



Rate Schedule Effective January 1, 2026
County of Santa Cruz
Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal Facilities

Fee Schedule for Loads Coming from Unincorporated Santa Cruz County and City of Scotts Valley

**Loads from the Cities of Capitola, Santa Cruz, Watsonville
and Outside Santa Cruz County are subject to a 28% Surcharge.**
Proof of residency is required for all loads.

Accepted Forms of Payment: Cash, Checks, and Major Credit Cards* (*Fees May Apply)

All Loads are Subject to Hazardous Waste Load Checking. Hazardous and other prohibited materials, as defined under California law and regulations, may not be disposed at the County facilities. If hazardous materials are found in loads, the hauler is responsible for all costs associated with management of the hazardous material. In addition, the County may notify state and local regulatory agencies, and the responsible party or parties may be subject to civil or criminal prosecution, or both.

ALL LOADS MUST BE PROPERLY TARPED AND/OR SECURED

Vehicles arriving at the landfill/transfer station with loads that are not properly secured will be subject to a surcharge of the uncovered/unsecured load fee. Uncovered trucks are one of the primary sources of litter found along our roadways.

Customers conducting business at the County landfill/transfer station must unload their materials by 15 minutes after closing. A special handle rate may apply if you are unable to unload by 15 minutes after closing.

- Facilities and Hours of Operation -

Recycling and Solid Waste Services Administration	Ben Lomond Transfer Station	Buena Vista Landfill
701 Ocean Street, Room 410 Santa Cruz, CA 95060 831.454.2160	9835 Newell Creek Road Ben Lomond, CA 95005 831.454.3951	1231 Buena Vista Drive Watsonville, CA 95076 831.454.5153
8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday – Friday Except State and Federal Holidays	Open: 7:30 am to 3:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday; 7:30 am to 2:30 pm Wednesday; and 7:30 am to 11:30 am Christmas Eve. Closed: Sunday, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day (Subject to Change)	

Questions? 831.454.2430 or visit www.SantaCruzCountyRecycles.org

RECYCLING SAVES YOU MONEY AND SAVES YOUR PUBLIC LANDFILL SPACE
IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO MIX RECYCLABLES WITH YOUR REFUSE

****Items are accepted at the discounted rate listed only when market conditions support the recycling of the material. The Director of Community Development and Infrastructure will determine applicability of the discounted rate with 30 days advance notice, otherwise refuse rates apply.**

Check fee schedule on website at www.SantaCruzCountyRecycles.org or call 831.454.5153 to get rate currently in effect.

