

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF WASTE RESOURCES**

UNCOVERED/UNSECURED LOAD POLICY

The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources imposes a surcharge on vehicles **entering** landfills with uncovered/unsecured loads. Loads must be secured or covered in a manner which, per the opinion of the Gate Services Assistant, who serves as the General Manager-Chief Engineer's designee, will prevent waste from falling, spilling, or blowing out while the vehicle is in motion. The surcharge will be assessed for all vehicles entering the landfill with an uncovered or unsecured load.

Customers must arrive to the landfill with their load covered/secured, and loads must remain covered until the vehicle reaches the unloading pad. Customers may not cover their loads in line, pull out of line to cover their load and then return to the line, or cover their load while on the scale to avoid the surcharge. Customers may not leave with an uncovered load and return with a covered load the same day to avoid the fee. Once the customer arrives with an uncovered/unsecured load, the surcharge will be applied. The Gate Services Assistants have been given full authorization by the General Manager-Chief Engineer to assess the uncovered load surcharge as described herein.

Uncovered/Unsecured Loads

An uncovered/unsecured load is a load that has not been secured properly or completely covered to prevent articles from falling out while the vehicle is in motion.

Examples of an uncovered/unsecured load include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Loads containing loose waste, bags, or boxes that are not properly covered or secured and could fall, spill, or blow from the vehicle.
- Loads containing garbage cans without lids or coverings.
- Loads containing green waste that are not tied down or covered.
- Loads containing construction or demolition material that are not tied down or covered.
- Loads containing appliances or other bulky items that are not tied down or secured.

Covered/Secured Loads

A covered/secured load is a load that has been tied down and/or completely covered in such a manner that it would be deemed virtually impossible for waste to fall or spill out while the vehicle is in motion.

Acceptable methods of covering/securing a load include:

- Tarp, sheet, blanket or other cloth material (secured by rope, strap, or twine)
- Netting (secured by rope, strap, or twine)
- Plastic (secured by rope, strap, or twine)
Rope, strap, or twine for bulky items that secures items in such a manner that they can not fall, spill, or blow away while the vehicle is in motion

Alternative methods are acceptable provided that the waste is secure according to the above guidelines.

Appliances, or other bulky items such as plywood, tires, etc., should be tied down or otherwise properly **secured**. It is not necessary to have the actual appliance or bulky item covered. Loads which contain loose waste **and** an appliance or bulky item must be covered and tied down as indicated. For example, if a load contains a refrigerator and loose waste, the loose waste should be tied and/or covered and the refrigerator should be properly secured.