

GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

FUND NO. 558

ACCOUNT NO. 1133

DESCRIPTION

The Green Waste Division is responsible for all green waste collection within City limits. This includes scheduled and unscheduled service for residential, customers, as well as Christmas Tree Removal.

MISSION

Provide the citizens of Merced excellent green waste collection service, which provides the raw material to create a beneficial, valuable material in compost, while maintaining compliance with applicable state and local source reduction requirements.

GOALS

- ◇ Provide regular collection of residential green waste in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

OBJECTIVES

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS/INDICATORS

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| 1. Monitor new green waste routes to ensure the ability to accommodate growth, and determine if productivity can be improved. | All routes to be continually audited during fiscal year, and adjustments implemented as necessary. |
| 2. Monitor quality of green waste being delivered to County Landfill compost program to ensure quality of end product. | Ongoing |

2004-2005 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Green Waste Collection Program began operations in FY 2003. Green Waste rates were approved in November 2001, and implemented when the program began. The rate approval included an automatic rate adjustment, based on CPI factors, each January 1, beginning in 2003, and concluding in 2006. As a result of recent increases in many costs, particularly fuel, which affect the CPI, there was an inflationary adjustment to green waste rates in January 2004. In Calendar year 2004, Christmas trees will be included in the green waste program and be disposed in the green waste containers, rather than a curbside program, as has occurred in the past.