

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

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| • Animal Carcasses | • Lead Paint Debris |
| • Asbestos | • Medical Waste |
| • Appliances | • Medications |
| • Automotive Parts and Fluids | • Paints |
| • Batteries | • Pesticides |
| • Compressed Gas Cylinders | • Printer Ink & Toner |
| • Contaminated Soil or Cardboard | • Sharps & Needles |
| • Electronics | • Smoke Detectors |
| • Fluorescent Bulbs | • Tires |
| • Hazardous Wastes | • Vapes |
| • Herbicides | |

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

- Office Paper
- Cereal Boxes
- Cardboard
- Newspaper/ Magazines
- Phone Books
- Junk Mail
- Glass Bottles & Jars
- Plastic Bottles
- Plastic Containers
- Tin Cans
- Aluminum Cans
- Empty Aerosol Cans

***Must rinse and empty food containers**

NOT RECYCLABLE

- Food/ Liquid Wastes
- Food or Grease- Stained Items
- Lawn Waste
- Plastic Bags/ Plastic Film/ Bagged Recyclables
- Disposable Plates, Cups, & Cutlery
- Straws
- Wax-lined Food Boxes
- Rags/Sponges
- Styrofoam
- Clothing, Shoes, & Textiles
- Toys
- Soiled Paper Towels
- Ceramic Plates
- Dirt/ Rock/ Concrete
- Carpet/Rugs
- Mirrors
- Mixed Materials (ex: Envelopes with Plastic Windows)
- Electronics, Batteries, Light Bulbs, Printer Ink
- Chemicals

***No items smaller than the hand**

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 9am—4:00pm 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 and secure 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 EPD can arrange this on behalf of the owner; however, **all** associated expenses are the responsibility of the owner.*

The program is open to all Morongo residents. Please note, you will also 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. Items accepted include **household hazardous wastes, electronic wastes (e-waste), 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). Morongo Public Works maintains bulky item waste collection roll-offs in this area for the collection of **green waste** and **bulky refuse** 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!

Refuse:

Trash, food, food-stained items, plastic bags, bulky items, & small items

Green Waste:

Leaves, lawn clippings, & branches

Tires:

Set off to the side for sorting

Household Hazardous Wastes:

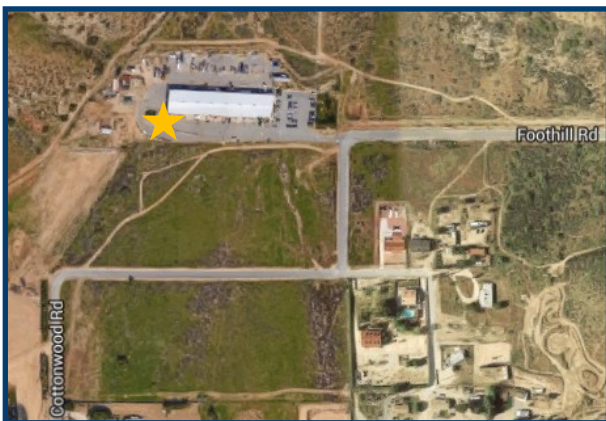
Paint, cleaners, used oil, light bulbs, batteries, printer ink, & other household chemicals



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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**

Mixed Recyclables:

Mixed paper, cardboard, glass, metal, & plastics

E-waste:

TV's, computers, & other electronics

Scrap Metal:

Metal furniture, fencing, bikes, & other metal

Appliances:

Refrigerators, microwaves, air conditioning units, exercise equipment, motors, & other appliances



Electronic Wastes (e-waste) 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
- Cell phones
- Vape Batteries
- Keyboards
- TVs
- Monitors
- Computers
- Printers
- Cords/Wires
- Printer Ink/Toner
- Light Bulbs
- ...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 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day.

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 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 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 grey roll-off bin, located at the Public Works drop off area (see page 6).

Hazardous Wastes Accepted:

- Automotive Fluids
- Used Oil/Filters
- Aerosol Cans
- Paints (Latex & Oil)
- Pesticides/Herbicides
- Vapes
- Fertilizers
- Household Cleaners
- Pool/Spa Chemicals
- Smoke Detectors
- Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Gasoline



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 Household Hazardous Wastes Drop-Off Day. Remove personal information from the containers. ***Do NOT** bring controlled substances (ie: narcotic pain killers, or stimulants)
- 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 Household Hazardous Wastes Drop-Off Day or by scheduling a pick-up/drop-off by contacting the EPD.

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.

All donated, usable items must come in an original container 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 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events!

Usable household products may include:

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| • Paints & Stains | • Pool Care Products |
| • Electronics | • Vehicle Care Products |
| • Pesticides | • Household Cleaners |
| • Herbicides | • Home Repair |
| • Lawn Care Products | • Batteries/Ink/Light Bulbs |



Clothing and Shoes Recycling



For recycling **small** quantities of **clothing and shoes**, the Environmental Department has a drop-off bin located on 2nd Floor of Tribal Administration, next to the Environmental Protection Department desk.

Contacts

Morongo Environmental Protection Department

Tribal Administration

12700 Pumarra Road, Banning

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am — 5:00 pm

Main: 951-755-5127

Pollution Prevention Program

Environmental Specialist: 951-572-6187

P2@morongo-nsn.gov

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

Morongo Public Works

47350 Foothill Road, Banning

Hours: 6:30 am — 2:30 pm

Main: 951-755-5267

PublicWorks@morongo-nsn.gov

**For questions regarding waste collection and transportation.*

Morongo Finance Department

Tribal Administration

12700 Pumarra Road, Banning

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am — 5:00 pm

Main: 951-755-5280

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



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