

To the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors.

During the shelter in place, MendoRecycle is requesting to expand our existing limited collections. Currently, we are open 1 day per week in Ukiah only for residents. Because we are the hazardous waste disposal for the entire county, we request that we be allowed to expand our collections to Willits and Fort Bragg. This will enable those in Northern and Coastal Mendocino County to safely dispose of their hazardous waste. Fort Bragg especially is a high waste volume collection. We understand that it is not advisable to encourage residents to leave their homes, however we can not continue to require residents outside of Ukiah to continue to hold onto their waste, nor do I feel they will. I fear that hazardous waste will inevitably end up in the landfill for lack of anywhere else to take it.

At our Ukiah facility, we have implemented a collection protocol that allows for technicians to stay more than 6 feet from residents, along with sanitation of the waste disposal area between drop offs.

Residents remain in their vehicles until they reach the drop off area 1 vehicle at a time, and only exit their vehicle to drop the waste on a designated table, so no physical contact occurs between residents either.

Beyond residents, we have allowed for businesses to dispose of waste by way of appointments, and only if they are unable to hold on to the waste through the shelter in place. We make every effort to minimize the additional traffic at this time. Businesses like residents must remain in their vehicles until they reach the drop off point, where we have a disposal area set up to accommodate the larger volume. In order to receive payments from business waste, we are allowing for all businesses to pay by invoice. We are currently observing the distancing protocol and sanitation procedures during residential and business collections.

We further would like to request the same consideration for tire collections. We have an anticipated tire collection in Willits for May and I have to schedule trailers to be delivered, which is done a minimum of a month prior. Tire collections require no physical contact between the technicians and residents. The residents drive up one at a time and drop up to 9 tires on the ground near the trailer, where our technicians can then retrieve and load them onto the trailer.

Our Tire Amnesty Collections are scheduled as follows:

May 2020 – Willits

June 2020 – Caspar

September 2020 Gualala, Willits and Ukiah

October 2020 Hopland

We would like to add 1 more at the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, as we cancelled April.

We are happy to incorporate any additional measures necessary to allow for needed residential collections outside of Ukiah, and we thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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