

# TEHAMA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER ABATEMENT VOUCHER PROGRAM AND POLICY

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency (Agency) Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Voucher Program (Program) and Policy is to protect the public health and the environment by providing for Agency-funded disposal of illegally dumped materials collected and delivered to the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill (Landfill).

## **AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT**

As approved by the Board of Directors, the Agency's mission statement is as follows:

*The mission of the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency is to protect public health and the environment in the County of Tehama through integrated, cost effective, and environmentally sound solid waste management. The Agency strives to conserve natural resources, sustain the environment, and reduce solid waste being landfilled through innovative leadership and effective grant and outreach programs that foster a sense of responsibility and inspire action by Tehama County residents.*

## **ILLEGAL DUMPING ABATEMENT VOUCHER PROGRAM AND POLICY GUIDELINES**

In the event an individual or organization (Participant) chooses to participate in the Program, Participant must comply with the below procedures and rules.

### ***General Information***

The Program is available to the public during standard operating hours, and all individuals have access to the Program regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, national origin, age, or disability unless excluded pursuant to the provisions above.

The Agency has the right to refuse acceptance of this voucher at any time.

For more information contact the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency at (530) 528-1103.

### ***Procedures and Rules***

1. The Program authorizes the free disposal of materials collected and delivered to the Landfill during normal operating hours only.

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2. Voucher(s) can be obtained by contacting the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency Manager at (530) 528-1103, or by email at [tehamacountyrecycles@co.tehama.ca.us](mailto:tehamacountyrecycles@co.tehama.ca.us). Requests for a voucher must be made at least 72 hours in advance of the cleanup event. Approval of the request is subject to the availability of funds.
3. Voucher(s) can only be used for the following purposes:
  - a. Community cleanup events organized by non-profit or community benefit groups/organizations on public land.
  - b. Litter and illegal dump site abatement on public land in Tehama County.
  - c. All local law enforcement and public works departments with jurisdiction in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Tehama County may utilize the program without obtaining a voucher, provided that adequate funding is available, and the aforementioned organizations are abating dump sites or litter on public property, including public rights-of-way.
4. Each voucher may only be used for one (1) pickup truck/carload or trailer with a capacity of no more than 20 cubic yards.
5. Voucher(s) expire 45 days after the date of issuance unless authorized by the Agency.
6. Voucher recipients are limited to two (2) vouchers per cleanup site/event unless authorized by the Agency.
7. The use of disposal voucher(s) requested shall not be used as garbage disposal service, or for cleaning out garbage from public agencies, businesses and/or homes. Program participants suspected of violating this provision will be permanently banned from the Program.
8. All voucher(s) must not infringe upon the franchise rights of any solid waste haulers.
9. Disposal voucher(s) are not redeemable by franchise waste haulers or other commercial haulers (individuals hauling waste for a fee).
10. No waste violating the Landfill's waste acceptance criteria will be accepted. To obtain a copy of the waste acceptance criteria, please contact the Agency.
11. All household hazardous waste must be transported to a scheduled collection event. A voucher is not required. Not more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste and/or household hazardous waste may be transported. A schedule of collection events can be found at [www.tehamacountylandfill.com](http://www.tehamacountylandfill.com). All household hazardous waste needs to be separated from general waste and be delivered to a household hazardous waste facility during a scheduled event. Facility locations are as follows:
  - a. Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill, 19995 Plymire Road, Red Bluff, CA 96080
  - b. Corning Disposal, 3281 Hwy 99W, Corning, CA 96021
12. Not providing for the procedures outlined above regarding hazardous or household hazardous waste, all electronic waste (computers, televisions, etc.),

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sharps, and treated wood need to be separated and delivered to the electronic, sharps or treated wood waste collection areas at the Landfill.

13. Not more than nine (9) tires will be transported per load unless authorized by Tehama County Department of Environmental Health.
14. All loads must be tarped and secured for transport. **The Agency will not pay for untarped load fees.**
15. To the extent feasible, recyclable materials must be segregated within the load so as to reduce the amount of solid waste being landfilled, thus furthering the Agency's mission.

#### ***Recipient Responsibilities***

1. Recipients of a disposal voucher(s) must redeem voucher(s) at the Landfill scale house.
  - a. Recipients must adhere to covering/tarping requirements, hazardous waste transport requirements and tire transport requirements.
2. Recipients must complete all portions on the front and back sides of the disposal voucher form including:
  - a. Signature of person redeeming the disposal voucher verifying the Legal Statement on disposal voucher.
  - b. Name of person redeeming the disposal voucher.
  - c. Phone number and address of person redeeming the disposal voucher.
  - d. Vehicle license plate number, make, model and year of vehicle transporting waste.
  - e. Approximate number of tires from the cleanup site.
3. Recipients must surrender the voucher(s) to scale house attendant at time of redemption.
4. Access to the Program is limited to Tehama County residents only, who must provide a valid form of identification and proof of residency. All abatement sites must be in Tehama County. No abatement sites may be on private property.

#### ***Program Exclusion Policy***

Due to concerns associated with the misuse of public funds or the mishandling of potential environmentally hazardous waste, the Agency reserves the right to exclude any person, group or organization from utilizing the Program for one of the following reasons:

1. Being observed by Agency or local law enforcement in a visibly intoxicated state while completing collecting waste whose disposal is covered by the Program.
2. Being disruptive to Landfill, Agency or local law enforcement staff, contractors, and/or customers.

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3. Engaging in any type of threatening behavior to Agency, Landfill or local law enforcement staff, contractors, or customers.
4. Violating any rule mentioned above.
5. Engaging in a violation of Federal, State or Local law.

If any individual is excluded based on any above reason, depending on the severity of the behavior, the Agency Manager or his/her designee can exclude the person for up to ninety (90) days from the Program. Multiple or severe violations may result in permanent exclusion from the Program. Individuals wishing to appeal permanent exclusion from the Program may submit a written request for access to the Program to the Agency Manager or his/her designee. If that request is denied, the individual may appeal that decision to the Agency Board of Directors within twenty (20) days of receipt of the decision. The Agency Board of Directors will consider the appeal during the next public meeting that is no less than ten (10) days after receipt of the appeal. The decision made by the Board of Directors will be final.