



PUBLIC NOTICE

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New Disposal Requirements for Treated Wood Waste Effective January 1, 2021

In September of 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom vetoed Senate Bill (SB) 68. This bill was introduced to extend the Alternative Management Standards (AMS) of Treated Wood Waste (TWW), which allowed for Class II and Class III landfills, including Madera County's Fairmead Landfill, to accept TWW. As a result of SB 68 being vetoed, the allowance under the AMS for Class II and Class III landfills will expire on December 31, 2020.

Based on these actions by the State Governor, beginning January 1, 2021, Treated Wood Waste (TWW) can no longer be accepted for disposal at the Fairmead Landfill.

Some examples of Treated Wood Waste include:

Agricultural Wood Posts

Plywood

MDF/OSB Plywood

Pressure treated Lumber

Railroad Ties

Painted/Stained Wood

Starting January 1, 2021, all TWW managed in the state of California will be required to be stored and manifested as hazardous waste and transported to a Class I hazardous waste facility to be disposed of. Disposal of TWW by utility companies (i.e. electric, gas, phone) remains exempt and allowable pursuant to HSC 25143.1.5, despite the veto of SB 86. The following facility can accept disposal of TWW:

Clean Harbors

Buttonwillow Landfill
2500 W. Lokern Road
Buttonwillow, CA 93206
(661) 762-6200

We regret this unfortunate news and have been advised that the State Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) will continue to consider alternatives for disposal of TWW. We will continue to monitor this and inform the public as more information becomes available.

For questions, please contact the Fairmead Landfill at (559) 665-7300.

