



# Monterey Regional Waste Management District

Turning Waste Into Resources, Since 1951

## **GREEN WASTE (WOOD WASTE & YARD 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. Loads of clean green waste will be charged the Clean Green Yard Waste and Wood Waste rate\*. Please see the disposal fee schedule for current rates.

### **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
- untreated, unpainted construction/ demolition lumber (accepted with nails)
- used pallets and crates
- unfinished wood furniture, fences and decks
- untreated wood roofing shingles/shakes (no tar paper, asbestos, or fiberglass)

\*For stumps and root balls more than 1ft. in diameter, additional fees will be charged. Please see the disposal fee schedule for current rates.

### **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 solid waste rate. Loads containing treated wood waste will be charged the solid waste rate plus applicable service fees. 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 / cedar shakes

\*Acceptance and fees for treated wood are subject to change based upon the DTSC’s requirements.

Note: The District does not accept waste that is defined as hazardous waste under RCRA or CCR title.

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