

# Waste and Recycling Guide

FOR THE MORONGO INDIAN RESERVATION



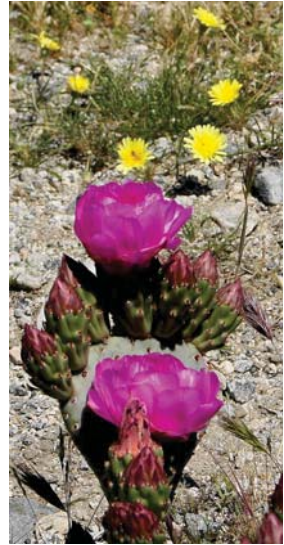
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# Pollution Prevention

Proper waste management is integral to protecting the health and wellness of the Morongo community and the natural environment. The Morongo Band of Mission Indians - Environmental Protection Department is committed to implementing and promoting programs and activities to reduce wastes in the first place, conserve natural resources, avoid the use of harmful chemicals, and ensure proper disposal of wastes to prevent air, water, and land pollution on the Morongo Indian Reservation.

**A healthy and clean environment promotes a healthy, happy, and prosperous community.**



## Solid Waste Rules and Regulations

All wastes generated on the reservation must be disposed of properly and in compliance with Federal, State, and Tribal laws. The Tribe must comply with the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) as well as California Code of Regulations because all wastes generated on the reservation are transferred to California waste management facilities off reservation. In addition, the tribe adopted *Rules and Regulations for Solid and Hazardous Waste Disposal* in 2009 to further protect people and the environment.

In general, all residents and business on the reservation must properly dispose of wastes and participate in a recycling program. It is unlawful to dump waste anywhere on the reservation other than approved waste receptacles and it is unlawful to accumulate trash in a way that is a danger to people and the environment. Finally, all potentially hazardous wastes must be properly disposed of to prevent pollutants from harming the air, water, and land resources on the Morongo Indian Reservation.

# Garbage Disposal

Refuse collected on the Morongo Reservation is transported by Morongo Public Works to the Lambs Canyon Sanitary Landfill in Beaumont.

## Residential Curbside Refuse Collection

Morongo Public Works offers a weekly curbside waste collection service for Morongo Residents from 1.5 cubic yard or 3 cubic yard bins. Bins should only be used for routine household wastes. Bulky items such as mattresses and couches should never be placed in the bins and bins should never be overfilled. Rates for individual refuse service varies depending on the bin size. Contact the Morongo Finance Department with rate questions or to request curbside refuse service.

## Roll-off Rental

Morongo residents can rent a 40 cubic yard roll off to dispose of bulky wastes and construction and demolition wastes. Contact the Morongo Finance Department to request a roll-off rental.

## Refuse Drop-off

Morongo Tribal Members and Residents can drop-off bulky trash items, yard wastes, and construction and demolition wastes at the Public Works Facility located at 47350 Foothill Road. No recyclables or tree trimmings should be placed in the refuse roll off.



### Items PROHIBITED in All Refuse Bins

- Animal Carcasses
- Asbestos
- Appliances
- Automotive Parts and Fluids
- Batteries
- Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Contaminated Soil
- Electronics
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Hazardous Wastes
- Herbicides
- Paints
- Lead paint debris
- Medical Waste
- Pesticides
- Waste Tires

# Curbside Commingled Recycling

Recycling on the Morongo Reservation is **easy and convenient!** All recyclables can be commingled into one recycle bin, no sorting required.

**Why recycle?** Recycling conserves natural resources, energy, and landfill space. Also, recycling is generally less expensive than waste disposal, saving the Tribe money on waste disposal fees.

All households with refuse service must also participate in the curbside recycling program.

**What goes in the bin?** All clean and dry paper, plastic, metal, and cardboard can be recycled. Please no food or food contaminated items as these diminish the value of the recyclables and attract pests. Rinse food containers and flatten boxes to save space in your bin. Do not overfill your cart or place large items in the cart. *(See page 6 for more recycling options)*



