



MORGAN COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
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SOLID WASTE ACCEPTANCE POLICY

Subject: Solid waste to be accepted at the Morgan County Landfill

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Effective Period: Until Superseded

Review Schedule: Calendar Quarter (March, June, September, and December)

Cancellations: All prior written and unwritten Solid Waste Management Policies.

Purpose: To provide guidelines for accepting specific wastes for disposal at the Morgan County Solid Waste Landfill and to insure that inappropriate wastes are not accepted.

Scope: This policy is applicable to the Morgan County Landfill.

Responsibility:

1. It is the responsibility of the County Environmental Protection Coordinator to recommend to the Chairman of the Morgan County Board of Commissioners for approval of which waste may or may not be accepted. The Chairman will base the decision upon the potential harm to the environment at the present time and in the future and upon our cost for special handling and difficulty of handling, and upon consultation with state and/or local health department officials and other consultants as deemed necessary. If the Chairman is not available and, at the decision of the Environmental Protection Coordinator, disposal decision cannot be delayed, the recommendation may be approved by the two following individuals: A) Landfill Construction Site Manager B) County Emergency Operations Coordinator, and only after consultation with Colorado Health Department.

The Environmental Protection Coordinator is responsible for informing other department personnel of acceptability of individual waste streams.

2. It is the responsibility of all department personnel to insure that unauthorized wastes are not accepted for disposal in the landfill.

Landfill Site Policy:

The solid waste disposal facility of Morgan County is designed to provide services for municipal solid waste (MSW) generated by the residents of Morgan County. "Municipal solid waste" means solid waste from household, community, commercial and industrial sources that does not contain hazardous waste as defined in C.R.S. 25-15-101(9) of the Colorado Hazardous Waste Control Act unless otherwise regulated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

SLUDGE, LIQUID WASTES, RADIO ACTIVE WASTE, PCB's, ASBESTOS or HAZARDOUS WASTES are NOT ACCEPTED. The term hazardous waste means any solid, liquid, or gaseous waste regardless of the amount, which is defined to be hazardous under any applicable federal, state or local laws, rules, regulations, permits or administrative or judicial decision, including but not limited to those wastes listed or characterized as hazardous by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Tires, wet cell batteries, large appliances, automobile bodies, rechargeable batteries, electronics and motor oil may be accepted for recycling only on an established fee structure and must be separated. Freon containing appliances and equipment must be placed in a separate area. Bulky items and mattresses will be accepted on an established fee structure and may require separation. Waste generated by non-Morgan County residents will be subject to a surcharge.

All other wastes (Special Wastes) and Non-MSW may be accepted upon completion of a special waste acceptance application, which may require pre- arrival inspection and/or laboratory testing. Application must be approved and Morgan County disposal permit issued prior to disposal. These wastes will not be accepted on demand and may require special acceptance disposal fees.

Items that require immediate, supervised, or certified burial require 24 hour prior notification. It is suggested that burial be witnessed by the person(s) delivering materials to ensure proper disposal. Certification of material burial will be mailed within a one (1) week period. Special burials are only performed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A "special burial" fee will be assessed based on equipment and time needed for said burial.

Any persons delivering unacceptable waste will be held liable for costs associated with handling and /or removal of such wastes.

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1. **Animal waste, including carcass material** - Small amounts of animal waste and small animals may be accepted at the Morgan County Landfill. Environmental Coordinator may accept or reject based on liquid content. It is advisable to consult with staff about policy and if special arrangements need to be made.

