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# The Blue Bag Recycling Program

## What is the "Blue Bag" Program?

This is a relatively new program for San Joaquin County customers. It is a voluntary and simple recycling program that was started in the County last year. Residents are encouraged to place all **dry, clean** recyclable materials in a special blue plastic bag. The bag should be placed inside your garbage can on your normal garbage collection day. The recyclables in the blue bag will be collected and processed at the Tracy Material Recovery Facility (MRF) located on S. MacArthur Drive.

## Why was the Blue Bag Program selected over other curbside recycling programs?

The Blue Bag Program is easier, more convenient and provides for the recycling of more materials. It is less expensive than other types of curbside programs that use separate plastic bins or containers. The Blue Bag Program is well suited to provide recycling in areas where homes are not close together. In addition, this program allows Delta Disposal to use their existing trucks to collect recyclable materials at the same time household garbage is picked up, thus reducing cost and traffic.

## What can be placed in the Blue Bag?

- Tin & Steel Cans
- Newspapers
- Chipboard Boxes
- Construction Paper
- Envelopes
- Computer Paper
- Aluminum Cans
- Plastic Bottles & Jugs
- Junk Mail
- Catalogs
- White Office Paper
- Glass Bottles & Jars
- Brown Paper Bags
- Colored Paper & Bags
- Phone Books
- Magazines
- Polystyrene (foam products containing #6 symbol)

## What can not be placed in the Blue Bag?

- No Dirt, Rocks or Concrete
- No Foam Packing Peanuts
- No Hazardous Wastes
- No Liquids such as oil, water, gas or chemicals
- No Hot Ashes or Coal
- No Dead Animals
- No Yard Waste

**Please see *How to Participate in the Blue Bag Program* on page 2**

**Welcome...** To our first semi-annual newsletter. The purpose of our newsletter is to keep you updated on important collection events, outline various services we provide, and answer your most frequently asked questions.

We have been serving the Community of Tracy for over 50 years and it is our goal to provide you with the best service possible. If you are outside the city limits and would like to begin residential or commercial service, you can contact Delta Disposal Service at (209) 835-0601 to set up an account. If you have any questions about container sizes, specifications, collection schedules or related customer service issues, please do not hesitate to ask. You can also visit our office at 30703 S. MacArthur Drive, Tracy, CA 95377.

## Office Hours

Please feel free to contact our office with any customer service questions you may have at 835-0601. Our office hours are Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. The office is closed on the following holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day.

**Visit us online at [www.tdswm.com](http://www.tdswm.com)**

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### How Can I Participate in the Blue Bag Recycling Program?

To participate, you can pick up a roll of blue bags at Tracy Delta Solid Waste Management located at 30703 S. MacArthur Drive. You can also call our office to have a roll of bags delivered on your next garbage collection day. If you need more information, please call Delta Disposal Service at (209) 835-0601.



## Holiday Collection Schedule

We observe Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. If your collection day is scheduled on one of these holidays, your pick up will be done the following day. Regular service will be one day later for the rest of the week, into Saturday.

### Thanksgiving

As always Thanksgiving is on a Thursday. If your regular collection day falls on a Thursday, your garbage will be picked up on Friday and Friday's pick up will move to Saturday.

### Christmas and New Year's Day

Both of these holidays fall on Friday this year so if your regular collection day is on Friday, please have your garbage ready for pick up on Saturday.

### Christmas Tree Pick Up

Yes, we will pick up your Christmas tree. Please set your tree out with your garbage container on your regularly scheduled service day. Trees six feet tall and over should be cut in half. You can also set out flocked and treated trees. Please make sure all ornaments, tinsel and tree stands have been removed, since they can not be recycled with the green waste.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q:** *What are my container options?*

**A:** In the County, you have several options for trash collection. You can request a toter, provide your own garbage can or order a dumpster. It is a good idea to contact our office at (209) 835-0601 to find out what will be best for your needs. You can also visit us online at [www.tdswm.com](http://www.tdswm.com) for container sizes and specifications. You will be provided with your collection schedule when you start your service.

### **Q:** *How do I order a dumpster?*

**A:** If you are outside the city limits, please call (209) 835-0601 to set up an account. We will give you information about dumpster sizes, prices and delivery information.

