

Solid Waste Authorities

Solid waste authorities and sanitary districts in Contra Costa County that regulate refuse. Other agencies having jurisdiction over solid waste:

CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

925-906-1801
recyclesmart.org

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

925-674-7200
co.contra-costa.ca.us/3383/conservation-and-development

WEST CONTRA COSTA SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

510-215-3125
recyclemore.com

Special Districts

BYRON SANITARY DISTRICT

925-906-1801
bbid.org

KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

510-526-4141
kensingtoncalifornia.org

MT. VIEW SANITARY DISTRICT

925-228-5635
mvsd.org

RODEO SANITARY DISTRICT

510-799-2970
rodeosan.org

Contact Information

Contra Costa County Environmental Health
925-692-2500
2120 Diamond Blvd., Suite 200
Concord, CA 94520
cchealth.org/eh/



Contra Costa Environmental Health



**NON-FRANCHISE
SOLID WASTE
COLLECTION
AND
TRANSPORT
PERMITS**



Refuse Hauling

Illegal dumping and illegal solid waste facilities are a serious problem throughout Contra Costa County. Non-franchise refuse hauling companies have been found transporting refuse to illegal facilities and some implicated in illegal dumping activities. Contra Costa County Ordinance Code Chapter 418–2 was revised to require that non-franchise haulers obtain a permit issued by Contra Costa Environmental Health (CCEH) and comply with standards associated with the collection and transport of solid waste. The effective date of the revised ordinance is March 1, 2018.

A non-franchise person or hauling business hired to collect solid waste in **unincorporated** Contra Costa County must obtain a permit from CCEH. Solid waste includes, but is not limited to, refuse, garbage, landscaping waste, construction and demolition debris, mixed recyclables, source-separated recycles, junk, non-hazardous industrial waste, electronic waste, or appliances. There is an exemption to the permit requirement for landscaping or building contractors hauling waste from their own jobsites directly to an approved solid waste or recycling facility. Other exemptions are described in Section 418–2.008 of the Contra Costa County Ordinance Code.

Persons hiring a solid waste hauler must use one permitted to conduct this type of business.

For incorporated areas, check with the city and local solid waste authority for any requirements that may apply to your business.

Permit Application Process

To obtain a permit, a non-franchise refuse hauling business must submit an application to CCEH. The application form is available online or by contacting CCEH. The application process is follows:

- Submit completed application and any required fees to CCEH. The application must be accompanied by the following items:
 - Copy of the driver's license for each person who will operate a solid waste hauling vehicle.
 - Valid California vehicle registration card for each solid waste hauling vehicle.
- CCEH will review the application and if it is complete, send a copy to the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, local solid waste authorities, and sanitary districts responsible for the regulation of solid waste hauling in unincorporated areas. CCEH will give these other agencies 30 days to review the application.
- Once the review period is over and if the application is approved, CCEH will notify the applicant and schedule an inspection of the applicant's vehicle(s). The inspection is to verify that the vehicle(s) complies with the standards described in Chapter 418–2. If the permit is denied, the applicant will be informed of the reason(s) for denial.
- If the applicants vehicle(s) passes the inspection, a permit will be issued and health permit decals will be affixed to the vehicle so as to be readily visible (e.g., rear and sides of the vehicle).



Operating Standards

Chapter 418–2 includes a number of operating standards to ensure that refuse is handled properly. These standards include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Waste must go to an approved solid waste or recycling facility.
- The vehicle must be clearly marked on each side with the name and telephone number of the business. The markings must be visible from a distance of at least 50 feet.
- Vehicles must be kept in a clean, sanitary condition.
- The vehicle must be designed to contain all waste materials inside the truck (no leakage or windblown litter).
- Debris bins or boxes of one cubic yard or larger used by the business must be identified with the name and telephone number of the permittee.
- Record must be kept for least one year showing the type and amount of waste collected, where it was collected, and where it was taken for disposal or recycling. On a quarterly basis these records must be submitted to CCEH. A template reporting form is available from CCEH.
- A current valid performance bond in the amount of \$50,000 must be filed with CCEH.
- A liability insurance policy must be maintained with limits no less than \$1 million per claim and \$1 million in the aggregate.

Permits are valid for one calendar year and renewed annually. A vehicle is required to pass an inspection each year.