

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 049

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A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR FREE GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL DAYS AND  
LOCATIONS

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**WHEREAS**, the use of control burn permits could lead to the starting of forest fires during the “mega drought” that New Mexico is currently experiencing; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County (County) is experiencing extreme weather conditions such as strong winds and low humidity that exacerbate the dangerous fire conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, Multiple wildfires are currently burning in New Mexico including the largest wildfire in state history the Calf Canyon-Hermits Peak Fire; and

**WHEREAS**, firefighting resources are already dedicated to the existing wildfires and there is potentially a diminished capacity to respond to new fires; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department has placed its own fire restrictions and is encouraging local governments to take action to reduce the risk of wildfires however possible; and

**WHEREAS**, immediate measures to mitigate risk of fires in the County are necessary for safety of its residents as drought conditions deepen; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County adopted Resolution No. 2022-039, banning the sale and use of certain fireworks in the County; and

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**WHEREAS**, on April 26, 0222, the County adopted Ordinance No. 2022-02, An Emergency Ordinance Declaring Hazardous Fire Conditions and Imposing Restrictions on Open Fires, Smoking and other Ignition Sources; and

**WHEREAS**, on the date of adoption of this Resolution, the County adopted an ordinance providing the authority for the Board of County Commissioners to adopt resolutions authorizing free solid waste disposal days as an emergency ordinance due to the fire risks associated with the risk of the presence of green waste in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the free disposal of green waste would reduce the need for burn permits and also provide defensible space around structures; and

**WHEREAS**, the free disposal of green waste would encourage proper disposal of green waste to reduce illegal dumping.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** by Board that:

1. In fiscal year 2023 beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 the County will suspend the deduction against trips remaining on the following Solid Waste Permits: 12 Trip Punch Permit, 6 Trip Punch Permit, 3 Trip Punch Permit, and 1 Trip Permit as set forth in Ordinance No. 2014-10, Solid Waste and Recycling Management Ordinance No. 2020-3, for the following days stated below for green waste only.
  - A. July 2-3, 2022, at the Jacona Convenience Center and the Eldorado Convenience Center;
  - B. July 1, 2022, at the Stanley Convenience Center on Friday and Saturday.
  - C. August 6-7, 2022, at the Jacona Convenience Center and the Eldorado Convenience Center;
  - D. August 5-6, 2022, at Stanley Convenience Center.

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- E. September 3-4, 2022 at the Jacona Convenience Center and the Eldorado Convenience Center;
- F. September 2-3 at the Stanley Convenience Center.
2. Green Waste is defined as cuttings and trimmings from trees, shrubs, flowering plants, or lawn and similar materials. 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 treated wood (this includes plywood, sheet rock and chipboard), leaves, pine needles, construction debris or demolition debris.
3. Any material may be rejected by solid waste staff as not being usable at their discretion.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2022.**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

By: *Anna T. Hamilton*  
Anna T. Hamilton, Chair

ATTEST:

*Katharine E. Clark*  
Katharine E. Clark  
County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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*Rachel Brown*

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Interim County Attorney

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Katharine E. Clark

Deputy *Destiny Romero* County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM



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