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Marion County No Longer Accepting Creosote-Treated Wood at Transfer Stations

Creosote-treated wood and lumber will no longer be accepted at the Salem-Keizer Recycling and Transfer Station or the North Marion County Disposal Facility, effective immediately.

According to Marion County Environmental Services, these types of wood have no current market for recycling, and the chemicals used in treating it make it undesirable for disposal at the Marion County Waste-to-Energy Facility in Brooks, where the waste delivered to the transfer station is typically taken. These types of wood are typically used as landscape timbers, railroad ties, or utility poles. People with loads of creosote-treated wood are asked to take it to an out-of-county landfill such as the Coffin Butte Landfill, located near Camp Adair, or Riverbend Landfill, located south of McMinnville.

“Due to the various chemicals present in creosote, we want to avoid processing these materials through the Waste-to-Energy Facility in Brooks if possible,” said Jeff Bickford, environmental services division manager. “Landfilling these types of products is the safest for both public health and the environment,” he added.

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