



Updated DTSC rules will now allow local waste disposal sites to accept treated wood waste (TWW)

Effective March, 2021, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will now allow the landfill disposal of treated wood waste (TWW) for facilities with approved variances. This means that approved transfer stations can now accept TWW for disposal.

The Western Amador Recycling Facility (WARF on Buena Vista Road) and the Pine Grove Transfer Station (PGTS) will now accept source separated TWW and personnel will perform load checks to ensure compliance. There are specific criteria and limits on the amounts and length of time TWW may be stored at any solid waste facility as well.

Treated wood waste comes from old wood that has been treated with chemical preservatives. These chemicals help protect the wood from insect attack and fungal decay while it's being used. Fence posts, sill plates, landscape timbers, pilings, guardrails and decking are examples of chemically treated wood. TWW contains hazardous chemicals that pose a risk to human health and the environment if they leach out of regular solid waste landfills.

Arsenic, chromium, copper, creosote and pentachlorophenol are among the chemicals used to preserve wood and are known to be toxic or carcinogenic.

The disposal rate for TWW at both the WARF and PGTS is currently \$38.00 per yard with a minimum charge of \$38.00.

If you have any questions call ACES Waste Services at 209-274-2237 or the Amador County Department of Solid Waste at 209-223-6429

For more information on TWW, residents and businesses can visit DTSC's website at dtsc.ca.gov/toxics-in-products/treated-wood-waste-information-and-fact-sheets.

Questions regarding TWW can be sent to: tw_help@dtsc.ca.gov or email to: ACEH@amadorgov.org