

County of Riverside DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT BRANCH

TREATED WOOD WASTE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT





Treated wood waste (TWW) is wood that has been treated with chemical preservatives to help protect the wood from insect attack and fungal decay while it is being used. Grape stakes, utility poles, railroad ties, fence posts, sill plates, landscape timbers, pilings, guardrails, and decking are all examples of chemically treated wood.

IMPORTANT NOTE: HSC § 25150.7 and CCR § 67386 which allows TWW to be handled with alternative management standards expires on December 31, 2020. After that date, all TWW managed in California must be stored as hazardous waste and transported by a registered hazardous waste transporter to Class I hazardous waste landfill for disposal.

TWW contains hazardous chemicals at elevated levels and is subject to California's Hazardous Waste Control Law. Therefore, generators of TWW can presume their TWW is hazardous waste. For information on certified hazardous waste haulers serving your area see our Department's List of Hazardous Waste Transporters.

Please contact the Hazardous Material Management Branch for questions regarding TWW at (951) 358-5055.