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## ***Happy Summer-time! Be “Garbage-wise”!***

Sacramento County’s Department of Waste Management and Recycling would like to remind all of our customers to be careful when disposing of hot coals, hot ashes from those summer-time backyard bar-b-ques.

Many residents will be enjoying the summer with backyard bar-b-ques and other family gatherings. Most people are familiar with the warnings to be careful when dealing with open flames and burning coals but once the last hot dog or hamburger is gone, the coals and ashes must be handled with extreme care.

Coals, ashes, and fireworks may continue to be hot and smoldering long after the celebrations are over. They still have the ability to start a fire. If these items are not properly cooled prior to disposal, they can easily ignite a garbage cart, a garbage truck, or even the facility they are brought to.

### **How you can help!**

Help us prevent fires by doing the following:

- Cool coals, ashes, and spent fireworks for several days in a grill, a fireplace, or a non-galvanized metal container
- Hot Coals, ashes, or fireworks, should NEVER be placed in your garbage, green waste or recycling carts
- Never place used coals, ashes or fireworks in plastic, paper, or wood containers
- Place items in a non-galvanized metal container with a tight lid before placing in garage cart
- Soak charcoal, ashes, and spent fireworks in water before disposing in your garbage cart
- Do not place other combustibles in the container with these items

And, please remember that film plastics, like plastic bags, and shredded paper are no longer accepted in your recycling cart. These should be contained and placed in your garbage.

Visit our website at [SacGreenTeam.com](http://SacGreenTeam.com) for a current list of acceptable and unacceptable recyclables and for more information about our services.