

Landfill Yard Waste Fire Incident (8-10-25) Update

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Organic Waste Yard

Feedstock Includes:

- *Residential Organics*
- *Commercial Organics*
- *White Wood*
(Pallets, Untreated Wood)

Rough Dimension (7/25/25)

- *150' x 140' footprint*
- *Height ranges 8-12'(H)*
- *5,000 cy of Material*



Fire Incident

[Approximate timeline, official report from CalFire Report still unavailable]

Sunday, Aug 10, 2025:

- 107F, elevated afternoon winds, low humidity
- 3:30 p.m. – Facility employees last out
- 4:45-4:47 p.m. – 911 call from asphalt contractor reporting smoke/flames
- Facility Operator immediately onsite (moving machinery out of building)
- CalFire onsite within 30 minutes, scene responder
- Site assisted response, cleared large 60'x100' area south of pile
- Air support to saturate adjacent to building and perimeters
- Perimeter control established, CalFire exit near 12:20 a.m. (8/11/25)
- All impacted areas non-structural, includes Organic Waste Pile and Grinder (equipment)



Ongoing Measures

- **24-hour Fire Watch, first few days by facility operator, 3rd party support ongoing**
- **Daily review by CalFire first 1.5 weeks, currently periodic check-ins. No change in how handling:**
 - **Perimeter monitoring**
 - **Continue to push/compile as possible**
 - **Douse/water as necessary**
 - **Remove and separate non-burning materials**
- **Receiving Area (for inbound Organic Waste) relocated south and grinding on 2-3 week interval**
- **Burned Material to be weighed via on-equipment Loader scales and landfilled to active face (pending lab results for characterization - non-structure, non-asbestos burn material)**

