

Guidance for Landfills, Transfer Stations & Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities Accepting Treated Wood Waste

Only landfills authorized by the California Water Resources Control Board are allowed to accept Treated Wood Waste, or TWW for disposal. The Board maintains a list of landfills and disposal facilities authorized to accept TWW at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/land_disposal/treated_wood_waste.html

Under the state Alternative Management Standards (AMS) for disposing of TWW, landfills have specific responsibilities in recordkeeping and notifications. This includes reporting information on TWW disposal with the state Dept. of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). See <https://dtsc.ca.gov/toxics-in-products/treated-wood-waste/>

The AMS for TWW disposal defines specific responsibilities for landfill transfer stations and household hazardous waste collection facilities receiving TWW. These responsibilities include:

- Maintain detailed records of TWW received at the facility.
- Establish an account for reporting to the DTSC Treated Wood Waste Tracking System.
- Submit semi-annual reports to DTSC using the online TWW Tracking System.

The wood treating industry has developed a website at www.TWWDisposal.org to assist Californians and businesses in properly disposing TWW. Detailed information for landfills, transfer stations and household waste collection facilities can be reviewed on the website. Below is a summary of these topics:

Important Recordkeeping Information

Disposal facilities must keep records documenting the disposal of TWW, as required by DTSC. Records may take the form of a log, invoice, manifest, bill of lading, shipping document, or receipt to a generator from an approved TWW facility.

Records must be kept for a minimum of three years. For approved disposal facilities, the period starts when they receive the TWW. Records of TWW received by an approved facility must include:

- Name, phone number, mailing address and email address of the generator.
- Physical address of where the TWW originated.
- Weight of TWW or the estimated weight of TWW - any estimation shall be noted in the record.
- Date the TWW was received by the approved facility.

This information will be necessary for reporting within the online TWW Tracking System maintained by DTSC.

Review details at: twwdisposal.org/users/landfills/

Reporting

In addition to submitting semi-annual reports on TWW received, disposal facilities must report all Large Generators that exceed 10,000 lbs. of TWW in a calendar year to DTSC.

Disposal facilities should create an account for the TWW Tracking System at: hwts.dtsc.ca.gov/tww/
Click on the New Account button to set up the account and enter log-in information.

Facilities accepting TWW shall submit semi-annual reports to DTSC for the following periods: Jan. 1 to June 30 and July 1 to Dec. 31. Reports must be submitted 30 days after each reporting period through the TWW Tracking System. Each report must include the following information:

- The TWW facility name, address of facility site, contact person, telephone number email address and identification number.
- Weight summary of all TWW quantities received by households.
- Weight summary of all TWW quantities discovered and separated from solid waste as part of an on-site load check.
- Shipments of TWW received from another TWW facility. This should include: the identification number or name of the facility shipping TWW, address, contact person, mailing address, email address, telephone number, dates of shipments and the weight of TWW per shipment.
- Reports of TWW shipments received that do not fit into the list above must include: generator's identification number (if the generator does not have an identification number, their name, address, contact person, mailing address, email address and telephone number is required), date of shipments and the weight of TWW per shipment.

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Prohibited Activities

The state of California has adopted the following specific prohibitions for TWW after it is removed from its original application:

- TWW may not be burned in open flame, fireplaces or residential boilers.
- TWW may not be scavenged for other uses.
- TWW may not be comingled with other waste prior to disposal, if previously segregated.
- TWW may not be stored in contact with the ground or water.
- TWW may not be recycled.
- TWW may not be resized, except for minimal cutting, breaking, or sawing to facilitate transport or reuse. If size reduction of the TWW results in sawdust, particles or other material smaller than one cubic inch, the material must be captured and managed as TWW.
- TWW may not be chipped into mulch for landscaping, animal bedding or other uses.
- Any label, mark, or end tag that identifies the wood as preservative-treated wood shall not be intentionally removed, obliterated, defaced, or destroyed prior to disposal in an approved landfill.
- TWW may only be disposed at a landfill approved by the California State Water Resources Control Board.

For additional information on these and other topics for landfills and disposal facilities, please go to the website:

www.TWWDisposal.org