



County of Yolo

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
DIVISION OF INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

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Cannabis Disposal Procedures at Yolo County Central Landfill (Updated January 2023)

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 unit.

ORGANIC WASTE:

1. Cannabis plant material, whether brown or green, may now be accepted as organic waste for diversion credit and composting or through normal disposal. Regardless of the facility that accepts this waste stream, a Certificate of Destruction (COD) will be required for each load. The COD is intended to notify the onsite contractor that the material must be ground and mixed in with other organics waste at the Compost Facility or mixed with solid waste and buried at the Landfill before the hauler leaves site.
2. To allow for proper processing of the material, Cannabis loads are only accepted:
 - **M-W-F, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the COMPOST FACILITY for DIVERSION**
 - **7 Days a Week, before 3:00 p.m., at the LANDFILL FACE for 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 the Landfill Operations & Waste Reduction Manager and the Cannabis unit (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 Landfill Operations & Waste Reduction Manager and the Cannabis unit at the end of the day

3. If a CONTRACTOR and/or SCALE HOUSE finds cannabis during load check, where the hauler is UNKNOWN:
 - Step 1: Contractor should report incident to Scale House and direct GEERTS or NORTHERN to bury or shred.
 - Step 2: Scale House staff should email the Landfill Operations & Waste Reduction Manager and Cannabis Unit a description and any pictures of the material found during the load check by end of the day.
 - Step 3: Scale House staff finding cannabis during load check shall indicate such material exists by writing the words "CANNABIS" on the customer's ticket so that Contractor can insure faster processing.

4. FRANCHISED WASTE HAULERS (Waste Management, Inc. and Recology Davis) can haul organic cannabis waste to our site in source separated or mixed loads. They will follow all procedures as is described above however it is at the discretion of the hauler whether they will provide a COD to their customers. Cultivators can 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 or diversion. Mixed loads will only be issued a COD if requested by the driver when checking in at the Scale House. However, if the cultivator is requesting a certificate of destruction to accompany the receipt of proper disposal, it is recommended that haulers provide a source separated container (roll off bin) which can be designated for COD through the above normal process.

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 at our landfill, composting facility or in the pharmaceutical kiosks. 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. Some of these waste streams can be evaluated through our Waste Acceptance program to see if they are hazardous or can be disposed of at one of our landfill facilities (surface impoundments, landfilling, composting, other recycling). Here is a list of things to look for that might help identify the loads:

Cultivators:

- growth media - coconut husk or inorganic matrix, non-stable 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 or samples (both unprocessed and after extraction/analysis)
- extraction residuals (filters, plant or product that has undergone extraction containing solvents or drug residual)

Please direct these customers to contact Marissa Juhler (Landfill Operations & Waste Reduction Manager) or Pamela Hedrick (Waste Reduction Coordinator) to set up a hazardous waste appointment through our Small Quantity Generator (SQG) business program on a Friday. As a reminder, these are considered businesses and therefore fees will apply. For waste streams that might not be hazardous please contact John Borrego (530) 666-8854, or Mary Jones (530) 666-8858 for a waste evaluation.

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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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)

SCAN PHOTO ID HERE
(PLACE ID INTO SCANNER HORIZONTALLY)