



Utility Commission Divisional Update – Solid Waste

Utility Commission

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update – December 2025 / January 2026

Solid Waste has submitted the semi-annual Treated Wood Waste (TWW) report to the Department of Toxics Substance Control (DTSC). The report details the loads of TWW received at the Lompoc Landfill from households or residential customers and commercial entities. A total of 8,040 pounds (4.02 tons) of TWW were received during the reporting period.

Solid Waste has also submitted its annual Electronic Waste or E-Waste Report to the Department of Toxic Substance Control. The annual report includes E-Waste including CRT's (Cathode Ray Tubes), Flat Screen TV's (LED, Plasma), computers, laptops, stereos, printers, DVD/VHS players, and other E-Waste delivered to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility and the Lompoc Landfill for calendar year 2025. In 2025, the Lompoc Landfill and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility collected and shipped a total of 156,263 pounds (78.13 tons) of CRT's, Flat Screen Televisions, Computers and miscellaneous electronic waste.

Solid Waste has submitted the Quarterly Integrated Waste Management Fee to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. The total tons disposed of in the fourth quarter 2025 were 9,967 tons, averaging 112 trash tons per day for the 89 operating days in the quarter.

The Landfill received 4,298 tons of trash, recycling, and organics (greenwaste/foodwaste) for the month of December 2025. The total tons recycled were 820 and the total tons disposed were 3,478 tons. The Landfill saw an increase of 13.2% increase in trash tonnages for December 2025 over December 2024 tonnages.

The Solid Waste Division and the Landfill diverted 235 mattresses from the Landfill for recycling in December 2025. For 2025, the Landfill recycled 3,978 mattresses from disposal. Since the program inception in September 2016, 49,697 mattresses have been diverted from disposal in the Landfill and have been shipped out for recycling.

The Landfill received 4,411 tons of trash, recycling, and organics (greenwaste/foodwaste) for the month of October 2025. The total tons recycled were 871 and the total tons disposed were 3,540 tons. The Landfill saw a 2.4% increase in trash tonnages for October 2025 over October 2024 tonnages.

The Landfill received 3,593 tons of trash, recycling, and organics (greenwaste/foodwaste) for the month of November 2025. The total tons recycled were 635 and the total tons disposed were 2,958 tons. The Landfill saw a 3.0% Decrease in trash tonnages for November 2025 over November 2024 tonnages.

The Solid Waste Division provided street sweeping services for the Children's Christmas Season Parade, before and after the Parade. In addition, Solid Waste will provide security assistance, providing barriers on the Parade route.

The Solid Waste Winter edition of the Trash Talk newsletter will be delivered to all businesses and residents in their December Bill. For those that have opted out of receiving a paper bill, the Trash Talk newsletter will be delivered via the email account on file. The Winter edition will include information on Christmas Tree recycling (first full week in January), Holiday Shopping and E-Waste Disposal, Large Item or Bulky Item collection program, a Recap of the Pumpkin Smash Event, and the Holiday Schedule for Winter 2025-2026.

The next Holiday will be Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 19th, 2026. Solid Waste Collections (Trash, Recycling, Greenwaste/Organics) will be delayed by one day all week long. If your collection day is Monday, collections will take place on Tuesday. If your collection day is Friday, collections will take place on Saturday.

The Lompoc Landfill will be closed on Monday, January 19th for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. The Landfill will reopen the following day, Tuesday, January 20th.

Put your Food Scraps and Food Waste in the Green Bin (Organics/Greenwaste container) for Recycling.

The City of Lompoc now collects food scraps in your green Organics container (former Greenwaste container). By diverting food scraps from the trash, this provides additional space in your trash container and ultimately turns your food scraps into composting. Organic Waste (Food Scrap) and greenwaste (lawn clippings and yard waste) can now be placed in customers green lid Organics (Greenwaste) containers. The Organics collection is expanding the greenwaste collection (currently grass clippings, leaves, branches, and brush/shrubs), to include food scraps into the green lid container. The items acceptable in the Organics container are fruits, vegetables, breads, meats, fish, cheeses, eggshells, pizza, pasta, rice, coffee grounds and tea bags. The following items are NOT acceptable in the Organics container, Plastic bags, plastic wrap, plastic straws, food containers, Styrofoam, bottles, cans, aluminum, trash, fats, oil, or grease and liquids.

The Solid Waste Division has complimentary kitchen counter pails for City of Lompoc residents to recycle their Organic food scraps. The complimentary indoor kitchen pail is available for pick up from the City of Lompoc's Solid Waste Office, located at 1300 West Laurel Avenue, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Monday through Friday) The kitchen pails are also available for pick up at the City of Lompoc Library (501 E. North Avenue, during Library hours), and at City Hall, during business hours. The kitchen pail is a 1-gallon capacity kitchen counter container, available while supplies last (limit one per household). The kitchen pail provides a convenient way to collect your food scraps before depositing them in your Organics (Green lid) container.

Monday, February 16th, is the President's Day Holiday; Trash, Recycling, and Organics (Greenwaste) collection's will be delayed by one day all week long. The Landfill will be closed in observance of the Holiday, reopening the following day, Tuesday, February 17th at 7:30 a.m.