



Monterey Regional Waste Management District

Service, Stewardship and Sustainability Since 1951

GREEN WASTE (YARD WASTE) & WOOD WASTE ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

KEEP THE “GREEN” CLEAN! Green waste can be converted into compost, energy and landscape material. By sorting and assuring clean loads you help the District maximize resource recovery of this material and save yourself the cost of the full disposal rate.

It is District’s policy to accept loads of clean green waste at the rate of \$30.00 per ton.

Examples of accepted wood waste are:

- tree limbs
- logs and beams less than 6 ft. in length and 1 ft. in diameter
- clean root balls of less than two feet across
- tree stumps* less than 1 ft. in diameter at the base
*for stumps larger than this see table below
- construction/demolition lumber (untreated, unpainted accepted with nails)
- used pallets and crates
- unfinished wood furniture, fences and decks
- untreated wood roofing shingles/shakes (no tar paper, asbestos, or fiberglass)

* Disposal Fees for Oversized Stumps and Root balls:	
Stumps with bases in excess of 1 ft. or root balls in excess of 2 ft.	\$5 for each foot in excess of these limits, plus the regular per ton rate
Stumps with bases or root balls more than 2-3 ft. in any dimension	\$10 each, plus the regular per ton rate.
Stumps with bases or root balls more than 3-5 ft. in any dimension	\$50 each, plus the regular per ton rate.
Stumps with bases or root balls more than 5 ft. in any dimension	\$50 each, plus the “problem waste” rate at \$90 per ton

Examples of accepted yard waste are:

• brush & shrub prunings	• ivy	• sawdust	• weeds
• Grass clippings	• pine needles and leaves	• sod	• woodchips

Loads containing unacceptable materials or loads mixed with refuse or recyclables are charged at the regular rate of \$51.75 per ton. Examples of unacceptable materials and contaminants are:

• bones	• pampas grass	• rocks	• pressure treated or painted wood
• cacti	• plastics	• soil	• railroad ties (less than 6 feet)
• ice plant	• palm stalks and fronds		• treated poles, pier pilings (less than 6 ft.)
• succulents e.g. aloe vera	• trash		• veneer paneling / plywood

THE DISTRICT DOES NOT ACCEPT WASTE THAT IS DEFINED AS HAZARDOUS WASTE UNDER RCRA OR CCR TITLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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