



Monterey Regional Waste Management District

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CONTAMINATED SOIL AND LIQUID WASTE ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The Monterey Regional Waste Management District (“District”) accepts soil, drilling mud, harbor and lake dredgings, storm drain catch basin silt, waste concrete slurry, petroleum contaminated soil, and other soils with varying degrees of moisture content and contamination (chemical and debris).

Acceptance of these types of materials, other than clean soil, is subject to the prior approval by the District staff. Submittal of a Generator Waste Profile may be required. If so, in addition to the disposal fee, the generator shall be charged a Processing Fee of \$100.00 per project.

THE DISTRICT DOES NOT ACCEPT WASTE THAT IS DEFINED AS HAZARDOUS UNDER RCRA or CCR Title 22.

ACCEPTED MATERIALS:

| WASTE CATEGORY | MOISTURE CONTENT % (BY WEIGHT) | DISPOSAL FEE /MIN. CHARGE |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Debris Contaminated Soil with debris or vegetative material content ranging from 1% to 10% (by volume) | <50% | \$10.00/ton Min./ \$15.00 |
| The following materials must be pre-approved by District Staff* ⁽¹⁾ Note: The use of “belly dumps” requires prior District approval and may be subject to a special handling fee. | | |
| Petroleum Contaminated Soil | <50% | \$20.00/ton Min./ \$15.00 |
| Petroleum Contaminated Soil with debris or vegetative material content > 10% (by volume) ⁽³⁾ | <50% | \$51.75/ton Min./ \$15.00 |
| Well drilling mud, harbor and lake dredgings with debris or vegetative material content <1% (by volume) ^{(2) (4)} | <50% | \$20.00/ton Min./ \$15.00 |
| Liquid Waste (high water content waste such as water treatment plant sludge, storm drain catch basin silt, waste concrete slurry) ⁽⁵⁾ | >50% | \$45.00/ton Min./ \$15.00 |

NOTES:

The waste category and disposal fee is based on the District staff’s visual determination of the waste material’s degree of contamination, moisture content, and physical properties, not the exact percent of contamination or moisture content. The District staff’s visual determination of compliance is final.

- 1) If the waste material contains any chemical contaminants, such as petroleum hydrocarbons, BTEX, pesticides, PCBs, or heavy metals, the District requires a laboratory analysis of the waste material prior to acceptance.
- 2) Depending on the purpose and location of a new well, the District may require that drilling muds be sampled for asbestos, heavy metals, pH, and hydrocarbons.
- 3) If debris and petroleum contaminated soil contains any of the following contaminants in excess of 10% by volume loads will be charged at the full solid waste rate per ton:
 - Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste including: pipes, paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, metal, or trash
 - Rock, asphalt, or concrete in excess of 5 inches in length or width.
 - Weeds, roots, sod, brush, or other organic material.
- 4) At 20% to 50% moisture, the material flows slowly on the ground like a moderately wet paste, with slight splashing.
- 5) At greater than 50% moisture, there is significant splashing, and the material spreads quickly over a wide area.

For additional information contact:

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