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South Region Fact Sheet

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Prima Deshecha Landfill

About Prima Deshecha Landfill

- Opened in 1976
- Owned and operated by the County of Orange
- Accepts non-hazardous, municipal solid waste from commercial and self haulers.
- Maximum permitted daily refuse is 4,000 tons
- Approximately 1,530 acres with about 699 acres to be used for waste disposal
- Scheduled to close in approximately 2067

Other Services Available at Prima Deshecha

- Material Recovery Facility
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center

Getting there...

32250 La Pata Ave.
San Juan Capistrano, California 92675
(949) 728-3040
I-5 to Ortega Hwy
Go east on Ortega Hwy towards Lake Elsinore
Turn south onto La Pata Ave and continue to the landfill entrance.

Hours: 7:00 AM-5:00 PM Monday–Saturday

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Deputy Director, South Region Landfills

Dick Harabedian

Operating Hours

Monday–Saturday

7:00 AM-5:00 PM
All customers

Closed on Sundays and major holidays

Service Areas

Dana Point

Laguna Beach

Laguna Hills

Laguna Niguel

Lake Forest

Mission Viejo

San Clemente

San Juan Capistrano

South Orange County unincorporated areas

Public and Commercial Access

Orange County Landfills serve Orange County residents and businesses. Residents must show proof of residence. Businesses must have a valid business license or contractor's card.

General Information

History

The Prima Deshecha Landfill began operations in 1976 to service south Orange County. The landfill was named for the canyon in which it is located, the Prima Deshecha Cañada, Spanish for First Rough Canyon. Approximately 200 acres are currently under biological pre-mitigation to offset future land disturbance.

Environmental Protection

The Prima Deshecha Landfill installs and maintains environmental protection technology to protect the water, air, and habitat from the effects of landfill waste disposal. Environmental programs include:

- Partial composite liner system to protect groundwater— The first composite liner at the site was constructed in 1998 in Zone 1.
- Landfill gas monitoring, recovery, and control systems with over 105 gas collectors.
- Groundwater monitoring wells.
- Groundwater collection system.
- Leachate collection and recovery system.
- Energy generation facility utilizing landfill gas as fuel.
- Radioactive waste detection program
- Onsite Material Recovery Facility to divert and recover recyclables.

OC Waste & Recycling works cooperatively with regulators to ensure the landfill operates in full compliance with all Federal, State, and Local codes, ordinances, and regulations.

The landfill is subject to regular inspections from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, CalRecycle and the Orange County Health Care Agency to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations.

Onsite Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center

Residents may safely dispose of common household materials such as paint, pesticides, fertilizers and e-waste.

In 2009, 15,799 participants brought 1,278,004 pounds of hazardous materials. This is an average of 81 lbs. per participant.

The Center includes a Materials Exchange Program where residents may get ***FREE*** used materials for home projects. In 2009 18,217 pounds of materials were re-used through this program.