

REFUSE COLLECTION
FUND NO. 558
ACCOUNT NO. 1112

DESCRIPTION

The Refuse Division is responsible for all solid waste collection within City limits. This includes scheduled and unscheduled service for residential, commercial, and industrial customers, as well as special programs such as Alley Cleanup, Spring Cleanup and Tire Amnesty.

MISSION

To provide the citizens of Merced excellent solid waste services, which protect public health, preserve quality of life, and enhance the City's general appearance.

GOALS

- ◇ Provide regular collection of residential, industrial, and commercial solid waste in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

OBJECTIVES

***PERFORMANCE
MEASUREMENTS/INDICATORS***

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| 1. Continue to monitor and adjust right sizing of refuse service routes to accommodate growth, as well as improve productivity. | All routes will be continually audited during fiscal year, and adjustments implemented as necessary. |
| 2. Prepare recommendations for 2005 Spring Cleanup program by September 2004 and make changes, if appropriate, based on tonnage and costs of the 2004 program. | Complete the program for a maximum of \$130 per ton disposed.

Complete service in all areas on schedule. |
| 3. Continue current Alley Cleanup and Tire Amnesty Programs. | Track cost and tonnage of alley cleanup monthly and tire amnesty quarterly. |

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2004-2005 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Refuse rates were increased effective January 1, 2002. 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 increases in the CPI, an adjustment to the refuse rate was made in January 2004.

A partial Full Time Equivalent (20%) has been recommended to be shared with the Street Sweeping Division. One additional Refuse Equipment Operator to deal with growth in roll off service was requested in the FY 2005 budget, but not recommended.