TYPE OF MATERIAL		PER TON	MINIMUM CHARGE
GARBAGE: Household, commercial and business refuse, upholstered furniture, painted lumber, dirt, stable waste. Call 831.454.5153 for specific items.		\$102.50	\$30.50
TREATED WOOD WASTE (TWW): Must be declared and documented, it will be charged at the garbage rate. See summarized TWW policy on page 3 of this document/flyer. Please see www.SantaCruzCountyRecycles.org for more information about TWW.		\$102.50	\$30.50
GARBAGE DROP BOX/ROLL OFF RENTALS: Hauler must be a Franchised Hauler with the County of Santa Cruz. Buena Vista Landfill Only.		\$90.50	\$30.50
SPECIAL HANDLE REFUSE: Includes agricultural plastics, large non-recyclable metal items, rancid waste, dead animals, waste requiring supervised burial, any waste requiring special handling as determined by facility staff.		\$167.50	\$44.00
CONTAMINATED/NON-COMPLIANT GARBAGE, REFUSE AND TRASH: Garbage loads containing sortable recyclable materials that are disposed of in the garbage containing more than 5% recyclable material in violation of County Recycling Ordinance as determined by County Staff.		\$196.50	\$53.75
CLEAN SORTED WOOD WASTE & YARDWASTE: No refuse, dirt, treated or painted lumber, poison oak, pampas grass, bamboo, yucca, palm, root balls or materials over 8’ length x 2’ diameter, 4’ length x 3’ diameter or 2’ length x 4’ diameter		\$68.00	\$21.75
FOOD WASTE (SCRAPS): Fruits, vegetables, dairy products, grains, bread, coffee grounds and filters, eggshells, cooked meats and bones. No plastic, grease, glass, metal, raw meats, compostable and non-compostable utensils and service ware, condiment packages or Styrofoam.		\$100.50	\$30.00
SHEETROCK/GYPSUM BOARD**: No refuse, dirt, or other contaminants.		\$56.00	\$22.75
CLEAN CONCRETE: Maximum size of concrete: 3.5 ft by 3.5 ft by 8 inches. No dirt, no concrete w/rebar or pipe exposed. No oversized concrete. Must be able to unload by hand.		\$100.00	\$29.75
LIMIT ONE CUBIC YARD PER TRIP.			
CLEAN ASPHALT: No dirt. Must be able to unload by hand. LIMIT ONE CUBIC YARD PER TRIP.		\$100.00	\$29.75
BASE ROCK, BRICK, TILE & PORCELAIN: No concrete contaminated fees will apply. Must be able to unload by hand. LIMIT ONE CUBIC YARD PER TRIP		\$100.00	\$29.75
CARPET/FOAM CARPET PADDING**: Must be clean, dry, and rolled in 6ft sections, free of debris. Roll carpet and padding separately. Must be loaded into container to receive reduced rate.		\$55.75	\$21.50
TIRES: Waste tire hauler certification and manifest are required for disposal of nine (9) or more tires. Public Resources Code Section 42961.5 requires CalRecycle to develop a “California Uniform Waste and Used Tire Manifest.” The Waste Tire Manifest System is a tracking mechanism used by CalRecycle to monitor the generation, transportation, and ultimate disposal of used/waste tires in California.	27 inches or less	\$9.25 EACH	
	28 to 35 inches	\$14.75 EACH	
	36 to 48 inches	\$34.25 EACH	
	49 to 60 inches	\$69.75 EACH	
	Over 60 inches	\$174.00 EACH	
	Bulk Loads By Weight (over 25 tires). Per ton rate is used when tire count is unknown.	\$441.75	N/A
APPLIANCES (without Freon):	\$17.00 EACH	REFRIGERATORS WITH AMMONIA \$167.50/TON (\$44.00 Minimum Charge)	
APPLIANCES (with Freon):	\$29.75 EACH		
PROPANE TANKS			
1 gallon to 10 gallons – Check local propane retailer for exchange policy	Contact County Environmental Health at 454.2022 if tank is > 10 gallons	\$18.50 EACH 1–5 gallons \$27.75 EACH 6–10 gallons	
MATTRESSES OR BOX SPRING.** LIMIT 15 PER TRIP PER HOUSEHOLD.			
FREE			
MATTRESSES OR BOX SPRING COMING FROM A RETAILER OR BUSINESS.** LIMIT 15 PER TRIP. CALL BYE BYE MATTRESS at 1-855-494-8400. See their website for more information. Mattress Disposal in California (byebyemattress.com)			
\$7.25 EACH			
ELECTRONIC WASTE: Television, Computer Monitors & All Cathode Ray Tube, Plasma or LCD Devices. Broken TV’s & monitors must be contained in a garbage bag.		5 FREE Per Day	
UNCOVERED/UNSECURED LOADS		\$29.75 Per Load	

GENERAL WASTE ACCEPTANCE INFORMATION

Residential and commercial self-haulers in the unincorporated county: consider the convenience and cost savings of having refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection at your home or business, call GreenWaste Recovery at (831) 426-2711 to sign up for service. See self-haul cost comparison flyer for more information.

- **NO** mobile/trailer homes, cars, trailers, boats, motorcycles, or other vessels with Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) accepted for recycling or disposal.
- **NO** discounts are given for airspace or water weight (i.e., due to rain).
- **NO** commercial hazardous wastes or asbestos accepted. Call County Environmental Health at 454-2022 for information on commercial hazardous waste disposal.
- All refuse disposal loads include a \$1.40 per ton CA Integrated Waste Management Fee.
- All vehicles will be charged per cubic yard (CY) when scale/computer is inoperable.
- Higher unit rate applies to mixed loads and contaminated wood waste loads.
- Senior Citizen (65 or above) discount rate is \$2.00 per load applied to self-hauled residential refuse and yard waste only.
- All incoming commercial, industrial, and residential waste loads will be periodically inspected for hazardous and unacceptable wastes. Commercial or industrial loads found having hazardous wastes will be turned away and all incident information will be turned over to the County Environmental Health Department for further action.
- All efforts must be made to have dead animals delivered to the landfill between the hours of 9:00AM to 2:30PM. All dead animals must be double bagged.
- Special Handle rate will be applied to any load of wood waste that has dirt, refuse, or wood waste over 8 feet in length or 4 feet in diameter, or any other non-acceptable materials outlined in the Wood Waste and Yard Waste Acceptance Policy.

