

# Metro guide

## Solid Waste rates Wood acceptance standards

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Recently, it was announced the WestRock (formerly SP Fiber) paper mill in Newberg will be closing for an indefinite period. This facility receives approximately 85 percent of the greater Portland area's recovered wood, and there is no other facility readily available to receive and use this much material. This closure poses significant challenges for the Portland area's wood recycling efforts.

Due to the change in market conditions, wood delivered to Metro facilities may not be recovered. Metro has adjusted the standards for the receipt of wood waste. Below are lists of acceptable and unacceptable wood waste materials.

**Wood waste that is deemed unacceptable will be charged the solid waste rate and disposed of as garbage.**

### Acceptance standards for wood waste



#### ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- Raw dimensional lumber, 2 x 4s, 2 x 6s, etc. (free of paint, stain and other treatments)
- Pallets (free of strapping, shrink wrap and shipping labels)
- Packing crates (constructed of dimensional lumber only; free of strapping, shrink wrap and shipping labels)



#### UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- Engineered wood (plywood, oriented strand board, particle board, etc.)
- Treated wood
- Painted, stained or varnished wood
- Laminated wood and paneling
- Wood exposed to salt water
- Sawdust
- Yard debris
- Soil
- Rock
- Glass
- Metal
- Plastic
- Rubber
- Other foreign or objectionable materials