

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS

WIND & WILDFIRE DISASTER-RELATED WASTE ACCEPTANCE GUIDELINES

As of January 29, 2025

General

- As required by State and Regional Water Quality Control Board (WQCB) regulations and permits, disaster-related waste includes:
 - Unburnt green waste and road debris that has been generated by recent high wind conditions.
 - Burnt green waste and other wastes (e.g., burnt structures).
- Pursuant to Order WQ 2020-0004-DWQ, disaster-related waste can only be disposed in lined areas of landfills.
- Public notifications regarding policies and charges will be posted on the Sanitation Districts website and at the landfill sites.
- Sanitation Districts' staff is drafting a permit waiver letter for submittal to the Local Enforcement Agency to expand the Calabasas Landfill operating hours from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm to 7:00 am – 6:00 pm and daily tonnage limit from 3,500 to 5,000 tons per day.

Scholl Canyon Landfill (SCLF) Guidelines

- Pursuant to Order mentioned above, disaster-related waste cannot be accepted because SCLF is not a lined landfill.
- Unburnt green waste that is not declared by the hauler to be disaster-related will continue to be accepted, as usual.
- Landfill inspection has been increased and inspectors will be vigilant in looking for burnt material to enforce the prohibition on disaster-related waste at unlined landfills.
- If landfill inspectors find burnt material in a load that the hauler did not declare to be disaster-related at the landfill scales:
 - The customer will be charged \$500 (but refunded their tipping fee) and will have to take the load off site. If the customer abandons the load on site or declines having their vehicle reloaded, they will be charged an amount for the Districts' cost to handle, haul and dispose of the material. The initial amount has not been determined but is likely in the thousands of dollars to cover off-site transportation and disposal costs.
 - The load will be photographed for record keeping purposes and associated with the disposal transaction.
 - The customer will not be able to use any Sanitation Districts-operated site until the charge has been paid.
 - Rejected loads that must be disposed by the Districts will be hauled to the Calabasas Landfill for burial (pending lifting of the landfill wasteshed by the County Board of Supervisors) and after any hazardous waste material identified by the Districts' inspectors has been separated from the load.
- Illegally dumped loads in the vicinity of SCLF entrance road that do not contain burnt material are assumed to not be disaster-related waste will be buried at the landfill. Loads with burnt material will be assumed to be disaster-related waste and hauled by the Districts to Calabasas Landfill for burial.

Calabasas Landfill Guidelines

- In accordance with the County Public Health Order prohibiting cleanup of fire debris without a certification, the Districts will require a certificate for all loads of burnt material (including burnt green waste) prior to accepting that load for disposal.
- All disaster-related waste loads (burnt or unburnt) will be charged the existing “hard-to-handle” rate (currently \$90.40 per ton).
 - The “hard-to-handle” rate will be used to cover additional landfill costs related to increased dust control, additional hazardous waste inspectors, increased difficulty in moving and compacting much of this waste, and increased office staff time for required regulatory reporting associated with the disaster response efforts at the site.
- Haulers transporting unburnt green waste that is declared as disaster-related will be accepted without certification and charged the “hard to handle” rate because this material must be buried (rather than recycled) per the SWRCB Order mentioned above.
- All disaster-related waste accepted at the site, either burnt or unburnt, including green waste, will be buried on the lined portion of the landfill.
- The level of landfill inspection has been increased and inspectors will inspect loads prior and subsequent to unloading to enforce the requirement for a certificate.
- If landfill inspectors find burnt material in a load that the hauler did not declare to be disaster-related waste at the landfill scales and did not present a valid certificate:
 - The customer will be charged \$500 (but refunded their tipping fee) and will have to take the load off site. If the customer abandons the load on site or declines having their vehicle reloaded, they will be charged \$500 but not refunded their tipping fee for the additional inspection required of and additional administrative burden.
 - The load will be photographed for record keeping purposes and associated with the disposal transaction.
 - The load will be buried after removing any hazardous materials.
 - The customer will not be able to use a Sanitation Districts-operated site until the charge is paid.

Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility & Other Sanitation Districts-Operated Sites

- Disaster-related waste will not be accepted at this time.