RECYCLABLE	NOT RECYCLABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Office Paper</li><li>Cereal Boxes</li><li>Cardboard</li><li>Newspaper</li><li>Magazines</li><li>Phone Books</li><li>Glass Bottles &amp; Jars</li><li>Plastic Bottles</li><li>Plastic Containers</li><li>Laundry Bottles</li><li>Tin Cans</li><li>Empty Aerosol Cans</li><li>Aluminum Cans</li></ul> <p><b>*Please rinse and empty food containers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Food Wastes</li><li>Plastic Bags/Bagged Recyclables</li><li>Liquid Wastes</li><li>Disposable Plates</li><li>Disposable Cups</li><li>Disposable Cutlery</li><li>Wax-lined Food Boxes</li><li>Rags/Sponges</li><li>Styrofoam</li><li>Clothing and Shoes</li><li>Toys</li><li>Soiled Paper Towels</li><li>Glass/ Ceramic Plates</li><li>Dirt/ Rock/ Concrete</li><li>Carpet/Rugs</li></ul>

# Local Recyclers

**Recycle and earn some cash!** These companies recycle general materials such as cardboard, aluminum, glass, plastics, and some metals. Call to inquire about rates, pick-up or drop-off services, materials accepted, and hours of operation.

RECYCLER	ACCEPTED MATERIALS
J&C Recycling 435 E Lincoln St Suit D Banning, California 92220 (951) 846-0195 Mon—Sat 8am—4:30pm www.jandcrecycling.com	CRV Glass, CRV Plastic, and CRV Aluminum Cans, and Scrap Metal
DIAMOND HILL RECYCLING 249 Veile Ave, Beaumont 866-979-1520 Mon—Sat 8am—4:30pm www.diamondhillsrecycling.net	CRV Glass, CRV Plastic, CRV Aluminum Cans, Metals, Automotive Batteries, Radiators, Junk Vehicles

## Vehicle Removal and Recycling



The Morongo Environmental Protection Department offers a safe, secure, and **FREE** towing and recycling service of your unwanted vehicles!

**Contact the Morongo Environmental Protection Department to request a safe and secure removal of your unwanted vehicle.**

The program is open to all Morongo residents. Please note, you will be **required** to sign an Abandoned Vehicle Project Intake Form and Liability Waiver authorizing the EPD to work on your property and remove the vehicle. The party requesting services must either be the property owner or the vehicle owner.

# Recycling Specific Materials on the Morongo Indian

The Morongo Environmental Protection Department maintains a drop off area at Morongo Public Works for recycling bulky items, recycling items not allowed in the blue curbside recycling carts, and for disposing of hard-to-handle wastes such as tires and household hazardous wastes. Items accepted include **electronic wastes, appliances, scrap metal, tires, and mixed recyclables**. These hard to recycle wastes can be brought to the Public Works Drop-off area for recycling at anytime. Please sort these materials into the appropriate bins, see below. For recycling **clothing and shoes**, the Environmental Department has a drop-off bin located on 2nd Floor of Tribal Admin. Morongo Public Works maintains bulky item waste collection roll-offs in this area for the collection of green waste and bulky garbage such as construction and demolition waste and furniture (See page 3). If you need assistance transporting a bulky item to the disposal area, contact Public Works.

## Sort your bulky and hard to handle wastes!

**Tires and Appliances:**  
Set off to the side for sorting.

**Mixed Recyclables:**  
Mixed paper, cardboard, glass, metal, & plastics.

**Household Hazardous Wastes:** Paint, cleaners, used oil, & other household chemicals.



# an Reservation

The Morongo Public Works Drop-Off Area is **open to Morongo Tribal Members and Residents ONLY.**

Collection bins are located at the far west end of the Public Works yard. Please strap down loose items and cover loads to prevent litter on the reservation.



**Morongo Public Works Drop Off Area**  
47350 Foothill Road

**Scrap Metal:**  
Metal furniture, fencing, file cabinets, bikes, & other metal.

**E-waste Recycling:**  
TV's, computers, batteries, & other electronics.



# Electronic Wastes Recycling



Electronics contain hazardous and toxic substances which can harm people and the environment. When recycled, resources are conserved and toxic substances are properly disposed of.



## What is e-waste?

Batteries	Appliances
Cell phones	Monitors
MP3 Players	Computers
Keyboards	Printers
TVs	Cords/Wires

...Anything with electrical plugs or batteries!

Electronic wastes can only be disposed of in designated electronic wastes recycling bins and should never be placed in a regular trash or recycling bin. An e-waste collection bin is located at the Public Works Drop-Off area (See page 6). In addition, e-waste may be brought to a quarterly Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day or you may request a pick up of your e-waste by contacting the Environmental Protection Dept.

## Additional options for recycling small e-waste:

- Best Buy offers electronic waste and appliance recycling for consumers.
- Staples and Office Depot recycle consumer electronic waste. They also offer an ink and toner cartridges recycling rewards program.
- Go to [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com) to search for local recyclers based on the material you want to recycle or dispose of!
- Donate your electronics to Goodwill.





# Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW)

Many household products, including cleaners, paints, automotive fluids, and pool chemicals, can be harmful to you, your family, and the environment if they are improperly used and disposed of. These products should never be poured down a drain, dumped on the land, or disposed of in any garbage or recycling bin because they have the potential to:

- Harm sanitation workers, children, and pets
- Contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems
- Pollute bodies of water
- Contaminate drinking water

## Dispose of household products safely.

The Morongo Environmental Protection Department offers quarterly Household Hazardous Wastes Drop-Off days. Bring your HHW to a scheduled collection event or contact the EPD to schedule a drop-off outside of the collection event. In addition, sealed and labeled HHW can be dropped off at anytime in the designated bin, located at the Public Works drop off area (See page 6).

## Hazardous Wastes Accepted:

Automotive Fluids  
Used Oil  
Aerosol Cans  
Paints  
Pesticides/ Herbicides  
Fertilizers  
Fluorescent Bulbs & Tubes  
Household Cleaners  
Pool/ Spa Chemicals  
Tires  
Batteries  
Electronics



# Morongo Reuse Center



The Morongo Reuse Center offers the Morongo community an opportunity to donate any reusable household products and shop the donated household products, rather than buying new!

Sometimes household products are sitting for a long time and end up becoming

waste or start to exhibit a hazardous waste characteristic such as corrosion, toxicity, reactivity, or flammability. Rather than continuing to store the products or discarding our reusable household products, donate to the Morongo Reuse Center!

All Morongo community members can participate in the Morongo Reuse Program. All may take donated items and/or donate reusable household products.

## **Usable Household Products may include:**

- Paints and Stains
- Small Electronics (working)
- Lawn Care Products
- Pool Care Products
- Vehicle Care Products
- Household Cleaners



All donated, usable items must come in an original container (e.g. paints, vehicle care, lawn care products, etc.) and must have at least 50% or more of the product remaining or have the original, untampered seal. Original labels must be legible. The EPD staff will make the final determination if materials are safe for reuse.

**The Morongo Reuse Center is available upon request and during the quarterly Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events!**

# Medications and Sharps

## Medications

Keeping expired medications is dangerous especially for small children. Unwanted and expired medications should never be flushed down the drain but can be disposed of in the regular trash following a few simple steps.



### Medication Disposal Options:

- Bring your medications to a quarterly Household Hazardous Wastes Drop-Off Day. Remove personal information from the containers.
- Dispose of meds in the regular trash. Mix pills with coffee grounds, kitty litter, or other undesirable substance and place in the trash. Liquid medication should be absorbed into paper towels, newspaper, or rags and disposed of in the trash.
- Pharmacies or doctor's offices may take back unwanted medication or you can purchase a prescription mail-back envelope.

## Sharps

Sharps include needles, syringes, lancets, or any medical device with sharp points or edges which can cut or puncture skin. Needle stick injuries are particularly dangerous for sanitation workers, children, and pets. To protect human health, sharps should never be placed in any trash or recycling bin nor flushed down the drain.



**Collect** sharps in an approved sharps container or a hard-sided plastic container, such as a laundry detergent bottle. Label with "BIOHAZARD-SHARPS".

**Properly dispose** of sharps containers by bringing to a quarterly Household Hazardous Wastes Drop-Off Day or by scheduling a pick-up/drop-off by contacting the EPD.

# Contacts

## Morongo Environmental Protection Department

Tribal Administration Facility

12700 Pumarra Road, Banning

Hours: 8:00 am— 5:00 pm

Main: 951-755-5128

Pollution Prevention Specialist: 951-755-5198

[epd@morongo-nsn.gov](mailto:epd@morongo-nsn.gov)

*\*For questions regarding all recycling programs and household hazardous wastes.*

## Morongo Public Works

47350 Foothill Road, Banning

Hours: 6:30 am— 3:00 pm

Main: 951-755-5260

[PublicWorks@morongo-nsn.gov](mailto:PublicWorks@morongo-nsn.gov)

*\*For questions regarding waste collection and transportation.*

## Morongo Finance Department

Tribal Administration Facility

12700 Pumarra Road, Banning

Hours: 8:00 am— 5:00 pm

Main: 951-755-5280

[FRceptionist@morongo-nsn.gov](mailto:FRceptionist@morongo-nsn.gov)

*\*For questions regarding new service set-up and billing.*



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