

## Kootenai County Solid Waste Department Electronics Waste 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

The separation of electronics waste from the general waste stream will be encouraged to preserve landfill space, provide a more cost-effective alternative for disposal and to ensure environmentally sound operations.

### Procedure

Electronics waste for the purpose of this policy is defined as any and all electronic equipment. Such waste includes, but is not limited to, computers, monitors, television sets, microwave ovens, printers, vacuum cleaners, stereos, telephones, hair dryers, and other electronic devices.

Separation of electronics equipment into sub-categories will greatly facilitate processing and reduce landfill operating cost. Sub-categories include: televisions, computer equipment, household electronics, and commercial electronics.

Residential customers may dispose of household electronics for recycling and up to three (3) computer monitors and/or televisions from their private residence at any Solid Waste Transfer Station(s), provided they personally deliver said material to the Transfer Station(s). Upon request, the resident must be able to verify the material came from their private residence for which an annual solid waste fee has been paid. If a residential customer is disposing of greater than three (3) computer monitors and/or televisions, they will be subject to per item charges under the commercial rate for disposal of electronic equipment.

Electronics waste which is brought to any Kootenai County Transfer Station by any commercial activity, business or service, or residential customers disposing of greater than three (3) items of electronic equipment, will be charged as follows:

1. Commercial Customers: Commercial entities bringing television sets and computer monitors will be charged a per item charge as outlined in the current Solid Waste Fee Resolution, in addition to the per ton fee for commercial general refuse.

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2. Residential Customers: Residential customer disposing of greater than three (3) computer monitors and/or televisions will be charged a per item charge as outlined in the current Solid Waste Fee Resolution.

Customers who have been provided exempt status by the Kootenai County Solid Waste Department will be charged for the disposal of all electronics waste. No exemption status will be granted for the disposal of electronics waste.

The Kootenai County Solid Waste Department reserves the right to refuse large quantities of commercial electronics equipment and redirect it to other locations better able to handle the volume of this type of material.

### **Enforcement**

Electronics equipment not conforming to the procedures outlined above may be denied disposal until proper procedures are followed. Failure to follow prescribed procedures may be deemed as improper or unlawful disposal.

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 electronics waste within the Kootenai County disposal system or anywhere within Kootenai County in an improper manner shall be civilly liable for the full costs and expense of cleanup, control, elimination, abatement, decontamination or other remediation which is undertaken by Kootenai 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.