



**MERCED COUNTY TRANSIT**

*The public transportation service of the  
Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County*

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## **Discount taxi service available for seniors and people with disabilities in Atwater and Winton**

**MERCED, Calif., Monday, October 31, 2011** – Merced County Transit – TheBus launched a Taxi Scrip Program in the City of Atwater and community of Winton in March of 2011. Taxi Scrip provides seniors age 65 and older and riders that meet the definition of disabled under the American’s with Disabilities Act, an 80% discount on taxi fares.

Effective November 1, 2011 seniors age 65 years or older and riders that meet the definition of disabled under the American’s with Disabilities Act, can purchase booklets of scrip valued at \$40 for \$8, \$80 for \$16 or \$120 for \$24 . Scrip is used like cash to pay for taxi cab fares. “Previously riders were limited to \$40 scrip per a month,” said Rod Ghearing, Transit Manager for TheBus. “Due to the high demand from those that have used the service, we have increased the amount to \$120.”

The service is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. For residents in Atwater or Winton who would like to register for the Taxi Scrip Program, contact (209) 726-2729.

For more information regarding programs available through Merced County Transit – The Bus visit <http://www.mercedthebus.com/> or call (800) 345-3111.

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Merced County Transit operates fixed-route services Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Merced County Transit is a joint powers authority composed of the cities of Atwater, Dos Palos, Gustine, Livingston, Los Banos, and Merced, as well as the County of Merced. The program is administered by the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) Transit Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) of Merced County.

For route and schedule information, call (209) 725-3813 or visit [www.mercedthebus.com](http://www.mercedthebus.com).

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# ATWATER/WINTON ◀ TAXI SCRIP ▶ PROGRAM

Discount Taxi Fare Program for Seniors (65+) and ADA-Certified Persons in Atwater and Winton

**The Atwater/Winton Taxi Scrip Program** provides the convenience of traveling by taxi at a drastically reduced rate. The program is for Atwater and Winton residents aged 65 or older, or who are eligible for service under TheBus' ADA Paratransit Program -- these riders can use Taxi Scrip instead of paying cash for taxi rides **24 hours a day, seven days a week.**

◀ **By using Taxi Scrip, you receive an 80% discount on taxi fares!** ▶

## To apply for the Taxi Scrip Program:

- 1) Call (209) 726-2729 to request an application by mail. Applications are also available at the locations listed to the right.
- 2) Take a completed application to the Merced County Transit Office, as well as one of the following as proof of eligibility: CA Driver's License, CA DMV-issued I.D. or Medicare card. A photo of yourself will be taken in order to receive your Taxi Scrip User I.D. Card, which is needed any time you purchase or use Taxi Scrip.

## How to pay for Taxi Scrip:

- 1) Bring your Taxi Scrip User I.D. Card or ADA Paratransit Card to any of the locations to the right.
- 2) Effective November 1, 2011, you can purchase a booklet of 40, 80 or 120 Scrips by check, cashier's check or money order made payable to "Merced County Transit." Up to 120 Taxi Scrips may be purchased per calendar month. Call Merced County Transit for more information at (209) 726-2729.

Amount of SCRIP	PRICE
40	\$ 8 <sup>00</sup>
80	\$ 16 <sup>00</sup>
120	\$ 24 <sup>00</sup>

## Where to buy Taxi Scrip:

**Merced County Transit Office**  
880 Thornton Road  
Merced, CA 95341

**City of Atwater**  
750 Bellevue Road  
Atwater, CA 95301

**Atwater Community Center**  
760 E. Bellevue Road  
Atwater, CA 95301

**Winton Cherish**  
7091 W. Walnut Avenue  
Winton, CA 95388

*Note: Taxi Scrip does not expire. Taxi Scrip cannot be given or sold to someone else and is non-negotiable, non-refundable and non-replaceable.*