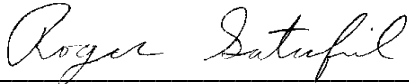


**KOOTENAI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
DEAD ANIMALS POLICY**

This Department Policy governing the disposal of solid waste is promulgated under the authority of Title 4, Chapter 3 Kootenai County Code as it exists or may subsequently be amended and is effective on May 1, 2013.



Director, Solid Waste Department

POLICY

Animals that are deceased prior to arrival at the facilities will be accepted for disposal in the Kootenai County Solid Waste System. Small household pets may be brought to a Transfer Station for disposal by their owner/private resident.

Large dead animals and any dead animals disposed of by commercial or large volume generators will be transported by the customer to the Kootenai County Farm Landfill at Fighting Creek after authorization is obtained at a Transfer Station. **All animals must be deceased prior to arrival at any of the Solid Waste facilities.**

PROCEDURE

The Kootenai County Solid Waste System will accept dead animals and parts thereof, for disposal. Dead animals constitute a health hazard and will be disposed of in such a manner as to minimize exposure to and handling by solid waste personnel.

Disposal of large dead animals and parts thereof, such as livestock including sheep, pigs, cows, horses and llamas as well as dead animals processed by large volume generators and/or commercial generators will be disposed of at the Kootenai County Farm Landfill at Fighting Creek.

To allow adequate preparation time, 24-hour notice will be given to the Solid Waste Department prior to disposal of large dead animals and animals disposed of by commercial or large volume generators at the Kootenai County Farm Landfill at Fighting Creek. All

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disposal locations will be logged in the operational log at the end of each work day. When practical, the operation of equipment and trafficking of personnel through the disposal site will be minimized and if possible avoided to preclude unnecessary exposure to potential health hazards.

Owners of small dead household pets may bring them directly to a Transfer Station for disposal during operational hours. Residential customers may dispose of dead animals weighing less than 100 pounds at no cost, dead animals weighing greater than 101 pounds are charged fees as reflected in the current fee resolution.

Disposal of large dead animals and parts thereof or commercial/large volume generators will be under one of two options. Both options require at least one stop at a Transfer Station to obtain authorization before going to Fighting Creek. The Landfill Manager at the Fighting Creek facility must be given at least 24 hours notice by the generator.

Option 1: The generator will weigh in at a Transfer Station before going to Fighting Creek and then weigh in at the same transfer station upon return from Fighting Creek. Disposal fee will be charged on a per ton basis at the rate set forth in the current Fee Resolution.

Option 2: The generator will weigh in at a Transfer station and pay on a per animal basis, receive a paid receipt and authorization for disposal and continue to Fighting Creek. Customer need not return to the Transfer Station. The per animal rate is reflected in the Fee Resolution as established by the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners.

Government agencies such as the Fish and Game, Department of Transportation, and others whose duties require the disposal of animal remains from roadside clean up are exempt from disposal fees outlined in this policy.

ENFORCEMENT

1. Dead animals or parts thereof may only be disposed of in accordance with the above procedures. Failure to give the required notice or obtain authorization for disposal at a solid waste transfer station will result in denial of disposal. Loads will be returned to the solid waste transfer station or point of origin until proper processing and documentation occurs.

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2. Any person unlawfully depositing or disposing of or in any way aiding or assisting in the depositing or disposing of, or provide for delivery of, any dead animals within the county disposal system or anywhere within the county in an improper manner shall be civilly liable for the full costs and expenses of cleanup, control, elimination, abatement, decontamination, disinfection or other remediation which is undertaken by the county or any other public agency to properly correct damages or potential damages associated with said violation and/or,

- a. civil responsibility for the violation
- b. criminal misdemeanor liability with a maximum of 6 months imprisonment and/or \$1,000 fine, and/or
- c. civil liability for cleanup costs