

Exempt Solid Waste

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Some types of solid wastes are exempt from the Solid Waste regulations and do not require disposal in a permitted landfill. These wastes can be used as fill without approval from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation under the conditions below.

These wastes include:

- Uncontaminated dirt, rocks, and soil;
- Tree limbs, stumps, foliage, and other woody debris;
- Unpainted bricks, mortar, Portland cement type concrete (including reinforcing steel that cannot be easily removed);
- Glass crushed to less than ¾-inch minus;
- Crushed asphalt, but only if the product is used:
 - As fill material for a building pad or parking area;
 - As road base beneath a parking area or road;
 - As pavement on a building pad, parking area, or road; or,
 - As a material to construct a containment berm for a tank farm

Most construction and demolition debris, including dimensional lumber, regardless of treatment, are **NOT EXEMPT WASTES. These wastes must be disposed at a permitted facility.**

The person disposing of exempt solid waste must comply with the following requirements:

- The exempt waste may not be mixed with non-exempt waste.
- The waste may not cause a public nuisance, environmental problem, or a threat to public health, safety, or welfare.
- The exempt waste may not be placed in surface water (creeks, ponds, etc.) without approval from other appropriate regulatory agencies.
- The exempt waste may not be placed without landowner approval.

Regulations

Alaska Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 60, Section 005
(18 AAC 60.005)

