CLEAN SOIL ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

Soil disposal falls under the District’s Waste Screening and Acceptance Program and requires prior approval. For more information see Waste Screening and Acceptance Procedures.

Monterey Regional Waste Management District’s criteria to determine if material is considered Clean Soil is as follows:

- **The percent moisture content “guide” is less than 20%**.
  Compliance with this criterion is based on the District’s visual determination of the physical properties of the soil as it is discharged from the truck. The material shall not splash or flow on the ground, and shall have an appearance of a relatively dry soil.

- **Clean soil shall not contain any chemical contaminants including**: Petroleum hydrocarbons, BTEX, pesticides, PCBs, or heavy metals.
  The District reserves the right to require a laboratory analysis of the soil prior to acceptance.

- **Clean soil shall not contain any of the following contaminants in excess of 1% by volume**:
  (This equates to approximately 5 cubic feet in a 20 cubic yard load.)
  - Weeds, roots, sod, brush, or other organic material
  - Rock, asphalt, or concrete in excess of 5 inches in length or width
  - Land clearing debris, stumps, pipes, wood, or other C&D waste
  - Paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, metal, food waste, or trash

For current rates of clean soil, refer to the Disposal Fee Schedule. Soil not meeting the above clean dry soil criteria will either be accepted at the **Basic Solid Waste Rate** (See Disposal Fee Schedule) or, after prior approval, will be charged at the **Contaminated Soil Rate** (See Disposal Fee Schedule).

Please Note: The waste category and disposal fee can be changed based on the District staff’s visual determination of the waste material’s degree of contamination, moisture content, and physical properties, not the exact percent of contamination or moisture content. The District staff’s visual determination of compliance is final.

THE DISTRICT DOES NOT ACCEPT WASTE THAT IS DEFINED AS HAZARDOUS UNDER RCRA or CCR Title 22.

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