### **Q:** *Where is the nearest dump and what are the prices?*

**A:** The Transfer Station is located at 30703 S. MacArthur Dr. in Tracy. We are located about 1 mile south of Linne Rd. on S. MacArthur Dr. (toward the airport). You can also take Corral Hollow Rd. or Tracy Blvd. to Linne Rd. make a left on Linne Rd. and then a right on S. MacArthur Dr. The dump fees are based on the quantity of material being dumped. The fees range from \$11.00 per cubic yard to \$57.50 per ton. For more pricing information please call (209) 832-2355.

### **Q:** *What do I do with large bulky items?*

**A:** As always, we accept large items like furniture, refrigerators, appliances, etc. just call our office at (209) 835-0601 to arrange for a special pick up. A service charge may be applied.

# Household Hazardous Waste

You have probably heard the term Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and wondered exactly what that means. HHW is any material which may be a threat to our health or may pose an environmental risk if it is not discarded properly. As you may be aware, HHW **can not** be thrown into your garbage, on the ground or even washed down the drain. It must be disposed of through very specific methods. There are facilities in the area that are permitted to accept HHW. We have provided a few phone numbers and addresses for your convenience. Listed below are some of the more common HHW items. This list is meant to be a guideline and does not include every possible kind of HHW.

- Household Cleaners
- Mercury Thermometers
- Medicines
- Nail Polish & Remover
- Syringes and Medical Needles
- Polishes
- Pesticides, Fertilizers, Herbicides & Weedkillers
- Flea Collars and Sprays
- Poisons
- Paint Products
- Pool Chemicals
- Photographic Chemicals
- Automotive Products



**Your residential hazardous chemicals and products can be taken to the County HHW Facility in the Stockton Air Metro Business Park, 7850 South R.A. Bridgeford Street, Stockton, CA or call (209) 468-3066 for free disposal alternatives at County facilities.**

**Universal Waste and Electric Waste (E-Waste) can be disposed of at your local transfer station. This is a partial list including the more common items that are accepted:**

- Refrigerators, Freezers and Large Kitchen Appliances
- A/C Units
- Water Coolers & Heaters
- TV's, Computers, Monitors
- Printers, Radios
- VCRs, DVD Players, Stereos
- Cell Phones, Telephones, Answering Machines
- Batteries, Fluorescent Bulbs



**You can dispose of these items at Tracy Material Recovery, 30703 S. MacArthur Dr. in Tracy or call (209) 832-2355 for more information. These items may also be disposed at the County HHW Facility in the Stockton Air Metro Business Park. Call 209-468-3066 for more information.**

## Tracy Disposal Buy Back Center

Don't forget about our Buy Back Center conveniently located at 99 W. 6th Street in Tracy. We pay cash for CRV items such as plastic, glass, aluminum and newspaper.

Open: Monday-Friday  
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
and Saturdays  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



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## Collection Sites and Events

### ■ Agriculture Pesticide Container

November 10, 2009

Tracy Material Recovery

30703 S. MacArthur Dr., Tracy, CA 95377

Call San Joaquin County Public Works  
for more information 468-3066

### ■ Household Hazardous Waste

7850 R.A. Bridgeford St., Stockton, CA 95206

Call San Joaquin County Public Works  
for more information 468-3066

### ■ Free E-Waste Recycling

Tracy Material Recovery

Monday–Saturday • 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

30703 S. MacArthur Dr., Tracy, CA 95377 or call  
us for a pick up at 835-0601, fees may apply.

Boyd Service Center

520 Tracy Blvd., Tracy, CA 95376

October 10, 2009 • 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

### ■ Used Oil Drop-Off

Monday–Friday • 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Tracy Material Recovery

30703 S. MacArthur Dr., Tracy, CA 95377

832-2355

## Voucher Program

During the month of January, each household will receive a voucher attached to the monthly billing statement. This voucher is good for the disposal of one large ticket item. It can be used for a large appliance, a hot tub, a large piece of furniture or something similar. Please read your voucher carefully. You can drop off *one* item at no cost. Please bring your item to Tracy Material Recovery, located at 30703 S. MacArthur Drive, Tracy. Your voucher must be presented in person at the time of disposal. Each household receives one voucher per year. Remember to check the mail for your January billing statement and look for the voucher inside. If you have any further questions about the voucher program, please call our office at 835-0601.



*Kids love trucks—please keep children at a safe distance from collection vehicles*