BEN LOMOND TRANSFER STATION WASTE ACCEPTANCE INFORMATION

- **NO** scrap metal, pipe, lumber, wood waste/yard waste, stumps, root balls or logs exceeding 8 feet in length or 8 inches in diameter will be accepted inside the Transfer Station.
- **NO** dirt, potting soil, rocks, sand, or base rock materials will be accepted at the Transfer Station. Take these materials to the Buena Vista Landfill.
- Large loads and oversized wood waste/yard waste, construction/demolition debris, dirt, concrete, rocks, sand, brick, and asphalt can be taken to the Buena Vista Sanitary Landfill. Some of these materials are accepted at discounted rates, if properly sorted.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY LANDFILL AND TRANSFER STATION RULES

- **NO** scavenging or salvaging of any material from the landfill/transfer station or recycling center is allowed.
- Obey all County personnel/staff and traffic signs. The maximum speed limit at the landfill is 15 miles per hour; it's for your safety and the safety of others.
- Children and pets are welcome; however, for their safety they must always remain in the vehicle while here at the landfill/transfer station.
- All visitors who wish to conduct business other than disposing/recycling of materials must have prior authorization. Visitors are required to check-in at the scale house.
- All loads must be properly secured or tarped. Uncovered loads will be subjected to an additional charge.
- All accepted items must be placed in their designated areas or containers. Non-compliance may be subjected to an additional charge.
- Cell phone usage and smoking is prohibited while at the disposal sites.
- Disposal of hot ashes, household hazardous waste, recyclable materials, or e-waste is prohibited.

Treated Wood Waste (TWW) Disposal Policy	
Residents Who Self-Transport Home Generated TWW TWW Only Accepted Monday – Saturday at Ben Lomond Transfer Station (500 lbs. maximum per day) and Buena Vista Landfill Customers Must Unload TWW by Hand into Bin	Small and Large Quantity Generators, Transporters and Haulers TWW Only Accepted Monday – Saturday at Ben Lomond Transfer Station (500 lbs. maximum per day) and Buena Vista Landfill Customers Must Unload TWW by Hand into Bin
1. Pre-sort treated wood waste load BEFORE arriving at the landfill/transfer station. We are required to track weights for treated wood waste coming into our facility per DTSC guidelines. 2. Once you arrive: Declare your treated wood waste at the Scale House. Cashier will then weigh in customer load of TWW. 3. Cashiers will direct customers to the designated TWW bin. Homeowners who self-transport will then be required to hand unload treated wood waste into a bin provided at the landfill/transfer station. 4. Customer will return to the Scale House and pay for their TWW.	1. Pre-sort treated wood waste and complete Waste Manifest Profile BEFORE arriving to the landfill. We are required to track weights for treated wood waste coming into our facility per DTSC guidelines. 2. Once you arrive to the landfill Declare your treated wood waste at the Scale House. Hand Cashier your Waste Manifest Profile. Cashier will then weigh in customer load of TWW. 3. Cashiers will direct customers to the designated TWW bin. Customers are required to hand unload TWW into a bin provided at the landfill. 4. Customer will return to the Scale House and pay for their TWW.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL IS PROHIBITED IN TRASH OR LANDFILL!

Business/Commercial Generators: Appointments are REQUIRED to participate. Appointments are only made on Wednesdays and Fridays of each week.

Schedule your appointment five days in advance to ensure your timeslot. Visit the County HHW website at: hhw.santacruzcountyca.gov

Very Small Quantity Generator: State and Federal hazardous waste laws limit the use of household hazardous waste collection programs to households and those businesses that generate less than 100 kilograms (about 27 gallons or 220 lbs.) of hazardous waste per month and less than 1 kg of extremely hazardous waste per month (40 CFR 261.5 & CA Health & Safety Code 25218-25218.12). Businesses generating hazardous waste in excess of these regulatory limits may not use these facilities. Large generators should contact County Environmental Health for assistance at (831) 454-2022.

No charge for PaintCare products except processing and labor minimum charge of \$35.00 per load.

