

**SANTA FE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 031**

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SPECIFIED SOLID WASTE  
WITHOUT PAYING SERVICE FEES IN SANTA FE COUNTY**

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**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County Solid Waste operates seven convenience centers throughout the County for disposal of residential solid waste disposal and household recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, illegally dumped vehicle tires pose a significant fire hazard and threaten the environment and human health; and

**WHEREAS**, discarded tires can be recycled into a range of products, including new tire treads, flooring, roofing material, and sport surfaces; and

**WHEREAS**, residents who have purchased a Santa Fe County solid waste punch card permit may recycle up to 8 passenger vehicle tires without rims per month at 6 Santa Fe County solid waste convenience centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the free disposal and recycling of tires would further encourage proper tire disposal and reduce illegal dumping; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County was awarded a Recycling and Illegal Dumping Act (RAID) grant in 2024 from the New Mexico Environment Department to offer a free tire recycling day at County solid waste convenience centers and provide education on proper tire disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County Solid Waste accepts green waste, such as brush and tree waste, for disposal at the convenience centers; and

**WHEREAS**, permit fees are assessed for the disposal of certain materials at County convenience centers, including green waste and residential solid waste; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County Ordinance No. 2014-10, Solid Waste and Recycling Management Ordinance, as amended by Ordinance No. 2022-04, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to approve free solid waste disposal days by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners signed Resolution No. 2024-35- authorizing the disposal of specified solid waste without paying service fees on specified days in 2024 in Santa Fe County; and

**WHEREAS**, litter threatens land, water, and quality of life in Santa Fe County; and

**WHEREAS**, Keep Santa Fe Beautiful is hosting the Great American Cleanup on April 12, 2025, to engage community members in cleaning up litter throughout Santa Fe; and

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**WHEREAS**, Keep Santa Fe Beautiful is hosting the Toss No Mas Cleanup on September 20, 2025, to engage community members in cleaning up litter throughout Santa Fe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency is offering free residential solid waste disposal at the Caja Del Rio Landfill on April 12, 2025, and September 20, 2025 and

**WHEREAS**, providing free residential solid waste disposal at County convenience centers on April 12, 2025, is likely to reduce the amount of illegally dumped waste, providing a cleaner and safer Santa Fe County, and support and encourage participation in the Great American Cleanup; and

**WHEREAS**, providing free residential solid waste disposal at County convenience centers on September 21, 2025, will allow Santa Fe County to align with the free trash disposal event at the Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer Station (BuRRT) on this same day to better serve residents that live a long distance from BuRRT; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, New Mexico experienced the largest wildfire in state history; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change is driving an increase in wildfire frequency and intensity in the western United States; and

**WHEREAS**, open burning of green waste in Santa Fe County increases fire risk; and

**WHEREAS**, providing free green waste disposal days at County convenience centers and free green waste disposal in the community will encourage property owners to reduce fuels on their property and reduce the need for the burning of green waste.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County that:

1. On April 12, 2025, and September 21, 2025, Santa Fe County will suspend the deduction against trips remaining on the following Solid Waste permits for County residents: 12 trip punch permit, 6 trip punch permit, 3 trip punch permit, and 1 trip punch permit for residential solid waste disposal only at the following County convenience centers:
  - a. Eldorado Convenience Center
  - b. Jacona Convenience Center
  - c. La Cienega Convenience Center
  - d. Nambe Convenience Center
  - e. San Marcos Convenience Center
  - f. Stanley Convenience Center

“Residential solid waste” means solid waste and recyclable material generated from a site that contains three or less Dwelling Units.

The tire recycling event described in paragraph 1 shall only apply to passenger vehicle tires without rims and shall not include heavy equipment tires or tractor tires.

The tire recycling event described in paragraph 1 is dependent on the availability of RAID grant tire disposal funds awarded to Santa Fe County. The event will conclude upon the closure of the below listed convenience centers on March 29, 2025, or once there are no longer sufficient funds for tire tipping fees available in the County's RAID grant award, whichever comes first.

