

WAC 173-304-420 Piles used for storage and treatment—Facility standards. (1) Applicability.

(a) This section is applicable to solid wastes stored or treated in piles as defined in WAC 173-304-100 where putrescible wastes (other than garbage) are in place for more than three weeks, other wastes not intended for recycling are in place for more than three months, and garbage is in place for more than three days. These standards are also applicable to composting or storing of garbage and sludge in piles, and to tire piles where more than eight hundred tires are stored at one facility.

(b) Other solid wastes stored or treated in piles prior to waste recycling including compost piles of vegetative waste, piles of wood-waste used for fuel or raw materials are subject to WAC 173-304-300.

(c) Waste piles stored in fully enclosed buildings are not subject to these standards, provided that no liquids or sludges with free liquids are added to the pile.

(d) Inert wastes and demolition wastes are not subject to these standards.

(2) Requirements. All owners and operators shall:

(a) Comply with the requirements of the General facility requirements, WAC 173-304-405;

(b) Design piles located in a one hundred-year flood plain to:

(i) Comply with local flood plain management ordinances and chapter 508-60 WAC, Administration of flood control zones; and

(ii) To avoid washout or restriction of flow; and

(c) Remove all solid wastes from the pile at closure to another permitted facility.

(3) Requirements for putrescible wastes or wastes likely to produce leachate.

(a) Waste piles shall be placed upon a surface such as sealed concrete, asphalt, clay or an artificial liner underlying the pile, to prevent subsurface soil and potential groundwater contamination and to allow collection of runoff and leachate. The liner shall be designed of sufficient thickness and strength to withstand stresses imposed by pile handling vehicles and the pile itself;

(b) Runoff systems shall be installed, designed and maintained to handle a twenty-four hour, twenty-five year storm event;

(c) Waste piles having a capacity of greater than ten thousand cubic yards shall have either:

(i) A groundwater monitoring system that complies with WAC 173-304-490; or

(ii) A leachate detection, collection and treatment system.

For purposes of this subsection, capacity refers to the total capacity of all putrescible or leachate-generating piles at one facility (i.e., two, five thousand cubic yard piles will subject the facility to the requirements of this subsection).

(d) Run-on prevention systems shall be designed and maintained to handle the maximum flow from a twenty-five year storm event; and

(e) A jurisdictional health department may require that the entire base or liner shall be inspected for wear and integrity and repaired or replaced by removing stored wastes or otherwise providing inspection access to the base or liner; the request shall be in writing and cite the reasons including valid groundwater monitoring or leachate detection data leading the jurisdictional health department to request such an inspection, repair or replacement.

(4) Requirements for tire piles. Owners or operators shall:

- (a) Control access to the tire pile by fencing;
- (b) Limit the tire pile to a maximum of one-half acre in size;
- (c) Limit the height of the tire pile to twenty feet;
- (d) Provide for a thirty foot fire lane between tire piles; and
- (e) Provide on-site fire control equipment.

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