Animal wastes from research facilities or which may contain pathogens (diseased) would be considered under Medical and Biological wastes, #30. Blood is not accepted at our facilities. Animal wastes containing small amounts of formaldehyde may be accepted only with approved special waste acceptance application.
2. **Asbestos waste** - **NOT ACCEPTED** at our facility **IN ANY FORM**. Contact Air Pollution Control Division at (303) 692-3100 or visit <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/ap/asbestos/> for guidance and disposal facilities.
3. **Asphalt paving** - Not accepted at our facility. Contact Morgan County Hwy. Dept. for recycling opportunities.
4. **Barrels and Drums** - Containers larger than five (5) gallon capacity may be accepted. Top of drums must be removed. Containers must comply with waste #20. May require approved special waste application prior to disposal. On large quantities please make arrangements with our staff prior to disposal.
5. **Batteries, Lead acid** - Batteries will be accepted for recycling at item rate. Batteries can not be landfilled.
6. **Batteries - Rechargeable** - Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-M H), Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Lithium Ion (Li-ion) and Small Sealed Lead (Pb) (under 10 lbs) accepted for recycling - Can not be landfilled.
7. **Burned Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)** - Burned municipal solid waste and burn barrels are accepted only after cooled. Burn barrels must be cooled at least 14 (fourteen) days before acceptable.
8. **Canned food** - Canned food products, including liquids, such as canned vegetables, fruits, soup, milk (also in cartons), juices (in cans or jars), soda, and beer, can be accepted in quantities less than 5 gallons. Larger amounts of canned food in excess of 5 gallons can not be accepted unless the liquid portion is removed prior to acceptance.
9. **Car bodies** - Must be accompanied by a clear title. Must have all fluids drained. Accepted at item rate.
10. **Chemical-containing equipment** - These will be handled by special waste acceptance application on a case by case basis. Acceptance depends upon the chemical in question. Approved special waste acceptance application required prior to disposal.
11. **Chemical waste from a laboratory** - These will be handled by special waste acceptance application on a case by case basis. Acceptance depends upon the chemical in question. Approved special waste acceptance application required prior to disposal.
12. **Chemically contaminated demolition debris** - These will be handled by special waste acceptance application on a case by case basis. Acceptance depends upon the chemical in question. Approved special waste acceptance application required prior to disposal.
13. **Combustion renderings (ash)** - Large quantities not accepted. Small quantities may be accepted. This will be handled by special waste acceptance application on a case by case basis. Written approval from the State Health Department required with completed application. May require laboratory testing to accompany application. Approved special waste acceptance application required prior to disposal.
14. **Commercial products or chemicals, off specification, outdated, contaminated or banned** - These will be handled by special waste acceptance application on a case by case basis. Acceptance depends upon the chemical in question. Approved special waste acceptance application required prior to disposal.
15. **Computer - Electronic equipment (E-Waste)** - color monitors and televisions, CPUs, keyboards, VCRs and other similar electronic equipment generated by non-residential sources such as small or large businesses, industry, schools and government agencies - Not accepted at our facility. Since January 2003, business electronics must be handled as a universal waste and recycled with a reputable recycler or as a hazardous waste and disposed of in a Hazardous Waste Facility. Effective July 1, 2013, residential electronics, including TV's, Radios, etc. can no longer be landfilled and must be recycled. Contact staff for recycling options available in Colorado. CRT televisions are being accepted for recycling from county residents only until further notice.

16. **Construction/Demolition** - Accepted by special arrangement on structure by structure basis. May require approved special waste acceptance application with lab analysis reports and Morgan County Disposal Permit prior to disposal. Building demolition including Mobile/Manufactured Homes require Morgan County Disposal Permit and approved CDPHE (Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment) Demolition Notification Application Form signed by a Certified Asbestos Building Inspector along with supporting evidence in the form of analytical testing certifying no asbestos containing materials (ACM) were found during the inspection or that no ACM remains in the structure after abatement. Asbestos abatement reports and disposal documentation must be included when applicable. All appliances must be removed and brought separately to the Landfill for recycling. Disposal fee may be at higher than standard rates depending upon level of disposal problem caused by specific items. Please pre-arrange with staff.
17. **Contaminated soil - other than with petroleum products** - This will be handled on a case by case basis, depending upon the contaminate in question. May require laboratory testing to accompany the completed special waste acceptance application. Approved special waste acceptance application required prior to disposal.
18. **Contaminated soil - petroleum products, other than unleaded gasoline or diesel fuel** - Soil contaminated with oil, or any other petroleum product (other than unleaded gasoline or diesel fuel) is not accepted at our facility. Laboratory tests and a completed, approved special waste acceptance application are required for soils contaminated with unleaded gasoline or diesel fuel.
19. **Dry-cleaning establishments, closed cartridge filter** - Not accepted at our facility.
20. **"Empty" containers of waste commercial products or chemicals** - Acceptable if no free standing liquid remains in the container and that any other labeled disposal requirements are complied with. Pesticide containers must be triple rinsed. Must strictly comply with any specific disposal requirements on the container label. Containers must be punctured or crushed so as to render the container unusable. Large quantities of containers to be disposed of at the Morgan County landfill may require completion and approval of the special waste acceptance application prior to disposal. Please contact our staff to pre-arrange disposal. A container or an inner liner removed from a container that has held an acute hazardous waste is considered empty (and therefore suitable for landfill disposal) if:
 - a) The container or inner liner has been triple rinsed using a solvent capable of removing the commercial chemical product. Certification is required. This is to accompany a completed and approved special acceptance application prior to disposal.
 - b) In the case of a lined container, the inner liner that prevented contact of the commercial product with the container has been removed and disposed of properly
21. **Exploration and Production (E&P Waste)** – including liners over drilling site and pond liners. Out of county E&P waste not accepted at our facility. In County waste may be accepted with approved special waste application. Laboratory testing and written approval from State Health Department required with completed application.
22. **Fill dirt** - Clean fill dirt (with no contaminating trash, paper, large debris, etc.) may be accepted at the landfill at no charge or a reduced rate for use as cover material. Please make arrangements in advance.
23. **Fluorescent Lights – Lamp Wastes** – Generated by non-residential sources must demonstrate that their lighting wastes are not hazardous wastes, approved Special Waste Application may be required. Residential light fixtures must comply with waste #29.
24. **Freon Appliances** - Freon Appliances accepted for recycling at item rate. **Must** be placed in separate area and empty of food and debris. Freon Appliances **cannot be landfilled** unless accompanied with Freon removal certification. Freon appliances containing food or debris or illegally dumped in the trash area without Freon removal certification will be assessed additional handling fees.
25. **Gasoline tanks, from motor vehicles** - Must be empty and pose no threat of fire or explosion due to remaining fumes.
26. **Gasoline tanks, underground Storage Tanks** - The scrap metal from used underground storage tanks may be accepted with completed and approved special waste acceptance application, provided that the tank has been cut into small manageable pieces and no remaining sludge or liquid remains in the tank.
27. **Large bulky items** - Large appliances accepted at item rate. Mattresses accepted at item rate. Other furniture items are accepted at regular rates. Equipment and machinery and other large bulky items handled by special arrangement on a case by case basis and may require special handling fees.
28. **Liquids** - Bulk liquids are not accepted at our facility. (See waste #8, Canned food, for small amounts of waste containing liquid.)

