



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.

It is District’s policy to accept loads of clean green waste at the Clean Green Waste Rate (See current Disposal Fee Schedule for all disposal 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
*for stumps larger than this see table below
- 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.)

* 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 2-3 ft. in any dimension	\$10 each, plus the green waste rate per ton.
Stumps with bases or root balls 3-5 ft. in any dimension	\$50 each, plus the solid waste rate per ton.
Stumps with bases or root balls more than 5 ft. in any dimension	\$50 each, plus the current “problem waste” rate per ton

Examples of accepted yard waste are:

• brush & shrub pruning’s	• 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 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 / cedar shakes

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact: MRWMD Scale Supervisor, at 831-264-6389

For Special Projects contact MRWMD Senior Engineer at 831-264-6910

* Treated wood acceptance and fees are subject to change and based upon current DTSC requirements.

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