



***Treated Wood Waste Disposal***

Effective, January 1, 2021, treated wood waste, used for agricultural purposes (e.g. chemically treated wood stakes, vineyard end posts) will have to be stored and manifested as hazardous waste and transported to a class I hazardous waste landfill for disposal. Growers are reminded that chemically treated wooden stakes and end-posts release toxic materials into the air and leave toxic ash in the soil when burned. Because of the significant public health risk, chemically treated wooden stakes and end-posts may not be burned or chipped at any time and growers are advised to do the following:

- Before vineyards are pushed into piles, remove all chemically treated wood from the agricultural location. Although redwood stakes generally have not tested positive for toxics, they are still subject to inspection. All other types of wood are highly suspect and must be removed unless tested and found to be non-toxic. Metal stakes and wire do not need to be removed.
- Once all chemically treated wood has been removed from the agricultural location, call the District's Ag Burn office for an inspection prior to pushing the debris into piles.
- After the location has been inspected and cleared by the District, authorization to burn on future burn days will be given.
- Do not chip treated wood. Chipping can cause toxic dust emissions.
- Do not offer chemically treated wood for use as firewood as serious health effects have been reported from burning this wood.
- As a result of the statute (Health and Safety Code 25150.7) and regulations (22 CCR 67386.1 et seq) expiring on December 31, 2020, treated wood waste may only be accepted at Hazardous Waste Facilities. A list of Hazardous Waste Facilities that may accept treated waste are below:

**Forward Landfill**, 9999 S Austin Road, Manteca  
**CWMI – Kettleman Hills Facility**, 35251 Old Skyline Road, Kettleman City  
**Clean Harbors – Buttonwillow Facility**, 2500 W Lokern Road, Buttonwillow

- [DTSC Treated Wood Waste Webpage](#)
- [DTSC Treated Wood Waste Fact Sheet](#)
- [DTSC Apply for a Hazardous Waste ID Number](#)

If you have any questions, please call the District's Ag Burn office at 1-800-665-2876 between 6:00 AM and 11:00 AM.