



**Proposed Rate Schedule Effective July 1, 2022**  
**County of Santa Cruz**  
**Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal Facilities**

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

**Loads from the Cities of Watsonville, Santa Cruz, Capitola, 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 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 3:45PM. A special handle rate may apply if you are unable to unload by 3:45PM.

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**Facilities and Hours of Operation**

Recycling and Solid Waste Administration	Ben Lomond Transfer Station	Buena Vista Landfill
<a href="#">701 Ocean Street, Room 410</a> <a href="#">Santa Cruz, CA 95060</a> 831.454.2160	<a href="#">9835 Newell Creek Road</a> <a href="#">Ben Lomond, CA 95005</a> 831.454.3951	<a href="#">1231 Buena Vista Drive</a> <a href="#">Watsonville, CA 95076</a> 831.454.5153
8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday – Friday Except State and Federal holidays	7:30 am to 3:30 pm on open days. 7:30 am to 11:30 am Christmas Eve. Closed Sundays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day (Subject to Change)	

Questions? 831.454.2430 or visit [www.SantaCruzCountyRecycles.org](http://www.SantaCruzCountyRecycles.org)

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**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](http://www.SantaCruzCountyRecycles.org) or call 831.454.5153 to get rate currently in effect.

TYPE OF MATERIAL	PER TON	MINIMUM CHARGE
<b>GARBAGE:</b> Household, commercial and business refuse, upholstered furniture, painted lumber, dirt, stable waste. Call 831.454.5153 for specific items.	\$88.00	\$27.00
<b>TREATED WOOD WASTE (TWW):</b> 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 <a href="http://www.SantaCruzCountyRecycles.org">www.SantaCruzCountyRecycles.org</a> for more information about TWW.	\$88.00	\$27.00
<b>GARBAGE DROP BOX/ROLL OFF RENTALS:</b> Hauler must be a Franchised Hauler with the County of Santa Cruz. Buena Vista Only.	\$78.00	\$27.00
<b>SPECIAL HANDLE REFUSE:</b> 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.	\$148.00	\$39.00
<b>CONTAMINATED/NON-COMPLIANT GARBAGE, REFUSE AND TRASH:</b> 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.	\$174.00	\$47.00
<b>CLEAN SORTED WOOD WASTE &amp; YARDWASTE:</b> 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	\$60.00	\$19.00
<b>FOOD WASTE (SCRAPS):</b> 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.	\$88.00	\$27.00
<b>SHEETROCK/GYPSUM BOARD**:</b> No refuse, dirt, or other contaminants.	\$49.00	\$20.00
<b>CLEAN, SORTED CONCRETE:</b> No refuse, dirt asphalt, plastic, excess rebar, wire reinforcing or other materials. Oversize Concrete (>2 feet size in any direction)	\$24.00 (Non-oversized Rate)	\$24.00 (Non-oversized Rate)
<b>BEN LOMOND TRANSFER STATION - LIMIT ONE CUBIC YARD PER DAY. MUST BE ABLE TO UNLOAD BY HAND INTO A BIN. (NO COMMERCIAL LOADS)</b>	\$48.00 (Oversized Rate)	\$48.00 (Oversized Rate)
<b>CLEAN, SORTED ASPHALT, BASE ROCK, BRICK, TILE &amp; PORCELAIN:</b> No refuse, dirt, concrete, plastic, rebar, or wire reinforcing. Toilets and sinks must have all plastic and metal parts removed. <b>BEN LOMOND TRANSFER STATION - LIMIT ONE CUBIC YARD PER DAY. MUST BE ABLE TO UNLOAD BY HAND INTO A BIN. (NO COMMERCIAL LOADS)</b>	\$24.00	\$24.00
<b>CARPET/FOAM CARPET PADDING**:</b> 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.	\$49.00	\$19.00
<b>TIRES</b>		
	Less than 36"	N/A
	36" to 48"	N/A
	49" to 60"	N/A
	Over 60"	N/A
	Bulk Loads (over 25 tires)	\$390.00
<b>APPLIANCES (without Freon)</b>	<b>NO</b> Ammonia Refrigerators (contact Env. Health at 454.2022)	N/A
		\$15.00 Per Appliance without Freon
<b>APPLIANCES (with Freon)</b>		N/A
		\$27.00 Per Appliance with Freon
<b>PROPANE TANKS:</b> 1 gallon to 5 gallons - Check local propane retailer for exchange policy	Contact County Environmental Health at 454.2022 if tank is > 5 gallons and not empty	N/A
		\$17.00 EA
<b>MATTRESSES OR BOX SPRING**</b>		N/A
<b>**MATTRESSES OR BOX SPRING COMING FROM A RETAILER. LIMIT 15 PER TRIP.</b>		N/A
		FREE
		\$5.00 EA
<b>ELECTRONIC WASTE:</b> Television, Computer Monitors & All Cathode Ray Tube, Plasma or LCD Devices	Broken TV's & monitors must be contained in a garbage bag.	N/A
		5 FREE Per Day
<b>JUMP START</b>		N/A
		\$17.00
<b>UNCOVERED/UNSECURED LOADS</b>		N/A
		\$27.00 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.

