NEW RECYCLING GUIDELINES!

We appreciate how well residents followed the old guidelines and helped make our recycling program a success. Thank you! Unfortunately, the rules have now changed. Due to recent declines in recycling markets, much of what WAS recyclable is now handled as trash. By following these new guidelines, you will help us meet the state mandate and keep more recyclable waste away from the landfill.

Please follow the new recycling guidelines below:

NO PLASTIC TRASH CAN LINERS OR PLASTIC BAGS IN THE BLUE CONTAINER!

Recyclable materials are to be placed in the **blue** container **loosely; all plastic bags go into your gray trash container**.

The **ONLY** items you may put in the **blue** container are listed below:

- **Clean paper / cardboard**
- **Empty Glass bottles and jars**
- **Magazines / Newspaper**
- **Junk Mail**

- **CRV beverage cans or bottles**
- **Empty Plastic bottles and jugs**
- **Empty Metal Food Cans**

Though other items may be recyclable, the triangular recycling emblem found on many plastics DOES NOT mean there is a market for them, it only identifies the composition of a particular plastic; however, you may take any recyclable item(s) to a facility that accepts them.

Play it safe, if you have any questions about a particular item, please call Public Works at
(209) 385-6800 or visit our website at:

http://www.cityofmerced.org/depts/pw/solid_waste/recycling.asp

Working together we can increase the amount of waste material we recycle which benefits both the environment and our recycling program. Thanks for helping us recycle right!

Scroll to page two for a pictorial recycling guide!

RECYCLE:

GREEN WASTE :

TRASH: