

RecyclingTimes

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What is National Sword?

In July 2017, China announced a policy called National Sword, which limits the import of contaminated recyclable materials. These changes in China's policies may have significant impacts

on California's environment, as China has been the top recipient of California's exported recyclable materials. On May 3, 2018 China announced the suspension of China Certification and Inspection (CCIC) North America's U.S. operations for one month (May 4 – June 4, 2018), which effectively freezes all U.S. exports of recyclable materials to China. As we look ahead, expect to see altering of our 2018 educational flyers to be more specific as to what materials can be placed in recycling containers to combat contamination. We'd like to find solutions in a means that benefits our customers and the communities we serve in the long run. We invite your feedback, and encourage you to help make a difference.

STOP. THINK. SORT.

We are finding many types of non-recyclables inside Recycle bins/carts causing contamination. Please **DO NOT** place Styrofoam, bags of garbage, batteries, water hoses, diapers, and plastic bags inside Recycle bins/carts. These materials should be placed in the garbage. Our Recycling Coordinators are available to assist you in reducing waste and cost. Contact us at **559.567.0520** and ask for Tulare County's Recycling Coordinator. It is important for business owners, employees and tenants to know what materials are accepted in **RECYCLE** bins/carts to avoid contamination charges:



Recycling Law AB341

Businesses & Multi-Families

Recycling Law AB341 became effective July 1, 2012. AB341 requires businesses and public entities that generate four cubic yards or more of waste per week and multi-family properties with five or more units to recycle. Businesses and multi-family properties are required to comply with the law by implementing a recycling program. Subscribe to recycling services by contacting Mid Valley Disposal at 559.897.5217. For self-hauling, visit

our:
Kingsburg
Transfer
Station—
1535 Avenue 392



Contamination Program Residential

To combat the problem of contamination, we are rolling out our annual Residential Contamination Program in Tulare County.

• Goshen: July 2

• Goshen (west of 99 north 328): July 3

Cameron Creek: July 4

• Water District: July 6

• Patterson Track (south of 198): July 6

This program educates customers to place the correct materials in each cart to improve recycling. Our team moves from home to home evaluating the items deposited in each cart. A contamination tag/notice (sample of tag to the right), is left on the cart when unaccepted materials are found. Please call the number listed on the tag/ notice. Our team will provide education and make sure you are aware of accepted materials for each cart at your home. For more information, contact us at 559.567.0520



The Burning Question Flammable Materials

Flammable materials such as, hot coals, fireworks, or hot firewood have the potential to burn up garbage bins, spark a home fire, even burn up a garbage truck. Mid Valley Disposal reminds everyone to please **NOT** place hot coals or ashes in garbage containers.

Safety Tips:

- Allow cooling of hot coals for at least 48 hours
- Douse hot coals in a large metal bucket of water and soak until completely cooled
 - Place cooled coals in GARBAGE cart/bin NOT in recycling or green waste cart





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