

# Keep TWW Out of the Trash



## **Q: What is Treated Wood Waste (TWW)?**

**A:** Wood that is treated with chemical preservatives to protect against insects, fungi and other microorganisms. These chemicals include arsenic, chromium, copper, pentachlorophenol and creosote.

## **Q: How do I know if it's TWW?**

**A:** TWW can often be visually distinguished by its appearance. Look for:

- Treated wood end tag
- Manufacturer stamp codes
- Indentations on surface
- Odor
- When cut, staining visible around perimeter only
- Discoloration (e.g. green or dark brown)

## **Q: How do I properly dispose of TWW?**

**A:** Keep TWW out of trash containers and roll off boxes.

For guidance, please visit

[dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Home/RecyclingTrash.aspx](http://dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Home/RecyclingTrash.aspx)

*Thank you for keeping our community safe from hazardous waste!*



# Treated Wood Waste UPDATE

As of January 1, 2021, Treated Wood Waste (TWW) has been classified as hazardous waste in California, and will no longer be accepted for landfill disposal.



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