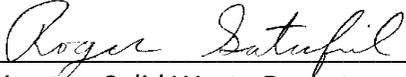


Kootenai County Solid Waste Department *Paint Policy*

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

Solidified Paint Policy

The purpose of this policy is to define how liquid paint can be disposed of at the Kootenai County Solid Waste Department, if the disposer chooses to make the paint solid.

The best and simplest way for disposing of paint is to solidify the paint by pulling the lids off the containers and letting the air dry the paint until it is solid. It may then be disposed of in the general waste stream after the appropriate fees are paid, if any applicable.

Solidifying paint in a form that is acceptable for disposal will need to meet the following criteria:

1. Solidified paint must be solidified with an acceptable product such as sawdust, cement, floor dry, etc.
2. Solidified paint will only be accepted in a container that can show there is no liquid involved and it is truly solidified, such as having holes in the container to show there is no liquid, the tops and bottoms of the container removed, or some other method that shows there is no liquid.
3. A testing certification must accompany the solidified paint to verify the contents are indeed paint.
4. Paint must be solidified. If any liquid is detected it will be refused disposal and it will also be refused if the mixture can run out of the container.
5. The solidified paint must be taken directly to the Fighting Creek Landfill. The material must be taken to a Transfer Station to be weighed before going to the landfill and then the customer must return to the same Transfer Station to weigh out and pay the appropriate charges, if applicable.
6. The solidified paint must be inspected and approved by the Landfill Manager, Operations Manager or the Solid Waste Director before disposal can occur.

Paint solidification will be accepted only after the criteria is met and approval has been granted.

Enforcement

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