29. **Materials contaminated with PCB's** - Not accepted at our facility. Older fluorescent light fixture ballasts may be accepted for special handling at item rate - must be removed from fixture and placed in a separate area. PCB's can not be landfilled.
30. **Mattresses** – Accepted at item rate.
31. **Medical and Biological wastes** – Untreated medical waste not accepted at our facility. Treated waste will be handled by special arrangement on a case by case basis. Approval for disposal depends upon the waste in question and may require a completed and approved special waste acceptance application prior to disposal. **Please note:** Medical waste must meet standards set forth in Section 13 of the Solid Waste Regulations 6 CCR 1007-2, effective September 1, 2011.
32. **Mobile homes, campers, and trailers** - These will be handled by special arrangement on a case by case basis. May require laboratory testing to accompany completed special waste acceptance application. Manufactured homes must have completed Demolition Notification Application Form approved by CDPHE with Certified Asbestos Inspectors Certification showing that NO asbestos is remaining in structure, and Demolition Approval Notice and Morgan County disposal permit. Must be accompanied by a clear Title, Certificate of Destruction for a Manufactured Home as well as a Tax Authentication/Certification form from county Treasurer of county in which manufactured home is located showing that all taxes are paid and Moving Permit has been issued. Accepted at item rate based on size. Arrangements must be made prior to disposal. Also see item #16.
33. **Motoreycles** - Must be accompanied by a clear title.
34. **Oil - Used motor oil** - Used motor oil will be accepted for recycling at item rate. (Must be uncontaminated and collected in clean plastic container, no larger than 2½ gallon, with tight lid. NO solvent, antifreeze, gas, water or paint.) Motor oil can not be landfilled.
35. **Oil, fuel, etc, absorbed in floor dry, cat litter, or other absorbents** - Must meet criteria in contaminated soil, waste #17 and #18.
36. **Paint** - Paint in its liquid form will not be accepted. Paint if dried and solid will be accepted at our facility.
37. **Pesticides** - Liquid, powder, gaseous and granular form of pesticides are not accepted at our facility. Use them up for their intended purpose or dispose of them at a hazardous waste facility.
38. **Petroleum Products** - Liquid, sludge, and semi-solid petroleum products are not accepted at our facility. Please check with our staff as to the acceptability of your waste.
39. **Propane Tanks** - Must be empty with valve open and placed in a separate area.
40. **Sludge from waste water treatment facility** - Not accepted at our facility.
41. **Solvents** - Not accepted at our facility.
42. **Special Waste** – Waste that needs special handling, testing or disposal procedures due to its bulk, state, or hazardous or offensive nature. These wastes will not be accepted on demand and may require special acceptance disposal fees. Please note that CDPHE regulations do not include a definition for special waste.
43. **Spills and releases, residues cleaned up from** - Will be handled by special arrangement on a case by case basis. Depending upon the chemical/contaminate in question, may require laboratory testing to accompany a completed special waste acceptance application. May require approved special waste acceptance application prior to disposal. Also see #17 and #18.
44. **Tires** - Tires will be accepted for recycling at item rate, must be separated. Large off-road tires will be charged by the weight. Tires can not be Landfilled.
45. **Wastes produced by the mechanical processing of fruit, vegetables, or grains** - No restriction unless contaminated with a pesticide, additive, or other chemical residue or unless it has a significant liquid content. Must pass paint filter test for liquid.
46. **Wood and tree limbs** - Must be cut in lengths no longer than six (6) feet.
47. **Wastes not otherwise defined herein** - Waste not defined within this written policy will be subject to review process set forth herein.

EXCEPTIONS - NONE!!

Morgan County reserves the right to refuse any and all wastes, whether they be hazardous or non hazardous!
All loads traveling county roadways must be tarped and contained.



Brian K. McCracken, Chairman
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