

SPECIAL WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDE

You are being provided this document because you are requesting to utilize one of Riverside County's landfills for the disposal of a special waste or a waste that is out of the ordinary. The California Code of Regulations, Title 27, Division 2, Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 20164 defines special waste as:

"Special waste" means any hazardous waste listed in section 66740 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, or any waste which has been classified as a special waste pursuant to section 66744 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, or which has been granted a variance for the purpose of storage, transportation, treatment, or disposal by the Department of Health Services pursuant to section 66310 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. Special waste also includes any solid waste which, because of its source of generation, physical, chemical or biological characteristics or unique disposal practices, is specifically conditioned in the solid waste facilities permit for handling and/or disposal.

The purpose of the approval process is to ensure that your waste meets **ALL** of the following criteria:

1. The waste is not hazardous¹
2. The waste is not a designated waste²
3. The waste is not a special waste, or the waste is a special waste that is identified in the solid waste facility permit for the landfill you wish to use
4. The waste is consistent with the Waste Discharge Requirements for the disposal site in question
5. The waste is approved for disposal by the Riverside County Waste Management Department (RCWMD)

The RCWMD, as the principal operator of the County's landfills, has the final authority to determine what materials will be accepted for disposal. For this reason, you should immediately contact the Waste Inspection Program Administrator of the RCWMD (951-486-3200) to learn if your material will even be considered for disposal at a Riverside County landfill. Only if the Program Administrator agrees that your waste is to be considered for disposal within Riverside County should you proceed with the following:

¹Hazardous waste is defined in the California Public Resources Code §40141 and in the California Health and Safety Code §25117 as:

waste or combination of wastes, which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics may do either of the following:

- (1) Cause, or significantly contribute to, an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible, illness.
- (2) Pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, or disposed of, or otherwise managed.

²The California Water Code §13173 defines designated waste as:

- (a) Hazardous waste that has been granted a variance from hazardous waste management requirements pursuant to Section 25143 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (b) Nonhazardous waste that consists of, or contains, pollutants that, under ambient environmental conditions at a waste management unit, could be released in concentrations exceeding applicable water quality objectives or that could reasonably be expected to affect beneficial uses of the waters of the state as contained in the appropriate state water quality control plan.

There are many additional agencies with authority over some aspects of waste disposal. To determine if your waste is acceptable, one or more of the agencies may require testing of the waste. Before performing any testing, we recommend you contact all involved agencies because each agency may have special sampling, handling, and/or testing requirements. If these agencies approve your waste, they may require special handling or disposal conditions.

Write a letter to the following agencies (See Attachment A for a sample letter):

- 1) Riverside County Environmental Health Department
Hazardous Materials Management Division (HMM)
Attn: Doug Thompson
2275 S. Main Street
Corona, CA 92882

- 2) Riverside County Environmental Health Department
Local Solid Waste Management Enforcement Agency (LEA)
Attn: Supervising Environmental Health Specialist.
4080 Lemon Street, Second Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

- 3) Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB):
For disposal at the Blythe or Mecca II Sanitary Landfills:
RWQCB, Colorado River Basin (760) 346-7491
Attn: Liann Chavez, Senior Engineering Geologist
73-720 Fred Waring Drive
Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

OR

- For disposal at the Badlands, El Sobrante, or Lamb Canyon Sanitary Landfills:
RWQCB, Santa Ana Region
Attn: Dixie Lass, Chief-Land Disposal Section
3737 Main Street
Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501-3339
- 4) Riverside County Waste Management Department
Attn: Hazardous Waste Inspection Program Administrator
14310 Frederick Street
Moreno Valley, CA 92553
Phone: 951-486-3200
Fax: 951-486-3250

Your letters should request approval for disposal at one of Riverside County's Class III solid waste landfills and describe the material you want to dispose of, where it is coming from, the quantity, and the process that generated the waste. Be sure to include the name(s) and phone number(s) of the contact person, as well as the entity or person generating the waste.

Forward copies of the HMM, LEA, and RWQCB approval letters to the Riverside County Waste Management Department at the address above. The Riverside County Waste Management Department will not consider a waste for disposal until the three approval letters are received. It is within the RCWMD's authority to deny acceptance of any waste, regardless of the approval of the LEA, HMM, and RWQCB.

ATTACHMENT A

SAMPLE LETTER

<date>

<Agency Name>
<Agency Address>

Attn: <contact name>

Re: Written Approval to Dispose of <your waste> from <your site> at the <name of landfill>

The purpose of this letter is to request approval to dispose of the following waste at the <name of landfill>.

<Describe your waste here>

- Description of material (i.e. dirt, powder, ash, chemicals, etc.)
- Describe material in its current form (i.e. used product, mixed with other material, etc.)
 - If it is mixed with another material, you must describe the other material as well
 - Include the percentage of each material
- Where the material is coming from (company, address, parcel number, etc.)
- The quantity of the material
- Describe the process that generated the waste

<Name> is the person responsible for this waste. <Name> is the contact person responsible for disposal of the waste. <List the names, titles, and contact address and phone numbers.>

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at <phone number>.

Sincerely,

<your name>

cc: Matthew Hickman, Riverside County Waste Management Department