FEE SCHEDULE –HOMEOWNERS, VERY SMALL QUANTITY GENERATOR, AND COMMERCIAL HAZARDOUS WASTES COLLECTION PROGRAM

MATERIAL	RATE	UNIT	SPECIAL CONDITIONS	
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: Includes paints, stains, solvents, pesticides, herbicides, automotive products, cleaning products, aerosols, and pool care chemicals. Call 454-2606 for information on disposal of hazardous waste from small businesses. NOTE: Solar panels are not accepted for free—residents must pay a fee to recycle/dispose of solar panels. Appointment needed to bring solar panel. Visit hhw.santacruzcountyca.gov to book an appointment.	FREE	NO more than 15 gallons or 125 lbs. of hazardous material accepted per visit.	Buena Vista Household Hazardous Waste Hours Wed: 7:30 AM – 2:30 PM Fri – Sat: 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM	Ben Lomond Household Hazardous Waste Hours Thurs: 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM
HOUSEHOLD GENERATED MEDICAL SHARPS & NEEDLES	FREE at Med-Project.org		HHW Facilities are open FREE OF CHARGE to residents (non-business) of the unincorporated County of Santa Cruz and the Cities of Scotts Valley, Capitola, and Santa Cruz. Please bring proof of residency with you. NOTE: Solar panels are not accepted for free—residents must pay a fee to recycle/dispose of solar panels. Appointment needed to bring solar panel. Visit hhw.santacruzcountyca.gov to book an appointment. Not available to City of Watsonville residents. Call 454-2606 for additional information and tips on safe transportation. See household hazardous waste policy for more information.	
COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT (CFL) BULBS AND FLUORESCENT LAMP TUBES	FREE	NO more than 25 accepted per visit.	No appointment necessary, see days of operation above. Please visit hhw.santacruzcountyca.gov for convenient drop-off locations for household CFLs around Santa Cruz County.	

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WASTE TYPE	UNIT	PRICE	WASTE TYPE	UNIT	PRICE
Sorting and Handling Fee (applied to all transactions)	Per Transaction	\$35.00	Paint Related Materials, non-PaintCare paint, adhesives	gal	\$4.50
Absorbent	lb.	\$1.00	PCB Ballast, magnetic transformer type	lb.	\$3.50
Absorbent	Per Bag	\$15.00	Photo Chemical Liquids	gal	\$8.50
Broken Residential Solar Panels (by appointment only visit hhw.santacruzcountyca.gov)	ea.	\$100.00	RESERVED	RESERVED	RESERVED
Intact Residential Solar Panels (by appointment only visit hhw.santacruzcountyca.gov)	ea.	\$65.00	RESERVED	RESERVED	RESERVED
Hazardous Wastes – limit 220 lbs. per month			Toxic Liquids, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, other	gal	\$6.00
Aerosol Cans, up to 16.4 oz.	ea.	\$1.50	Toxic Solids, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, other	lb.	\$1.50
Antifreeze / Coolant	gal	\$1.50	Universal Wastes – not subject to 220 lbs. per month limits		
Acids, Bases, Cleaning Materials (inorganic)	gal	\$5.00	Batteries, Household, alkaline, NiCad, NiMH, no electrolytes	lb.	\$1.50
Acids, Bases, Cleaning Materials (organic)	gal	\$10.00	Batteries, Lithium/Ion	lb.	\$5.00
Compressed Gas Cartridge, pepper spray, CO2 cartridge	lb.	\$3.50	Fire Extinguishers, all sizes	ea.	\$30.00
Flammable Liquids, gasoline, kerosene, diesel	gal	\$4.00	Fluorescent Lamps (compact), D/U-tubes misc. lamps	ea.	\$4.00
Flammable Solids, road flares, fuses	ea.	\$8.50	Fluorescent Lamps (tubes) ≤4 ft, straight tubes and LED Lamps	ea.	\$2.00
Freon, Cylinders	ea.	\$19.00	Fluorescent Lamps (tubes) >4 ft, straight tubes	ea.	\$4.00
Mercury, elemental and thermometers	lb.	\$10.00	HID Lamps, intact – Mercury Vapor, Sodium Vapor, headlight	ea.	\$4.00
Motor Oil, lubricating oil, hydraulic oil	gal	\$1.00	Shatter Shield Lamps	ea.	\$3.00
Oil Filters, autos and light trucks	ea.	\$1.00	Toner, printer, toner, developer ink cartridges	lb.	\$2.00
Oil Filters, heavy equipment and large trucks	ea.	\$10.00	Ultraviolet, Neon Lamps	ea.	\$5.50
One lb. Cylinders, 1 lb. camping type, MAPP, butane	ea.	\$8.00	PaintCare – not subject to 220 lbs. per delivery/month limit		
Oxidizers, liquids, pool/spa chemicals, oxidizers, bleach	gal	\$7.00	Latex Paint, architectural paint (must pay sorting and handling)	ea.	\$0.00