

# Variations for Treated Wood Waste Disposal

Treated Wood Waste

Transporter

Disposal

## Generators

### Residential

- Owner, self transport
- Contractor, handler or transporter hired by owner

### Business

Small Quantity Generator  
Less than 10,000 lbs./yr.

- Self transport
- Contractor, handler or transporter hired by business

### Business

Large Quantity Generator  
More than 10,000 lbs./yr.

- Self transport
- Contractor, handler or transporter hired by business

No variance required for residential owner, self transport, up to 50 lbs.

Variance 3  
Transporter  
i.e. Contractor, Subcontractor

Variance 1  
Sm. Qty. Generator, Self Transport

Variance 3  
Transporter  
i.e. Contractor, Subcontractor

Variance 2  
Lg. Qty. Generator, Self Transport

Variance 3  
Transporter  
i.e. Contractor, Subcontractor

Variance 4  
Handler and Transporter  
i.e. Waste Transfer Station  
Authorized to operate  
pursuant to Division 30 of  
the public resource code

or direct to

Variance 5  
Disposal Facility

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## Variance 1

**Sm. Qty. Generator, Self Transporter**  
May accumulate and transport  
up to 10,000 lbs./yr.

## Variance 2

**Lg. Qty. Generator, Self Transporter**  
May accumulate and transport  
more than 10,000 lbs./yr.

## Variance 3 Transporter

No accumulation or consolidation  
from multiple locations

## Variance 4

**Handler and Transporter**  
May accumulate from  
multiple locations for transport

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# California DTSC Variances for Treated Wood Waste Now Available

Apply for a variance now at the [DTSC Website](#)

## Residential TWW Generation

Residents hiring a contractor who has a variance are not required to have a TWW variance, provided the contractor transports the TWW directly to an approved landfill or transfer station for disposal.

Residents can self-transport up to 50 lbs. of TWW to a household hazardous waste facility.

If residents generate more than 50 lbs., they may self-transport multiple trips of up to 50 lbs. or they may get a Small Quantity Generator variance at a cost of \$971.53 or a Large Quantity Generator variance at a cost of \$1,012.14.

**Note:** 50 lbs. roughly equivalent to two 4"x4" posts that are 8 ft. long.

## Non-Residential TWW Generation

Non-Residential entities that hire a contractor or hauler, who has a Transporter variance, still require a TWW variance as a Small Quantity Generator variance, (\$971.53 for one site) as long as the volume does not exceed 10,000 lbs. or as a Large Quantity Generator variance, (\$1,012.14 for one site) for disposing more than 10,000 lbs. per calendar year.

Non-Residential entities hiring a contractor who has a Small or a Large Quantity Generator variance may not need a variance, provided the contractor takes responsibility for proper handling and disposal of the TWW.

## Contractor TWW Generation

If working at a residential site, the resident does not need a variance. Contractors may apply for a Transporter variance (\$785.31) if they meet the qualifications. Additionally, if working at a non-residential site that has a Small or Large Quantity Generator variance, contractors may apply for a Transporter variance if they meet the qualifications.

**Transporter Variance:** This is for transporters that do not accumulate or consolidate TWW at any location. As such, contractors cannot pre-cut or generate any TWW at a shop or move it between locations. TWW can only be generated at the job site and all TWW generated must go directly to an approved landfill or transfer station.

**Note:** When completing the Transporter application, note that Question 17 asks: "How many individual locations are you seeking a variance for?" There is a limit of 10 locations. However, if you scroll down there is an option for: "No physical location, I only transport and/or handle Treated Wood Waste without storage or accumulation." This is followed by the next question asking for a general region of operations.

If contractors cannot meet the above requirements because of a site where TWW is stored from multiple projects or TWW is generated by prefabricating at a shop, they must apply for the Small or Large Quantity Generator variance:

**Small Quantity Generator Variance:** This variance is for entities that do not exceed 10,000 lbs. per calendar year. Base cost of \$971.53 for one site, with an additional cost of \$756.70 per site up to 10.

**Large Quantity Generator Variance:** This variance is for entities that exceed 10,000 lbs. per calendar year. Base cost is \$1,012.14 for one site, with an additional cost of \$797.31 per site up to 10. Companies must have a federal or state EPA ID number to receive this variance.

**Note:** When completing the Small or Large Quantity Generator variance application, Question 20 or 21 asks, "What is the estimated cost of all TWW removal activities (including transportation and disposal fees) at the site to be conducted for the next 12 months?" This question will allow DTSC to evaluate if the project is less than \$1 million, which will be under the CEQA exemption.

## Transfer Station or Disposal Facility Variances

The Handler and Transporter variance requires different authorizations and should be determined before applying. Generators and Transporters should confirm the landfill or transfer station has the proper variances to accept TWW.