Reuse Facility Program/Quality Assurance Plan

Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill Management Agency (the Agency) chooses to operate a Reuse Facility Program. A Reuse Facility Program allows the opportunity for collected materials to be used in the manner originally intended. This type of program can also result in a substantial reduction in disposal costs. Only materials satisfying this Quality Assurance Plan should be given to the Agency for the Program.

This Quality Assurance Plan has been developed to ensure that reusable household hazardous products or materials are suitable and acceptable for distribution to the public (California Health and Safety Code, Section 25218.12). Donations to the Reuse Facility for redistribution should be evaluated by the donor using best efforts to verify that products selected are as they originated from the product’s manufacturers. This quality assurance plan shall identify specific procedures for donors to evaluate each container placed in the Reuse Facility. The quality assurance plan also identifies those products that shall not be donated for redistribution at the Reuse Facility. Unacceptable products may include, but are not limited to, banned or unregistered agricultural waste, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 25207.1, California Health and Safety Code, and products containing PCB’s, asbestos, or dioxin.

If the recipient of a household hazardous product or material is a business or employer, the recipient shall be responsible for obtaining any written information necessary for compliance with the Hazardous Substances Information and Training Act (commencing with Section 6360) of Part 7 of Division 5 of the Labor Code.

A. Products Banned from the Reuse Facility

Products containing any of the following substances SHOULD NOT be donated to the Reuse Facility (See Appendix A, Prohibited Material Exchange List):

- Personal care products (e.g. hair spray, makeup, medications, shampoos, etc.)
- Unknowns
- Lead-based paints (often red, yellow, or orange –including traffic paint – manufactured before 1979, and weigh more than regular paint)
- Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Products
- Chemicals for experimental purposes
- Automotive batteries
- Dioxins PCB’s
- Asbestos
- Banned or Severely Restricted Pesticides
- CFC’s or other Ozone Depleting Substances including air conditioning freon string confetti compressed gas hand held horns (marine, personal safety)
- CFC containing cleaning fluids, wipes, and sprays
- Explosives (ammunition, fire works, black powder, ordinance, etc.),
- Cyanides, Radioactive Products (e.g. smoke detectors)
B. Product Evaluation Protocol

Donors shall evaluate products using the following criteria prior to being donated to the Reuse Facility:

- Containers should be intact, clean, and not deteriorated.
- Product has not passed its listed expiration date.
- Containers must have a secure lid. A selection of various sizes of spare spray nozzles may be maintained on site so that spray products (paints, lubricants) which lack nozzles can be fitted with an appropriate nozzle, thereby avoiding rejection.
- Containers which when picked up and “swished” from side to side feel as though they are more than 25% full. (However, high value products such as cylinders of propane gas may be accepted if it is not less than 10% full).
- Container manufacturer’s labels must be readable and include the ingredients, proper use, and precaution information.
- Product should not have visible contamination. To assess contamination, products which have been previously opened will be either viewed through its clear plastic or glass container or opened and assessed for any of the following disqualifying characteristics:
  i. Solidified or overly viscous liquid products
  ii. Free of foreign materials
  iii. Cloudy liquids that are usually clear
  iv. A solid liquid mixture
  v. Discoloration of the product

Products that meet the above criteria may be made available to responsible adult (over 18 years of age) customers of the facility. Customers who receive exchanged products will be required to sign a Liability Waiver/Reusable Material Acceptance Form. This form acknowledges the fact that although donors have used their best efforts with the resources generally available to evaluate the product in accordance with the protocol described in this plan, the customer bears ultimate responsibility for accepting the products. A copy of this form is included in Appendix A.

Reuse Facility customers should review expiration dates to ensure that products are not expired. Products should be used in a manner consistent with the instructions on the label.