

**SANTA FE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 044**

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SPECIFIED SOLID  
WASTE WITHOUT PAYING SERVICE FEES IN SANTA FE COUNTY**

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**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County Solid Waste operates seven convenience centers throughout the County for the disposal of residential solid waste and household recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, permit fees are assessed for the disposal of certain materials at County convenience centers, including tires, green waste, and residential solid waste; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County Ordinance Number 2022-04 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to authorize free solid waste disposal days by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners signed Resolution No. 2025-031 to authorize the disposal of specified solid waste without paying service fees on specified days in 2025 in Santa Fe County, as it has done with similar resolutions in 2023 and 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, illegally dumped vehicle tires pose a significant fire hazard and threaten the environment and human health; and

**WHEREAS**, discarded tires can be recycled into a range of products, including new tire treads, flooring, roofing material, and sports surfaces; and

**WHEREAS**, residents who have purchased a Santa Fe County solid waste punch card permit may recycle up to eight passenger vehicle tires without rims each month at six Santa Fe County solid waste convenience centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the free disposal and recycling of tires would encourage proper tire disposal and reduce illegal dumping; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County has been awarded a Recycling and Illegal Dumping Act (RAID) grant through the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), which will reimburse up to \$10,500 in tipping fees associated with free tire recycling days held at Santa Fe County Convenience Centers before June 30, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change is driving an increase in wildfire frequency and intensity in the western United States, and New Mexico experienced the largest wildfire in state history in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the open burning of green waste in Santa Fe County increases fire risk; and

**WHEREAS**, providing free green waste disposal days at County convenience centers during the summer months will reduce the need to burn green waste; and

**WHEREAS**, litter threatens land, water, and quality of life in Santa Fe County; and

**WHEREAS**, Keep Santa Fe Beautiful will engage community members in cleaning up litter throughout Santa Fe by hosting the Great American Cleanup on April 18, 2026, and the Toss No Mas Cleanup on September 19, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency will provide free residential solid waste disposal at the Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer Station and the Caja del Rio Landfill on April 18 and September 19, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, providing free residential solid waste disposal at County convenience centers on April 18 and September 19, 2026 will make free trash disposal days more accessible to County residents who are not located near these two locations, and will likely reduce the amount of illegally dumped waste, encourage participation in the Great American Cleanup and Toss No Mas, and create a cleaner and safer Santa Fe County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency has agreed to waive tipping fees for residential solid waste collected at County convenience centers on April 18 and September 19, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County that:

1. Santa Fe County will suspend the deduction against trips remaining on solid waste permits for County residents, County staff, and nonprofit organizations disposing of tires during the entire month of May 2026 at all County convenience centers except the Tesuque transfer station. The participating locations are outlined below:
  - Eldorado Convenience Center
  - Jacona Convenience Center
  - La Cienega Convenience Center
  - Nambe Convenience Center
  - San Marcos Convenience Center
  - Stanley Convenience Center

Tipping fees associated with these free tire recycling days will be reimbursed up to \$10,500 through the NMED RAID Grant, and any tipping fees accrued beyond this grant allocation will be drawn from the General Fund as needed. County residents must have a valid solid waste permit or a valid identification with proof of an eligible address to participate, and

each individual may drop off a maximum of eight tires per day. Tire rims must be separated from tires and placed in a designated scrap metal bin.

2. Santa Fe County will suspend the deduction against trips remaining on solid waste permits for County residents who are disposing of green waste at the Stanley, Jacona, and Eldorado convenience centers on the days outlined below:
  - April 10 and 11, 2026 (the second Friday and Saturday of the month)
  - May 8 and 9, 2026 (the second Friday and Saturday of the month)
  - June 12 and 13, 2026 (the second Friday and Saturday of the month)
  - July 10 and 11, 2026 (the second Friday and Saturday of the month)
  - August 7 and 8, 2026 (the second Friday and Saturday of the month)
  - September 4 and 5, 2026 (the first Friday and Saturday of the month)

County residents must have a valid solid waste permit to participate in the free green-waste disposal days. "Green Waste" is defined as yard waste, lawn clippings, leaves, and tree trimmings. Green Waste does not include: weeds, cholla cactus, sod, root balls, tree stumps, tree trunks greater than 18 inches in diameter, pet waste, rocks, dirt/soil (clean or contaminated), household waste, litter, plastic bags, metal, plastic, paper, pallets, palm fronds, lumber or any type of treated wood (including plywood, sheet rock, and chipboard), leaves, pines needles, and any construction or demolition materials.

3. In addition to the green waste disposal dates identified in the previous paragraph, the County Manager will be delegated the authority to approve free waste disposal days, events, or services during the spring and summer of 2026, provided that funding for such events shall not exceed \$200,000. If authorized and necessary, that \$200,000 for such days and events will come from the Environmental Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) Fund (212), the uncommitted balance of which is \$562,361.00.
4. Santa Fe County will suspend the deduction against trips remaining on solid waste permits for County residents disposing of residential solid waste at all Santa Fe County convenience centers on April 18, 2026, and September 19, 2026. County residents must have a valid solid waste permit to participate in these free residential solid waste disposal days, and "residential solid waste" is solid waste and recyclable material generated from a site that contains three or fewer dwelling units.
5. All guidelines for the disposal of green waste, residential solid waste, and other materials at County convenience centers shall apply. All solid waste brought to any convenience center or temporary collection center site shall be compliant with Ordinance No. 2014-10, as amended by Ordinance Nos. 2010-5, 2012-7, 2013-3, and 2014-6. Solid waste staff may, at their discretion, reject material that does not comply with solid waste guidelines and County ordinances. Examples of Prohibited Materials, as defined in Ordinance No. 2014-10, include, but are not limited to:
  - Ammunition
  - Animal Wastes

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- Asbestos Wastes
- Automobiles and large automobile parts, automobile or equipment lead-acid batteries, automobile parts containing or that contained fluids or liquids (e.g., gasoline tanks). Does not include tire rims that have been removed from tires.
- Clean Fill
- Construction and Demolition Debris
- Dead Animals
- Explosives
- Hazardous Waste
- Hot Waste and Ashes
- Industrial Wastes
- Infectious Waste-Regulated Medical Waste
- Intact Bulk Containers
- Lead Acid Batteries
- Liquids, including sewage, septage, and large quantities of frying fats
- Petroleum or Chemically Contaminated Soils
- Pressurized Cylinders (including propane tanks & cooking cylinders)
- Radioactive Waste
- Sewage, Septage, and Holding Tank Pumpings
- Sludges
- Any other item as specified by Federal, State, or local law or regulation or as determined by the County Manager.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2026

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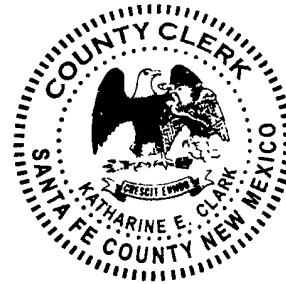
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Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 03/31/2026

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County Attorney



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County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM