronics from households for free. Businesses need to call to pre-register and pre-pay before visiting the HHW Facility.

Also accepts other HHW, such as: antifreeze, non-empty aerosol cans, car/truck batteries, CFLs and fluorescent tubes, fertilizer, household batteries, paint, used motor oil and oil filters. The maximum amount of HHW accepted per vehicle is 15 gallons of liquid HHW or 125 pounds of solid HHW.

Address: 6040 N. State Highway 59, Merced
Hours: Mon/Wed/Fri. 9 AM – 3:30 PM
Sat. 8 AM – 12 PM
(Closed during Sunday and holidays)

7. **Staples®**, 209-383-0306; Staples.com® – All Staples® stores accept cell phones, hand-held electronics, and Dell® branded items for free. Please note: other electronics, such as fax machines, copiers, and non-Dell® branded computers, cost \$10 each to recycle.

Address: 20 W. Olive Ave, Merced 95340
Hours: Please call for hours.

8. **United Recycling**, 209-862-4331 – accepts and may offer payment for all electronics.

Address: 2126 L Street, Suite C, Newman
Hours: Monday – Friday: 8 AM – 5 PM
Saturday: 9 AM – 1 PM

To schedule a pickup appointment, please contact the shop manager at 580-768-1263.

9. **Universal Service Recycling (USR)**, 209-233-3100, www.USRscrap.com – accepts and offers payment for all electronics including appliances. USR also accepts car/truck batteries, tractor batteries, and metal.

Address: 450 N. Tower Road, Merced
Hours: Monday to Friday: 8 AM – 4 PM
Saturday: 8 AM – 2 PM

10. **UNICOR** Federal Prison Industries, 209-386-4861; www.unicor.gov - accepts all electronics.

Located in Atwater. Please call to schedule a drop off/pickup appointment.

Note: All of the following stores accept cell phones for recycling: AT&T Wireless®, Best Buy®, Goodwill®, Target®, SuperTarget®, RadioShack® and Verizon Wireless®.



For more information, please contact the MCAG Recycling Information Specialist at 209-723-3153 ext. 315 or mercedrecycles@mcagov.org.