



Clean Fill Dirt Acceptance Fact Sheet

Clean-Fill Dirt Acceptance Process for Small Projects — Less Than 5 Cubic Yards or 8 Tons

Clean-fill dirt generated from small projects that are less than five cubic yards or eight tons will be inspected at the landfill by a landfill Waste Inspector. If the on-site inspection and testing determine that the soil is not acceptable for the landfill, the customer will be asked to remove the soil from the site and pursue proper soil disposal elsewhere.

Step 1—Documentation and Analysis

1. The property owner/representative should obtain a (1) Soil Information Form and (2) Soil Self Certification Form from www.oilandfills.com or request the forms from an OC Waste & Recycling Materials Regulation Specialists (MRS) at 714 834-4000. The Soil Information Form must be completed and submitted to OC Waste & Recycling by fax. Include a description of the site with historical information relating to the existing and any known previous site uses and improvements, any previous unsupervised environmental reviews, a location map and other related documents.
OC Waste & Recycling Fax #: (714) 834-4057.
2. The property owner/representative should notify a Materials Regulation Specialists of the intent to dispose of soil at a OC Waste & Recycling landfill. OC Waste & Recycling MRS will review the documents and determine what contaminants to test for. Tests for gasoline, diesel, hydraulic oil, waste oil, agricultural (herbicides/pesticides), heavy metals, volatiles, and/or polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) may be required.
3. The property owner/representative must obtain the services of a California Department of Health Services (DHS) Accredited Environmental Laboratory for the soil analysis. OC Waste & Recycling will only accept analytical results from a DHS accredited laboratory. A list of labs can be found at www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ls/elap/html/lablist.htm.
4. The property owner/representative must obtain and complete a laboratory-provided chain of custody (COC). The COC must be filled out with the appropriate protocol for soil analysis. If assistance is required, please contact the laboratory.
5. Analysis from an “in-house” laboratory or any composite samples will not be accepted.



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Step 2— Soil Sampling Frequency and Identification of Contaminants

Minimum soil sampling frequency shall be as follows, based upon the estimated quantity of fill dirt:

- ◆ Up to 500 cubic yards— a minimum of one sample per 100 cubic yards shall be collected.
- ◆ From 500 cubic yards to 1,000 cubic yards—a minimum of one additional sample shall be collected.
- ◆ From 1,000 cubic yards to 20,000 cubic yards—a minimum of one additional sample shall be collected for every 1,000 cubic yards.
- ◆ More than 20,000 cubic yards - Contact OC Waste & Recycling Materials Regulation Specialist (MRS) to determine appropriate sampling protocol.

Samples must be taken in 4 ounce glass jars, preserved in a cooler with ice and submitted to the laboratory within 24 hours. The property owner/representative must complete the Soil Self-Certification Form.

Step 3—Submit Documentation

Once the lab results are completed, the property owner/representative will submit the official laboratory analytical results, chain of custody (hardcopy), and Self-Certification Form to the OC Waste & Recycling MRS. OC Waste & Recycling MRS will evaluate the documents and determine if the soil meets the landfill criteria.

Customers should be prepared to provide the following information in writing about the source of the soil:

1. The property owner/representative is required to disclose any information regarding existing or potential contamination in order to ensure that the proposed soil is not contaminated with hazardous substances.
2. A signed Soil Self-Certification Form by the property owner or representative certifying the origin of the soil; that to the best of their knowledge the soil is not contaminated and that the analytical data submitted is representative of the soil.

Step 4—Soil acceptance and disposal

- ◆ If the soil is determined to be **acceptable**, OC Waste & Recycling MRS staff will issue the property owner/representative an wet signature approval letter for each truck load taken to the designated landfill. The approval letter will indicate the approved time frame for disposal and landfill location. The truck driver is required to submit the wet signature approval letter to the landfill fee booth attendant at the time of arrival.
- ◆ If the soil is determined to be **unacceptable** for disposal at an Orange County landfill, the property owner is responsible for determining an appropriate disposal location. Orange County Environmental Health Department can provide assistance and they can be reached at 714-433-6000.



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Important Notes!

- » **If the customer’s soil load is mixed with waste, or has a substantial amount of debris, it may not be used as conventional soil cover material at the landfill, and will be subject to disposal fees. OC Waste & Recycling Landfill Staff reserve the right, and have the authority, to reject any soil disposal loads.**
- » **If disposal of soil as trash is desired, OC Waste & Recycling Landfill Staff will inspect and test the soil with field instruments. If there is no evidence of chemical contamination (i.e. hydrocarbons, VOCs, etc.), the customer may pay to dispose of the mixed soil, unless the waste inspector deems that the load appears to have other probable contaminant content.**
- » **Each load arriving at the landfill must have a separate, original approval letter with wet signature indicating the time frame within which the disposal will be permitted. Photocopies will not be accepted.**
- » **Expired letters will not be accepted. If you’re unable to bring the soil to the landfill before the expiration date of the approval letter, please contact the MRS in advance of the expiration to make the necessary arrangements and obtain an extension letter. Bring both the original approval letter and the extension letter to the landfill with the load.**
- » **Clean fill dirt is accepted at all active Orange County landfills. However, only Olinda Alpha Landfill in Brea provides a fee exemption for clean fill dirt.**
- » **During and immediately following rainy weather clean fill dirt is not accepted. Please call the Fee Booth at the number listed below before coming to the landfill to find out if clean fill dirt can be accepted. Please inform OC Waste & Recycling staff if your letter is about to expire during rainy weather and they will provide instructions.**

Contact Information

Landfill Phone Numbers

Olinda Alpha	Fee Booth:	714-993-2363
	Office:	714-933-0372
Frank R. Bowerman	Fee Booth:	949-551-7104
	Office:	949-262-2420
Prima Deshecha	Fee Booth:	949-728-0680
	Office:	949-728-3040

For Soil Program Questions Contact: Public Information Office

Office: 714-834-4176

For Soil Sampling Appointments Contact: Materials Regulation Specialists

Office: 714-834-4000

Fax: 714-834-4110

OC Waste & Recycling Department

MRS - Soil Sampling Lab Analysis
320 N. Flower Street, Suite 400