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Universal Waste Recycling Program Offered at Libraries

Fresno County's Public Library and Department of Public Works have teamed to offer a first-of-its-kind recycling program.

Starting September 5, 2017, county residents can drop off used compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), fluorescent tubes, alkaline and rechargeable batteries at eleven different Library branches.

These items contain hazardous substances and must be deposited at approved facilities, sometimes for a fee. This new service is being provided free of charge to County residents to encourage and ensure proper disposal of universal waste.

Public Works will provide approved hazardous material collection containers at eleven Library branches: the Central Library, Betty Rodriguez Regional Library, Clovis Regional Library, Fig Garden Regional Library, Sunnyside Regional Library, Woodward Park Regional Library, Mendota Branch Library, Orange Cove Branch Library, Reedley Branch Library, Sanger Branch Library and Selma Branch Library.

"It is important for us to be good stewards of the community we live in. This is one way Fresno County Public Library can help the public and preserve our community environment," said County Librarian Kelley Landano.

This program might be expanded to other branches in the future.

For more information about Library programs, services, and specific branch hours, please go to <u>www.fresnolibrary.org</u>, or call the Library at (559) 600 – READ (7323).