



Railroad ties are often used in residential landscaping such as borders around gardens, decking and retaining walls. However, railroad ties are typically coated in **Creosote**, a chemical used to preserve wood and as a pesticide. Creosote has been found to be a probable human carcinogen and so any direct or indirect contact should be avoided.

By using railroad ties along waterbodies or shorelines, the creosote can infiltrate into the soils and water, and then come into contact with humans and animals.

For the safety of yourself, your family and your neighbors, please remove railroad ties away from any waterbody or shoreline. Saskatchewan Environment recommends either:

- Recycling railroad ties that are older than 20 years, such as for landscaping, but at a safe distance from any water source.
- Disposal at your local landfill. Our landfill accepts railroad ties for a fee of \$15.00.

Follow this link for more information:

[https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/KerrMcGee/docs/Creosote%20Health%20Effects%20\(Tronox\).pdf](https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/KerrMcGee/docs/Creosote%20Health%20Effects%20(Tronox).pdf)