

SMaRT Station Tarping Program

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All loads must be covered or be charged a \$15 fee.

- Partial tarps, ripped tarps or tarps that don't cover the whole load will be charged
- **Net covers are ok** as long as it covers whole load
- Concrete/rock/wood must be covered
- Mattresses must be covered

Exceptions to the fee are:

- If load only has a few appliances or furniture (if there are bags or other loose material in load along with the appliances/furniture, then the load must be covered)

Reasons for fee:

- Vehicles using the SMaRT Station for self-haul disposal are required by State law [State Vehicle Code 23114 (a)] to cover their loads, but in a recent survey at the scale house, **75 percent of the loads were uncovered.**
- In addition, the City is required under provisions C.10 and C.10.c of its National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Permit to demonstrate a 40% reduction in the amount of trash coming from potential sources by 2014. Progress has been made, but additional reductions are required in subsequent years to meet that goal. One of the sources of pollution is uncovered loads transported by the public.

Who keeps the fee, what does it pay for?

The fee is collected by Bay Counties Waste Services on behalf of the City and will be used for the following:

- Purchase of free tarps for uncovered loads
- Labor to collect litter
- Labor to implement program
- Outreach and education to reduce the amount of litter at SMaRT Station

New language in City Municipal Code:

8.16.190. Vehicles, conveyances and containers-Applicable regulations.

(a) All vehicles, conveyances or containers used for hauling solid waste within the city shall be of such construction as to comply fully with all laws, rules and regulations of the state of California pertaining thereto, and shall be of a type and construction to prevent leakage, spillage or overflow. This ordinance is intended to implement the requirements of Vehicle Code section 23114, or its successor statute.

(b) Any operator of an uncovered open bed truck hauling waste and

recyclables for disposal at the SMaRT station shall be subject to payment of a fee for which the operator shall receive a tarp to be used for covering debris and solid waste. The fee for the truck tarp shall be established from time to time by resolution of the city council.