



The department is a unique organization dedicated to public health and protection in Stanislaus County and the nine incorporated cities. This commitment to environmental protection is exemplified by the comprehensive programs provided. You are encouraged to become better acquainted with the services it provides.

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

Department staff is composed of dedicated professionals who skillfully interface with local, state and federal agencies to administer a comprehensive environmental protection program.

The department is headed by the Director of Environmental Resources and is comprised of two Assistant Directors, administrative staff and six separate divisions. Each division is led by a program manager and an outline of their respective programs is included in this brochure.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- *Investigate complaints regarding environmental concerns such as refuse disposal, noise and dust.*
- *Investigate complaints regarding land-use issues and zoning enforcement*
- *Provides information and education to the public through presentations to local Municipal Advisory Council meetings.*
- *Oversees the 1-877-2ASSIST program*
- *Participates in Weed & Seed project with the City of Modesto, other Governmental agencies and community groups.*

- *Oversee the County's Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program..*
- *Oversees the graffiti abatement program. Responsible for the removal of graffiti from public and private property in the unincorporated area.*
- *Inspect for compliance with State codes and issue permits for the operation of county mobile home parks.*

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- *Perform routine inspections of retail food facilities for compliance with health and safety codes. Respond to complaints of improper food handling, alleged food poisoning, unsanitary conditions and vermin infestations.*
- *Provide instruction on food safety topics.*
- *Review plans of food facilities, public swimming pools/spas and on-site sewage systems.*
- *Proposed parcel splits, subdivisions, use and building permit applications are evaluated for adequate sewage disposal and domestic water supply. Participate in environmental review committees for proposed projects and comment on environmental impact study referrals.*
- *Inspect water well installations and public water systems to ensure that safe and adequate water supplies are available for domestic use.*
- *Provide information on risk assessment of contaminants found in water supplies and remedial alternatives.*

- *Ensure acceptable water quality, structural safety and the availability of life-saving equipment at all public pools and spas.*
- *Routinely sample water of natural bathing areas to determine suitability for human contact.*
- *Investigate complaints regarding environmental concerns such as odors, rodents, flies and other insects.*
- *Investigate complaints concerning failed sewage disposal systems. Conduct inspections of new and rehabilitated private sewage disposal systems for compliance with health and safety codes and County ordinances. Inspect and monitor septic tank/chemical toilet pumper trucks. Administer the aerobic wastewater treatment program and insure compliance with Measure X.*
- *Assist the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District on issues of joint concern when requested and track air pollution issues of local concern.*
- *Inspect for compliance with state codes and issue permits for the operation of detention facilities, organized camps and employee housing.*
- *Provide information and assistance to occupants and landlords of residential housing units.*
- *Implement Risk Management and Prevention laws to minimize chemical releases in the community.*

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- *Maintain hazardous materials response team to assist public and fire agencies during transportation and industrial accidents involving chemical spills.*
- *Prepare and implement the County's Area Plan for emergency response to chemical spills in the community.*
- *Permit and inspect the removal of underground storage tanks.*
- *Oversee site investigation for soil and groundwater contamination and clean-up.*
- *Permit and monitor underground storage tanks.*
- *Inspect hazardous waste generators. Review procedures for storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous wastes.*
- *Implement the County's Electronic Waste collection program.*
- *Develop and implement the County's Household Hazardous Waste collection program.*
- *Inspect medical facilities to ensure compliance with state medical waste management laws.*
- *Implement hazardous materials disclosure laws (business plans) to ensure access to information about chemicals handled by businesses.*

MILK AND DAIRY

- Inspect market milk (“Grade A”) and manufacturing grade (“Grade B”) dairy farms for conformance with quality and sanitation requirements.
- Sample milk at the producer level and analyze in a Certified Lab, for bacteria content and the presence of contaminants, to ensure safety.
- Investigate complaints regarding odors, manure, flies and other items relating to dairies.
- Check and approve plans for new construction or remodels of dairies and inspect construction sites to see that plans are followed.
- Condemn milk and milk products that may be unfit or unsafe for human consumption.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Administer and enforce agreements, ordinances and regulations relative to franchised and permitted waste collectors within the unincorporated areas of the County. Promote public compliance with appropriate sections of the Refuse Control Ordinance.
- Ensure efficient collection and disposal or recycling of our customer’s garbage, recyclables, green waste and bulky items and respond to public complaints relating to solid waste.
- Prepare and update the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan and State mandated reports along with the management of waste diversion goals.

- Administer contracts and agreements between the County, our partner the City of Modesto, and the operator of the Stanislaus Resource Recovery Facility (energy from waste facility).
- Perform inspections of waste tire generators, waste tire haulers, and waste tire disposal facilities for compliance with State regulations.
- Perform inspections of used oil and filter collection centers for compliance with State regulations.
- Administrate the Stanislaus County Recycling Market Development Zone, a technical assistance and low-interest loan program, to stimulate market development for recovered materials.
- Administrate the Food Processing By-Products Program, including oversight of by-product haulers and the direct feed and land application sites.
- Provide educational resources and outreach materials in the areas of recycling, reuse, diversion, litter control and alternative waste disposal.

LANDFILL DIVISION

- The Fink Road Landfill is a Class III landfill that provides services for municipal solid waste disposal for the communities of Stanislaus County.
- Provide an illegal roadside dumping clean-up program in conjunction with the Sheriff’s Office, Abandoned Vehicle Abatement and Code Enforcement.
- Divert materials from the waste streams for recycling or re-use including appliances (white goods), electronics (E-waste) and tires.

CONTACTING THE DEPARTMENT

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Mon – Fri (excluding legal holidays)

Telephone numbers: (209 Area Code)

Administration.....	525-6770
Code Enforcement.....	525-6700
Environmental Health.....	525-6700
Hazardous Materials.....	525-6700
Milk and Dairy.....	525-6700
Solid Waste Management.....	525-6700
Zoning Enforcement.....	525-6700

Household Hazardous Waste Information

Hotline.....	525-4123
FAX.....	525-6774

Fink Road Landfill Information

Telephone.....	837-4800
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Operating Days/Hours:

Mon – Sat, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
(Excluding January 1, July 4, Thanksgiving Day, December 25).

Web Site: www.stancounty.com

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

William O’Brien District 1	Vito Chiesa District 2
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Department of Environmental Resources

strives to promote a safe and healthy environment and improve the quality of life in our community through a balance of science, education, partnerships and environmental regulation.

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