

**Kootenai County Solid Waste Department
Dust Mitigation 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

The Kootenai County Solid Waste Department provides solid waste disposal service to all of the citizens and commercial activities of Kootenai County. Disposal facilities must be operated in a clean, efficient and environmentally safe manner.

Immediate inhalation hazards from concentrated dusty loads, long-term exposure to dust created by high traffic, heavy dust that impairs visibility, and multi-directional traffic within the transfer station all create hazards that adversely affect our facilities, employees and customers.

Necessary steps are required to mitigate or reduce the affects of airborne hazards from dusty loads. Any customer operating a vehicle or trailer with a capacity in excess of a standard eight-foot boxed pick-up truck; and brings said load in said vehicle to a solid waste facility for disposal of dusty material, or similar load with the capability of creating an airborne hazard, will take positive steps to eliminate the potential for the creation of concentrated dust from the discharge of materials. Garbage trucks with packers are excluded from this requirement because the nature of commingled loads would tend to mitigate the affects of dust.

Positive steps include but are not limited to wetting, tackifying, bagging or other approved non-hazardous packaging of any material that has the potential for creating airborne dust. Approval of bagging technique is vested in the staff position acting as the Transfer Station Manager, Assistant Transfer Station Manager, Operations Manager or Director.

Dusty Loads shall not be deposited in the rural collection system. All Dusty Loads shall be transported to a County operated transfer station. Customers that have loads that have the potential for causing dust will immediately declare the contents of their load and the steps taken to mitigate any airborne hazard to the transfer station's scale house operator upon entering the facility.

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The scale house operator shall notify the staff at the disposal destination. The staff at the disposal destination shall inspect the load prior to discharge. If the load does not meet the requirements outlined herein, the customer shall be deferred to the on site supervisor who will approve or reject the load. If rejected, the customer shall not dispose of said material until the proper mitigation steps have been taken and verified.

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 items too dusty to be safely handled within the Kootenai County disposal system or anywhere within Kootenai County in an improper manner shall be civilly liable for the full costs and expenses of cleanup, control, elimination, abatement, decontamination or other remediation which is undertaken by Kootenai or any other public agency to properly correct damages or potential damages associated with said violation and/or,

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

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