



**Rate Schedule Effective July 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 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. The 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 701 Ocean Street, Room 410 Santa Cruz, CA 95060 831.454.2160	Ben Lomond Transfer Station 9835 Newell Creek Road Ben Lomond, CA 95005 831.454.3951	Buena Vista Landfill 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)	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.

DISPOSAL FACILITY RATE SCHEDULE

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.	\$105.50	\$31.50
TREATED WOOD WASTE (TWW) Must be declared and documented; it will be charged at the garbage rate. See summarized TWW policy in this document/flyer. Please see www.SantaCruzCountyRecycles.org for more information about TWW.	\$105.50	\$31.50
GARBAGE DROP BOX/ROLL OFF RENTALS Hauler must be a Franchised Hauler with the County of Santa Cruz. Buena Vista Landfill only. Drop Box reloading fee: \$172.50 per occurrence.	\$93.25	\$32.00
SPECIAL HANDLE REFUSE Includes agricultural plastics, large non-recyclable metal items, rancid waste, dead animals, waste requiring supervised burial, and any waste requiring special handling as determined by facility staff. Not accepted at Ben Lomond Transfer Station.	\$172.50	\$45.25

CONTAMINATED/NON-COMPLIANT GARBAGE, REFUSE AND TRASH Garbage loads containing sortable recyclable materials that are disposed of in the garbage and containing more than 5% recyclable material in violation of County Recycling Ordinance, as determined by County Staff.	\$202.50	\$55.25
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 feet length x 2 feet diameter, 4 feet length x 3 feet diameter, or 2 feet length x 4 feet diameter.	\$70.00	\$22.50
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.	\$103.50	\$31.00
SHEETROCK/GYPSUM BOARD** No refuse, dirt, or other contaminants.	\$57.75	\$23.50
CLEAN CONCRETE Maximum size of concrete: 3.5 feet by 3.5 feet by 8 inches. No dirt, concrete with exposed rebar or pipe, or oversized concrete. Must be able to unload by hand. LIMIT ONE CUBIC YARD PER TRIP.	\$103.00	\$30.75
CLEAN ASPHALT No dirt. Must be able to unload by hand. LIMIT ONE CUBIC YARD PER TRIP.	\$103.00	\$30.75
BASE ROCK, BRICK, TILE & PORCELAIN No concrete contaminated fees will apply. Must be able to unload by hand. LIMIT ONE CUBIC YARD PER TRIP.	\$103.00	\$30.75
CARPET/FOAM CARPET PADDING** Must be clean, dry, and rolled in 6-foot sections, free of debris. Roll carpet and padding separately. Must be loaded into container to receive reduced rate.	\$57.50	\$22.25

TIRES, APPLIANCES, AND OTHER CHARGES

MATERIAL / SERVICE	DETAILS	RATE
TIRES	27 inches or less	\$9.50 EACH
TIRES	28 to 35 inches	\$15.25 EACH
TIRES	36 to 48 inches	\$36.25 EACH
TIRES	49 to 60 inches	\$71.75 EACH
TIRES	Over 60 inches	\$179.25 EACH
TIRES	Bulk Loads By Weight (over 25 tires). Per ton rate is used when tire count is unknown.	\$455.00 / N/A
TIRES - MANIFEST REQUIREMENT	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.	N/A
APPLIANCES	Appliances without Freon	\$17.50 EACH
APPLIANCES	Appliances with Freon	\$30.75 EACH
REFRIGERATORS WITH AMMONIA	Charged by weight at the Special Handle Refuse rate.	\$172.50/TON (\$45.25 Minimum Charge)
PROPANE TANKS	1 gallon to 5 gallons 6 gallons to 10 gallons - Check local propane retailer for exchange policy. Contact County Environmental Health at 454.2022 if tank is greater than 10 gallons and not empty.	\$18.50 EACH \$27.75 EACH
MATTRESSES OR BOX SPRING**	LIMIT 15 PER TRIP PER HOUSEHOLD.	FREE
MATTRESSES OR BOX SPRING FROM A RETAILER OR BUSINESS**	LIMIT 15 PER TRIP. CALL BYE BYE MATTRESS at 1-855-494-8400. See Mattress Disposal in California at byebyemattress.com for more information.	\$7.25 EACH
ELECTRONIC WASTE	Television, computer monitors, and all cathode ray tube, plasma, or LCD devices. Broken TVs and monitors must be contained in a garbage bag.	5 FREE PER DAY

UNCOVERED/UNSE CURED LOADS		\$30.75 PER LOAD
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GENERAL WASTE ACCEPTANCE POLICY

Residential and commercial self-haulers in the unincorporated county should 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, including 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 9:00 AM and 2:30 PM. All dead animals must be double bagged.
- Special Handle rate will be applied to any load of wood waste that has dirt, refuse, 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.
- Refuse materials must be contained to prevent dust, litter, or wind-blown debris and may be rejected if unsafe or unsuitable for landfill disposal.
- A reloading fee of \$172.50 per occurrence will apply to dumped unacceptable materials and rejected loads from commercial trucks and roll off boxes.

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 is 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

CUSTOMER TYPE	ACCEPTANCE INFORMATION	REQUIRED STEPS
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.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pre-sort treated wood waste load BEFORE arriving at the landfill/transfer station. 2. Declare treated wood waste at the Scale House. Cashier will weigh in customer load of TWW. 3. Cashier will direct customers to the designated TWW bin. Homeowners self-transporting must hand unload TWW into the bin. 4. Customer will return to the Scale House and pay for TWW.
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.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pre-sort treated wood waste and complete Waste Manifest Profile BEFORE arriving to the landfill. 2. Declare treated wood waste at the Scale House and hand cashier the Waste Manifest Profile. Cashier will weigh in the load. 3. Cashier will direct customers to the designated TWW bin. Customers must hand unload TWW into the bin. 4. Customer will return to the Scale House and pay for TWW.

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 and 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 HHW Hours: Wed 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM; Fri - Sat 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Ben Lomond HHW Hours: Thurs 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM. 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. Not available to City of Watsonville residents. Call 454-2606 for additional information and safe transportation tips. See household hazardous waste policy for more information.
HOUSEHOLD GENERATED MEDICAL SHARPS & NEEDLES	FREE at Med-Project.org		All sharps/needles must be in a certified red sharps container (available at pharmacies). No loose or bagged needles accepted. For household meds and needles drop-off locations, visit Med-Project.org .
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. Visit hhw.santacruzcountyca.gov for convenient household CFL drop-off locations around Santa Cruz County.

HAZARDOUS WASTE FEES

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