

## **CHEROKEE COUNTY LANDFILL**

### **LIMB, TREE & STUMP ACCEPTANCE POLICY**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines for the acceptance of limbs, trees, and stumps at the Cherokee County Landfill. These guidelines ensure that all materials received are compatible with the County's **AirBurner (air curtain incinerator) system**, promote safe operations, and prevent damage to equipment.

#### **General Requirements**

- All materials must be **clean, natural vegetative debris** only.
- Materials must be capable of being processed through the County's AirBurner system.
- The County reserves the right to **inspect, reject, or require modification** of any load that does not meet these requirements.

#### **Acceptable Materials**

The following materials are accepted:

- Limbs
- Brush
- Tree trunks (cut to required size)
- Stumps (meeting size and contamination requirements)

#### **Size Restrictions**

##### **Limbs & Trees**

- Must be **no longer than 6 feet in length**
- Oversized materials will be **rejected or required to be cut down prior to acceptance**

##### **Stumps**

- Trunk height must not exceed **2 feet above the root ball**
- Maximum stump diameter:
  - **Up to 5 feet in diameter accepted**
  - Stumps exceeding 5 feet must be **cut, split, or reduced in size prior to acceptance**

##### **Contamination Requirements**

To protect landfill operations and equipment:

- Stumps must be **free of excessive soil, rocks, or debris**

- Loads must be free of:

- ✗ Trash or household waste
- ✗ Construction or demolition debris
- ✗ Metal, wire, fencing, or nails
- ✗ Plastic, synthetic materials, or treated wood
- ✗ Hazardous or flammable materials

### 🚫 Prohibited Materials

The following materials will **NOT be accepted** under any circumstances:

- Mulch
- Woodchips
- Treated or painted wood
- Pallets or processed lumber
- Debris contaminated with fuel, oil, or chemicals
- Any material deemed unsafe for AirBurner processing

### Load Acceptance & Inspection

- All loads are subject to **inspection by landfill personnel**
- Loads that do not meet policy requirements may be:
  - Rejected
  - Required to be reloaded and removed
  - Redirected to another disposal method (if applicable fees apply)

### Fees

- **Cherokee County Residents:**
  - No charge for acceptable limb, brush, tree, or stump debris
- **Commercial / Business Loads:**
  - \$45.00 per ton
  - Minimum charge of \$45.00 per load

### Operational Authority

Landfill staff have the authority to:

- Deny acceptance of non-compliant materials
- Require resizing or removal of materials
- Suspend acceptance during unsafe conditions or operational constraints

### Safety & Operational Considerations

These requirements are necessary to:

- Ensure compatibility with AirBurner equipment

- Prevent equipment damage
- Maintain safe operating conditions
- Improve processing efficiency
- Reduce environmental risks

**Effective Date**

This policy is effective immediately and applies to all materials delivered to the Cherokee County Landfill.