



EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 KWRA WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT TREATED WOOD WASTE

What is treated wood waste?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control defines treated wood waste (TWW) as 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, decking and grape stakes are all examples of chemically treated wood.

Is treated wood waste toxic?

TWW contains hazardous chemicals that pose a risk to human health and the environment. Arsenic, chromium, copper, creosote and pentachlorophenol are among the chemicals used to preserve wood and are known to be toxic or carcinogenic. Harmful exposure to these chemicals may result from touching, inhaling or ingesting TWW particulate (e.g., sawdust and smoke)



The statute (HSC 25150.7) and regulations (22 CCR 67386.1 et seq.) that allow treated wood waste to be handled with alternative management standards are due to expire after December 31, 2020. After that date, all hazardous treated wood waste managed in California will have to be stored and manifested as hazardous waste and transported to Class I hazardous waste landfills for disposal.

For more information, visit <https://dtsc.ca.gov/toxics-in-products/treated-wood->

Where can treated wood waste be disposed of?

At this time, there are very limited Class I landfills permitted accept Treated Wood Waste in the State of California. KWRA does not endorse utilization of the landfills listed below, but is providing as a resource. It is not guaranteed that this site will accept your material.

Buttonwillow Landfill – Clean Harbors
2500 West Lokern Road
Buttonwillow, CA 93206
Phone 661-762-6200

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