- o **NO** mobile/trailer homes, cars, trailers, boats, motorcycles, or other vessels with Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) accepted for recycling or disposal.
- o **NO** discounts are given for airspace or water weight (i.e., due to rain).
- o **NO** commercial hazardous wastes or asbestos accepted. Call County Environmental Health at 454-2022 for information on commercial hazardous waste disposal.
- o All refuse disposal loads include a \$1.40 per ton CA Integrated Waste Management Fee.
- o All vehicles will be charged per cubic yard (CY) when scale/computer is inoperable.
- o Higher unit rate applies to mixed loads and contaminated wood waste loads.
- o Senior Citizen (60 or above) discount rate is \$2.00 per load of self-hauled residential material.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o 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**

- o **NO** scrap metal, pipe, lumber, wood waste/yard waste, stumps, root balls or logs exceeding 6 feet in length or 8 inches in diameter will be accepted inside the Transfer Station.
- o **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.
- o 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**

- o **NO** scavenging or salvaging of any material from the landfill/transfer station or recycling center is allowed.
- o 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.
- o Children and pets are welcome at the landfill; however, we ask that they remain in the vehicle at all times while here at the landfill/transfer station.
- o All visitors who wish to conduct business other than disposing/recycling of materials must have prior authorization. Visitors are asked to check-in at the scalehouse.
- o All loads must be properly secured or tarped. Uncovered loads will be subjected to an additional charge.
- o All accepted items must be placed in their designated areas or containers. Non-compliance may be subjected to an additional charge.
- o Cell phone usage and smoking is prohibited while at the disposal sites.
- o 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 (greater than 50 lbs. require TWW Transporter Variance) TWW Only Accepted Mon – Sat at Ben Lomond Transfer Station (500 lbs. maximum per day) & Buena Vista Landfill Customers Must Unload TWW by Hand into Bin	Small and Large Quantity Generators, Transporters & Haulers TWW Only Accepted Tue – Thurs at Buena Vista Landfill Only 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.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

MATERIAL	RATE	UNIT	SPECIAL CONDITIONS	
<b>HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE:</b> 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.	FREE	<b>NO</b> more than 15 gallons or 125 lbs. of hazardous material accepted per visit.	<b>Buena Vista Household Hazardous Waste Hours</b> Wed, Fri, Sat: 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM	<b>Ben Lomond Household Hazardous Waste Hours</b> Thurs: 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM
<b>HOUSEHOLD GENERATED MEDICAL SHARPS &amp; NEEDLES</b>	FREE at <a href="http://www.Med-Project.org">Med-Project.org</a>		<b>HHW Facilities are open FREE OF CHARGE to residents of the unincorporated County of Santa Cruz and the Cities of Scotts Valley, Capitola, and Santa Cruz. Please bring proof of residency with you.</b> 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.	
<b>COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT (CFL) BULBS AND FLUORESCENT LAMP TUBES</b>	FREE	<b>NO</b> more than 25 accepted per visit.	No appointment necessary, see days of operation above. Please visit <a href="http://www.SantaCruzCountyRecycles.org">www.SantaCruzCountyRecycles.org</a> (Resources Page) for convenient drop-off locations for household CFLs around Santa Cruz County. <b>HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL IS PROHIBITED IN TRASH OR LANDFILL!</b>	

## SMALL QUANTITY COMMERCIAL HAZARDOUS WASTES COLLECTION PROGRAMS (BUSINESS WASTE)

MATERIAL	RATE	UNIT	SPECIAL CONDITIONS	
<b>POISONS, ACIDS, BASES, OXIDIZERS, WASTE PAINT</b>			<b>Buena Vista Household Hazardous Waste Hours</b>	
Liquids	\$6.00	Per Gal.	Wed and Fri: 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM	
Solids	\$3.00	Per Pound		
Aerosol Cans	\$2.00	Each	<b>HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL IS PROHIBITED IN TRASH OR LANDFILL!</b>	
<b>OIL FILTERS</b>			<b>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:</b>	
Metal	\$3.00	EA	<a href="http://dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Home/RecyclingTrash/HouseholdHazardousWaste(HHW).aspx">dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Home/RecyclingTrash/HouseholdHazardousWaste(HHW).aspx</a>	
Non-Metallic	\$8.00	EA	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 454.2022.	
<b>FLUORESCENT LAMPS</b>				
4 feet long & under and CFLs	\$1.00	EA		
Over 4 ft. long	\$2.00	EA		
Lamp Ballasts	\$3.00	EA		
<b>HIGH INTENSITY DISCHARGE (HID) BULB</b>	\$6.00	EA		
<b>PROCESSING AND LABOR</b>	\$25.00	Minimum Charge	No charge for PaintCare products except processing and labor minimum charge of \$25.00 per load.	