

# **REGULATION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF NON-HAZARDOUS “SPECIAL” SOLID WASTE AT BALTIMORE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITIES (2025)**

(Adopted in accordance with Baltimore County Bill 88-90)

## **DEFINITION:**

“Special” wastes are those wastes, which are acceptable for landfill disposal, but require some type of special handling, and are not specifically prohibited from disposal. These may be industrial wastes, non-friable asbestos, spoiled food products, or any other waste so defined by the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (EPS) or the Bureau of Solid Waste Management (BSWM). These wastes may be delivered by Baltimore County residents, private contractors, commercial haulers, governmental agencies, or others.

Materials may be required to be delivered to a specific Baltimore County facility depending on the type and quantity of the material.

Baltimore County will accept only those “Special” wastes that are generated in Baltimore County, specifically approved by EPS, and that are packaged, contained, and delivered in accordance with EPS and BSWM procedures and regulations.

1. The generator, waste removal contractor, or transporter shall submit a written application on the standard Special Waste Disposal Request form to the Waste Management Section of EPS. (Call 410-887-3745 for a copy of the form.)
2. Approved requests must be signed by a designee from EPS.
3. EPS shall submit a copy of the approved request form to both the applicant and the BSWM.
4. After the requester receives the copy of the approved request form, the requester shall call EPS at 410-887-3745 to schedule an appointment for the waste to be delivered.

5. EPS shall schedule an exact time and day when necessary, and shall coordinate the appointment with Bureau of Solid Waste staff. EPS staff must be present for delivery of such materials.
6. On the day of the scheduled delivery, when a specific appointment has been given, the requestor should call EPS to coordinate delivery.
7. When delivering waste, the transporter shall show the approved copy of the request form at the Baltimore County scale house **for each load delivered**. The EPS representative shall note the disposal date on the request form. If the transporter does not have the approved copy to show, he shall **NOT** be allowed to dispose of the waste. The type of waste delivered and shipping procedures shall be in accordance with the approved request form; otherwise, the County shall not accept the waste for disposal. Failure to comply with County procedures on packaging, delivery, and unloading will result in cancellation of approval (s) and/or a ban (either temporary or indefinite) from using Eastern Sanitary Landfill for the driver and/or transporter and/or waste removal contractor and/or generator.
8. The transporter shall not mix waste that is **NOT** special waste, with the non-hazardous “Special” waste that is to be disposed of in the disposal area for the “Special Waste”.
9. The following procedures shall be valid for all loads containing **non-friable asbestos**, **non-friable asbestos** containing items, **non-friable asbestos** contaminated wastes, etc.:
  - a) All materials shall be packaged and containerized in accordance with applicable State of Maryland and Baltimore County regulations.
  - b) All loads (regardless of the type of delivery vehicle) shall be accompanied by representatives of the generator, the removal contractor, or transporter who will be prepared to handle the waste after unloading (if required and requested by the County).
  - c) Except as otherwise approved by EPS, no loads shall be dumped without the presence of an EPS representative, who will endeavor to be on-site by 9:00 a.m. (unless there is an emergency). This includes non-friable asbestos-containing materials collected at the Residents’ Drop-Off Center.

- d) All loads shall be inspected at the “Special Waste” disposal area by a representative of EPS. If there is any problem involving the packaging of the waste, the problem shall be corrected on-site or the load shall be rejected and removed by the transporter, at the sole discretion of the EPS representative.
- e) The transporter shall place the waste in the location designated by the County. If after unloading, the waste has not been properly placed, the waste then shall be relocated by representatives of the generator, the removal contractor, or transporter.
- f) The waste shall be covered with six inches of compacted earth in the presence of the EPS inspector after unloading and proper placement of the waste has been completed.
- g) **When poor weather and/or ground conditions exist, the EPS representative and/or Landfill Supervision at their sole discretion shall be able to cancel the receipt of non-friable asbestos at any time.** Every attempt shall be made to determine whether to cancel by 8:30 a.m. The transporter should call the ESL scalehouse at 410-887-5952 prior to coming to Eastern Sanitary Landfill in order to verify the conditions at the time. The County shall make every attempt to honor the scheduled appointment; however, the decision of the EPS representative and/or Landfill Supervision shall be final, even if a transporter were to arrive on-site or was enroute when the decision was made.
- h) At the time of cancellation, either a new appointment shall be given or it will be rescheduled for the next available day.
- i) A copy of the signed special waste request form, with the disposal date and quantity of materials indicated, will be forwarded to the generator by EPS within 30 days following receipt of the materials, with a copy to be sent to the Eastern Sanitary Landfill.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

All users of the site shall follow signage and direction of the on-site personnel, and all applicable safety regulations. Children and pets are to remain in vehicles. Scavenging (including solicitation of items being delivered by others on site) is prohibited.

Anyone, including but not limited to the specific driver, the hauling company, and the generator, using abusive language, acting in an abusive manner, or violating this regulation may at the County's sole option and discretion, be either permanently or temporarily barred from using a site. The County will provide written notice of its decision to permanently or temporarily bar access to a site in a timely manner.

Anyone permanently or temporarily barred from a site may request a hearing before the Baltimore County Director of Public Works. To request a hearing, you must submit a written request within thirty (30) calendar days of the written notice of being barred to the Baltimore County Director of Public Works, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 307, Towson, Maryland 21204. A representative of the Department of Public Works will notify you of the date, time and location of your hearing in a timely manner. A hearing shall then be held between the aggrieved and the Director of Public Works or the Director of Public Works' designee, and such other representatives as may be designated. In addition, where applicable, criminal or civil prosecution may occur.

## **ALTERATIONS TO REGULATION**

The Bureau of Solid Waste Management may add to, delete from, or revise this regulation as deemed appropriate.

## **QUESTIONS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Baltimore County EPS procedures or definitions: 410-887-3745

Baltimore County BSWM procedures: 410-887-2000 (Monday- Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm) or via email (solidwaste@baltimorecountymd.gov) or on the web at

[http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/solid\\_waste/index.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/solid_waste/index.html)

Obtain a commercial charge number to be used at Eastern Sanitary Landfill: 410-887-2000

## **AUTHORITY**

County Code §13-4-305 requires the Department of Public Works to adopt regulations for the acceptance of solid waste at its facilities, including regulations regarding acceptable types of waste, origin of waste, quantity or size restriction, operating hours, disposal rate structure, and traffic movement.

County Code §13-4-213 further authorizes the County to adopt regulations to promote recycling of solid waste.