



# County of Yolo

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES  
DIVISION OF INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

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## Cannabis Disposal Procedures at Yolo County Central Landfill

Since no official County policy is in place regarding the disposal of waste generated from cannabis operations, landfill staff should follow the internal procedures listed below. This policy was written in coordination with the Cannabis Code Enforcement Division.

### ORGANIC WASTE:

1. Regardless of whether the plant material has buds or not, and regardless of whether the plant material is brown or green, it may still be considered a “product” because it can be used to make other products such as honey oil. For this reason, the only method of acceptance is through disposal with a required certificate of destruction. Therefore organic cannabis waste **cannot be accepted** at our green waste facility.\*

2. Cannabis loads may only be accepted before 3pm to allow for proper disposal. When accepting these loads, please obtain the following information:

Step 1: Take a copy of their driver’s license/photo ID

Step 2: Ensure that the customer fills out the attached “Cannabis Acceptance Form”

Step 3: Email both documents to Marissa Juhler Waste Reduction Manager) and the Cannabis Task Force ([cannabis@yolocounty.org](mailto:cannabis@yolocounty.org)) at the end of the day

If the customer is NOT COMPLIANT: (refuses to provide the information above or comes in after 3pm)

Step 1: The load should be rejected

Step 2: Email make and model of vehicle and any other pertinent information to the Waste Reduction Manager and the Cannabis Task Force at the end of the day

3. If a CONTRACTOR and/or Scalehouse field employee finds cannabis during load check inspections where the hauler is UNKNOWN:

Step 1: CONTRACTOR should report the incident to the Scalehouse.

Step 2: Scalehouse staff should email the Waste Reduction Manager and Cannabis Task Force a description and any pictures of the material found during the load check. The notification may occur at the end of the day

4. FRANCHISED WASTE HAULERS (Waste Management, Inc. and Recology Davis) are allowed to haul organic cannabis waste to our site in source separated loads only. They will follow all procedures as is described above. Cultivators will not be allowed to commingle plant material in their front end load trash bins (1-yard – 6-yard) or in waste carts (96-gallon) as a means of proper disposal. The current option available from the franchised haulers would be to rent a roll off dumpster (20-yard to 50-yard) whereby plant material and other trash could be commingled.

### CANNABIS PRODUCTS (PHARMACEUTICALS):

5. Please note that the DEA still deems cannabis and its byproducts (THC and CBD), as a Schedule I Drug therefore these items are not accepted in the pharmaceutical kiosk program. Please direct customers with these products to law enforcement for proper disposal.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE:**

6. There are many types of hazardous waste that are generated as part of cannabis operations. Here is a list of things to look for that might help identify the loads:

Cultivators:

- growth media - coconut husk or inorganic matrix
- non-salable plant material
- fertilizers; pesticides; other ag chemicals
- grow lamps – fluorescent and HID
- lamp ballasts (check for PCBs)
- electronic equipment from lighting and irrigation control
- activated carbon from odor control systems

Processors/Manufacturers

- butane canisters/cylinders
- solvents used in extraction - alcohols, etc.
- filter media contaminated with solvents, marijuana residual
- non-salable plant material left over after extraction
- PPE such as gloves contaminated with drug residual

Labs

- solvents
- extraction residuals (filters, plant or product that has undergone extraction containing solvents or drug residual)
- samples - both unprocessed and after extraction/analysis

Please direct these customers to contact Marissa Juhler (Waste Reduction Manager) or Pamela Hedrick (Waste Reduction Coordinator) to set up a hazardous waste appointment through our Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator CESQG business program on a Friday. As a reminder, these are considered businesses and therefore fees will apply.

As always, feel free to call out a manager to check the load or assess the situation if you are unsure.

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\*When the YCCL Anaerobic Composter Facility opens we will revisit the idea of sending organic cannabis waste for composting.

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## Cannabis Acceptance Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Landfill Attendant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Cultivation Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Cultivation Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Business License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # of Person Delivering Organic Waste: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(Landfill staff to place photo id in this box and photocopy)