RIVERSIDE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF WASTE RESOURCES

UNCOVERED LOAD POLICY

The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources imposes a $10.00 surcharge to vehicles entering landfills with uncovered loads. Vehicle loads must be secured or covered in a manner which, per the opinion of the General Manager-Chief Engineer or his designee, will prevent waste from falling or spilling out while the vehicle is in motion. The surcharge will be assessed for all vehicles that do not meet these standards. The surcharge applies to each site during all hours of operation. The Gate Services Assistants have been given full authorization by the General Manager-Chief Engineer to assess a surcharge for uncovered loads, as described below.

Uncovered Loads:
An uncovered load is one which has not been secured properly or completely covered to prevent articles from falling out while the vehicle is in motion.

Examples of an uncovered load:
- Loads that contain loose waste, bags or boxes that could fall or spill from the vehicle.
- Loads that are not properly secured or completely covered to prevent loose waste from spilling out.
- 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.

Covered Loads:
A covered load is one which has been tied down 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. All vehicles which meet covered load standards will be charged regular disposal rates.

Acceptable methods of tying down or covering a vehicle:
- Tarp, sheet, blanket or other cloth material
- Netting
- Plastic
- Rope or twine for bulky items that will not blow away during travel
- Secured by rope or twine

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

Appliances should be tied down or otherwise properly secured. It is not necessary to have the actual appliance covered. Loads which contain loose waste and an appliance 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.