

Coast Waste Management Association

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Subject: Clean Wood Disposal Ban Update

Clean Wood Disposal Ban - Metro Vancouver



Clean Wood Disposal Ban Update

You are receiving this email as you are on a database of those interested in updates on the region's Clean Wood Disposal Ban, the regulation to keep clean wood out of the garbage. Please share this memo with others who may be affected.

Metro Vancouver introduced the Clean Wood Disposal Ban on January 1, starting with a six-month education period. During this period, garbage loads with over 10% clean wood are identified but not charged.

Penalties start on July 1

Starting July 1, a 50% surcharge will be applied to garbage loads containing more than 10% clean wood. Enforcement will take place at Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver disposal facilities. (Note: surcharges will not apply to construction and demolition loads over 50 cubic metres using a tandem or tridem trailer.)

What is clean wood and why recycle it?

Clean wood is solid wood, lumber, and pallets that are unpainted, unstained, untreated, and free of glue (nails and staples are ok).

Instead of being thrown away, clean wood can be recycled into compost, fuel, or wood products. The Clean Wood Disposal Ban is proving effective so far – clean wood recycling has increased at Metro Vancouver facilities since the ban's introduction in January.

Where can I recycle clean wood?

Clean wood is accepted for recycling at:

- › Metro Vancouver and City of Vancouver **transfer stations and disposal facilities**
- › **Private licenced facilities**
- › Additional private licenced facilities that only accept large loads over 1 tonne – see [here](#) for a complete list of licenced waste and recycling facilities in the region.

The way we manage our waste is changing. Metro Vancouver is responsible for long term planning and disposal of waste generated by residents and businesses in the region. The waste system needs to be responsive to our citizens' expectations of high environmental stewardship.

For more information about the regulation:



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