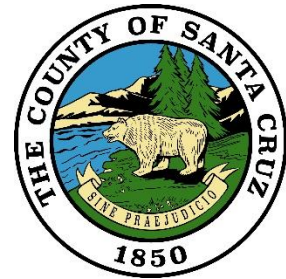


What about MUD??



Heavy rainfall has reshaped Santa Cruz County terrain for centuries. When significant storms arrive, dirt and mud may be deposited on your property through flooding or landslides. This FAQ is intended to help residents decide what to do about mud.

Q. What if mud is inside my house?

A. As soon as possible and after removing standing water and soaked materials, remove mud with a shovel or other tool and use clean water to rinse mud away. Disinfect with bleach solution and allow to dry as soon as possible to prevent mold. Remember to use protective equipment when cleaning up after a flood!

Q. What if mud is around my property?

A. If possible, leave it or redistribute mud across your property as you see fit. From there, let nature take its course. If too heavy to move, allow to dry or call a professional contractor for assistance. If you have concerns about a slide on your property, email geologicalhazards@santacruzcounty.us for an assessment.

Q. What if the mud is in the public right-of-way?

A. Mud in the public right-of-way is the responsibility of local government. If you live in the unincorporated area, call 831-477-3999 to report mud or other hazardous roadway conditions. If you live within city limits, call your local city for assistance.

Q. What if I want to haul the mud off my property?

A. Buena Vista Landfill accepts soil at a reduced charge. Mud should be allowed to dry and should not contain chemicals, refuse or organic debris, including tree branches, stumps or any rocks over 1" in diameter. Soil not meeting these criteria may be charged the basic rate. Please [fill out this form](#) prior to arrival. Call 831-454-5154 with questions.

Other landfills, such as the [ReGen Monterey in Marina](#), accept soils. Unfortunately, the Ben Lomond Transfer Station cannot.

Q. What are some dos and don'ts?

A. Good question! Please do not block creeks or streams with excess mud, as it may impact habitat (and lead to more flooding). And it is a good idea to always wear protective equipment when cleaning up after a flood.