- a. Stanley
  - b. Jacona
  - c. Eldorado
2. Santa Fe County will suspend the deduction against trips remaining on the following Solid Waste permits for County residents: 12 trip punch permit, 6 trip punch permit, 3 trip punch permit, and 1 trip punch permit for "green waste" disposal only as follows:
- a. Stanley: Friday July 11, Saturday, July 12
  - b. Jacona: Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12
  - c. Eldorado: Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12
  - d. Stanley: Friday, August 1 and Saturday, August 2
  - e. Jacona: Friday, August 1 and Saturday, August 2
  - f. Eldorado: Friday, August 1 and Saturday, August 2
  - g. Stanley: Friday, September 5 and Saturday, September 6
  - h. Jacona: Friday, September 5 and Saturday, September 6
  - i. Eldorado: Friday, September 5 and Saturday, September 6

"Green Waste" means yard waste, lawn clippings, leaves and tree trimmings. Green Waste does not include: weeds, cholla cactus, sod, root balls, tree stumps, tree trunks greater than 18 inches in diameter, pet waste, rocks, dirt/soil (clean or contaminated), household waste, litter, plastic bags, metal, plastic, paper, pallets, palm fronds, lumber or any type of treated wood (this includes plywood, sheet rock, and chipboard), leaves, pines needles and any construction or demolition materials.

3. In addition to the green waste disposal dates identified in the previous paragraph, the County Manager is delegated the authority to authorize free green waste disposal days in communities during the Spring and Summer of 2025, with priority given to communities-at-risk (CAR) with High to Medium CAR scores, high population density, low-to-moderate incomes, and other risk factors. The County Manager shall determine the dates and details of such community free green waste disposal events in consultation with the Office of Emergency Management, Fire Department, and Public Works Department. The maximum cost to the County of such free community green waste disposal events, including County staff, County equipment, advertising, contractors, and disposal fees, shall not exceed \$500,000. The funding for such community free green waste disposal events shall come from the Environmental Gross Receipts Tax Fund.
4. All guidelines for the disposal of green waste, residential solid waste, and other materials at County convenience centers shall apply. All solid waste brought to any convenience center or temporary collection center site shall be compliant with Ordinance No. 2014-10,

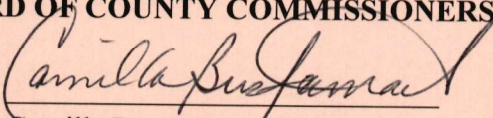
as amended by Ordinance Nos. 2010-5, 2012-7, 2013-3, and 2014-6. Solid waste staff may reject material that does not adhere to solid waste guidelines and County ordinances at their discretion. Examples of Prohibited Materials, as defined in Ordinance No. 2014-10, include, but are not limited to:

- Ammunition
- Animal Wastes
- Asbestos Wastes
- Automobiles and large automobile parts, automobile or equipment lead-acid batteries, automobile parts containing or that contained fluids or liquids (e.g., gasoline tanks). Does not include tire rims that have been removed from tires.
- Clean Fill
- Construction and Demolition Debris
- Dead Animals
- Explosives
- Hazardous Waste
- Hot Waste and Ashes
- Industrial Wastes
- Infectious Waste-Regulated Medical Waste
- Intact Bulk Containers
- Lead Acid Batteries
- Liquids, including sewage, septage, and large quantities of frying fats
- Petroleum or Chemically Contaminated Soils
- Pressurized Cylinders (including, propane tanks & cooking cylinders)
- Radioactive Waste
- Sewage, Septage and Holding Tank Pumpings
- Sludges
- Any other item as specified by Federal, State or local law or regulation or as determined by the County Manager.

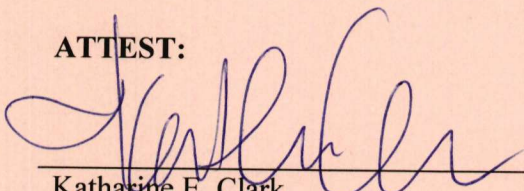
**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2025**

**SANTA FE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By:

  
Camilla Bustamante, Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
Katharine E. Clark  
Santa Fe County Clerk



Date:

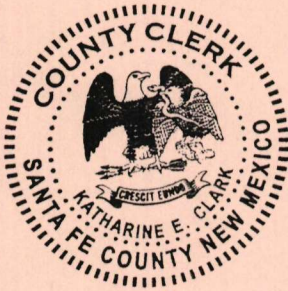
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Approved as to form:

*Peter Valencia for*

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Santa Fe County Attorney



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